

How To *Really* Live A Blessed Life...

The Blessing involves pronouncing or invoking a mantle of favor and protection over the recipient of **The Blessing**.

The Blessing is greater than *a little remark* used when someone sneezes, which is actually a practice born out of superstition.

The Blessing is a spoken word *charged with creative ability* that causes the *effect* of the **words** to come upon **the hearers**, and is God's way of imparting His image *into* a person.

The first mention of **The Blessing** is found in the Garden of Eden. **The Blessing** is the divine empowerment to re-create the conditions of the Garden of Eden wherever we are, So God's glory would fill the earth!

Creation actually began with **The Blessing**! The entire book of Genesis can literally be considered **The Blessing** book. **The Blessing** was a dominant consideration in the old covenant, and flows throughout the entire bible.

The first time that we actually see the word "**bless**" used, is in Genesis 1:22 as it related to the animals. However, **The Blessing** actually went forth *before then* in the form of God's creative ability being released in words, when He said: **Light BE!** Genesis 1:1-3.

We can understand this clearer by looking at the words: **CREATE** and **BLESS**. The word "**create**" in Genesis 1:1 comes from the Hebrew word **Bara**, and the word "**blessed**" in Genesis 1:28 comes from the Hebrew word **Barak**.

You can clearly see the relationship of the two words. Therefore, creation is a manifestation of **The Blessing** at work. Lets look at how bless, blessed and blessing has been defined:

Bless To be well spoken of, To Praise, To consecrate a thing, To command *God's favor upon*, To release good upon someone, To glorify, To protect from evil, To affect in a good way with words.

Blessed - Empowered to prosper

Blessing – Empowerment or Bene-diction. Bene means good!
Diction means spoken word! The Blessing is the good spoken word.

Webster's dictionary defines benediction as blessing and it defines blessing as benediction. Furthermore, the French, Latin and Italian Bibles, use the word **Benediction** instead of the word **Blessing**.

In the Greek, the word “bless” is the word **Eulogia**. The literal meaning of this word is “to speak well of.”

The English word, **eulogy**, comes from this same root. A **eulogy**, also has the meaning “to speak well of someone,” but unfortunately it's usually spoken at a funeral.

Obviously, that which is spoken at a funeral will not empower the dead person to prosper. In order to empower one to prosper, a blessing must be spoken while the person is living and can receive **The Blessing**.

Furthermore, although The Blessing will encourage, it is more than an encouragement. **The Blessing** is a divine ENABLEMENT or EMPOWERMENT.

Daniel 10:18-19- Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

Daniel was visited by an angel of the Lord, which strengthened him. How did the angel strengthen daniel? The angel of the Lord blessed Daniel with his words.

Vs 19 - And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

Notice that the empowerment or blessing was not as much an encouragement as much as it was a deposit or infusion of grace to be what was released by words. The image of the word spoken reproduced itself inside the hearer.

As we said earlier, **The Blessing** when released **invokes** a mantle of favor and protection over the recipient of the blessing. The Blessing is *charged with creative ability* that causes the *effect* of the words to come upon the hearers. You can also influence situations and things with **The Blessing**.

The words that you are about to read, represent **“The Blessing”**. The following words are what God actually said and not what Moses, the author of the book of Genesis, said.

Genesis 1:28 – ...“Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

We see 5 characteristics of **“The Blessing”** outlined here:

...Be Fruitful, Multiply, Replenish, Subdue and Dominate. We are able to fulfill this Blessing mandate when we realize that we are in The Image of God. Genesis 1:26

We can speak a blessing over children, food, homes, and more...

HOMES

Joshua 24:15 - But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Psalm 84:4 - Blessed are they that dwell in your house: they will be still praising you.

2 Samuel 7:29 - Therefore now let it please you to bless the house of your servant that it may continue forever before you: for you, O Lord GOD, have **spoken it**: and with your blessing let the house of your servant be blessed forever

LAND

Deut 28:8 - The LORD shall command The Blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

FOOD

Exodus 23:25 - You shall serve the Lord your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you.

Mark 6:41 - And when he (JESUS) had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and **blessed**, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

Jesus released the multiplying characteristic of **The Blessing** found in Genesis 1:28, upon the fishes and loaves.

CHILDREN

Children who were blessed by their parents tend to prosper in their adult lives. **The Blessing** is a law established by God and meant to function in every family on earth, but has been absent in most families, because of a lack of knowledge of the power of blessing. **The Blessing** is God's primary mechanism of imparting deep into the heart of a person His image of identity (Who am I?) and purpose (Why am I here?).

Many Jewish people gather their family together once a week on Friday evening for a meal and a pronouncement of blessing.

The Jewish father speaks a blessing over his wife. He then pronounces a Hebrew blessing over each of his children. Then proclaims vision and prosperity over his children, thus creating an expectation in the children of future success and prosperity. In effect, the father is imparting God's image into the hearts and minds of his children.

In many Jewish families in which this is practiced, the words of blessing, which the father is speaking over his children, are prophetic, and the children fulfill in adult life exactly what their father prophesied weekly.

In some families, however the primary words heard are words that release the curse.

How is The Blessing typically released?

1. Through the speaking of words...
2. Through covenant relationship...
3. Through obedience to the word...

SPEAKING

Numbers 6:22 -

Vs 22 - And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

Vs 23 - Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, **In this way** you shall bless the children of Israel, **saying unto them...**

The Blessing is in the saying...

Genesis 1:22 and verse 28 gives us insight as to how God released **The Blessing**.

Genesis 1:22 - And God blessed them, **saying**

Genesis 1:28 - And God blessed them, **and God said** unto them;

The Blessing", was in the sayings of God!

Many people think that "**The Blessing**" is the stuff, and they miss the greater understanding of "**The Blessing**".

For we, as Christians, **The Blessing**" is not the car, or the house or the promotion! Those things are simply *manifestations* of "**The Blessing**".

The Blessing" is the root, while the manifestation of "**The Blessing**" is the fruit.

Genesis 24:60 - And they **blessed** Rebekah, and **said unto her**, Thou art our sister, **be** thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

The Blessing was released on Rebekah with the saying of words...

James 3:10 - Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Blessing and cursing come out of the mouth.

Remember, "**The Blessing**" came out of God's mouth in Genesis 1:22, & in verse 28. The Blessing can also be worn as a garment.

Psalm 109:2 - For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are **opened** against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

Vs 3 - They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause

Psalm 109:17 - As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

Psalm 109:18 - As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

Psalm 109:19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

If you can wear **a curse**, you can also wear **The Blessing**. You can literally create a canopy or garment of blessing with your words.

COVENANT

God's purpose flowed through the **Edenic Covenant**, the **Adamic Covenant**, the **Noahic Covenant**, the **Abrahamic Covenant**, the **Mosaic Covenant**, the **Palestenian Covenant**, the **Davidic Covenant**, and then the **New Covenant** to get **The Blessing** back on us.

However, it was primarily, through Abraham and his seed that God would work through.

Galatians 3:8— and the scripture foreseeing, that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, **saying**, *In thee shall all of the nations be blessed.*

Genesis 12:3 - In you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 22:18 - And in your seed shall all the nations be blessed.

The Blessing that was on Abraham to multiply, be blessed and be a blessing to all the families of the earth is the same blessing God originally gave Adam. God never gave up on His original plan. He just transferred it from Adam to Abraham, and then passed it on through Abraham to Jesus...and through Jesus to us.

Galatians 3:13-14 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written , Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Vs 14 - That **The Blessing** of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith

Galatians 3:16 - Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made, He saith not and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ.

Galatians 3:29 - and if **you** be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

In Christ, all of the families of the earth can be blessed!

OBEDIENCE

In speaking to the children of Israel, God said:

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 - I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Vs 20 - That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice...that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto the fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them"

Here we see that God has placed before the children of Israel a decision concerning His will for their lives. Then He tells us them to "choose life."

In this instance, we can see how obedience to His commandment released the manifestation of the blessing.

Looking back at Genesis:

Genesis 2:16 - And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat

Genesis 2:17 - But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die

Adam's **disobedience** and high treason in the Garden of Eden was The Blessing stopper.

Each of the previously mentioned covenants contained words! The obedience or disobedience to the words of the covenants released The Blessing or curses associated with that covenant.

Although there are spiritual laws that we ought to honor, the commandment of The New Covenant is to walk in the Love of God.

In short, walking in the Blessing will require that we keep the commandment of Love.

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