

The Blessed of My Father (Clue #1)

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BHC Guidelines & Models

#1 Explorer's Pledge

My belief system will be large enough to include all facts, open enough to be questioned and examined, and flexible enough to change if errors or new facts are discovered.

#2 Words

A word consists of symbols or sounds with an attached bundle of associations. Those associations are a product of the source's culture, time period, locations and personal experiences.

#3 Communicating

A communications experience consists of a Source (writer or speaker) and Receptor (reader or hearer). Our goal is to identify the Source's meanings of words.

#4 The Bible

"The Bible" is a name many books share, but they are not all the same. Some have different books, while others have different words in the books they share.

#5 Biblical Heritages

Biblical Heritages are the histories of institutions that created biblical canons or make claims of divine authority linked to Bibles.

#6 The Brain

The brain continually rewrites its circuitry as it processes information to reflect the world around it and optimize its efficacy within it. It generates the individual realities humans experience as life. Beliefs are meme-models created by the brain.

The first step in reading the biblical texts is identifying the *immediate context* in which something is found. In this case, we are reading "God's blessing" and it must be viewed in the context of Genesis 1:1-2:4a. In order to understand this blessing, you must be aware of the Hebrew word behind English translations.

- God blessed **ADAM** (a *transliteration of the Hebrew word* in the ancient text).
- **ADAM** is created "**in the image of God.**"
- **ADAM** is **one male human** and **one female human.**
- **ADAM** is a "**them.**"

God blessed a "**human couple.**" The blessing empowered them to act together to do the words of the blessing. Their collective actions will produce results that can be seen and measured by the Creator's TOV Standard. *Results that protect lives, preserve lives, make lives more functional, and increase the quality of life are TOV.*

Below is the fourth part of the blessing:

Exercise power over all life on earth like a shepherd exercises dominion over the animals in the flock.

Remember, God blessed **a couple**, so they must do this together. This creates an interesting situation.

- *Every person is a member of God's flock.*
- *Every person is empowered to act together with someone else to be God's Co-Shepherds.*
- *Every person is a Co-Shepherd of God's flock.*

A Flock of Co-Shepherding Sheep

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Take a moment to consider the words above for a moment. That is God's vision for His kingdom.

*A kingdom of people who are all the King's representatives
and responsible for making each other's lives TOV.*

God created everything humans and other creatures require to survive and thrive. One of the most important things humans require to survive and thrive are other humans. What do shepherds do?

- *Guard and protect the lives of the animals of the flock.*
- *Guide them to food, water and shelter.*
- *Make sure they have safe places to rest.*
- *Make sure none are lost or driven away.*
- *Bind up the broken.*
- *Care for the sick.*
- *Strengthen the weakened.*
- *Humans, unlike animals, require years of physically maturing, being instructed and constant mentoring to become adult members of the society.*
- *Humans require a justice system that use the Creator's TOV Standard to judge their actions as individuals and members of the society.*

Yeshua was very familiar with God's blessing and the ideas above are the foundation of Yeshua's teachings and his *Kingdom of Heaven Movement*.

*A Kingdom of people who are actively engaged
as God's Co-Shepherds and Representatives on the earth.*

In Matthew 25, when Yeshua said, "*Come, you blessed of my Father,*" his Jewish audience understood that they were a reference to **people who made God's blessing a reality in their lives.**

- *They were God's representatives and Co-Shepherds to His flock!*
- *When they saw lives were not TOV, they acted and did TOV.*