

## God's Children, Blessed to be a Blessing!

I am at the end of a long but wonderful Bible school study. It has been an excellent course that I know has placed a mark on me for life. The concluding lessons have amplified the importance of living a life that is wisdom driven, transparent, accountable and pious towards God. In this study I have also heard the expectation from God that we are not only responsible for our own actions but also for what is occurring around us in the world. God expects us to be His preserving salt for the world and a distributor of His Light for the entire world to see. (Matthew 5:13-16)

Within this responsibility from God, when people see us, they are to be seeing God's Love, Grace and Peace towards themselves. When the people of the world see us, they are to become hungry for God's gift of Salvation for their own lives and see how they too can be one of His children... to live a life that is "Blessed, to be a Blessing"!

Now that I have made such bold statements, let's do a walk through what the Word says that supports this position. In Genesis 1:1 it says, "In the beginning was God"! This was before we see any power released from God, before the earth was formed or any of its life forms created. Breaking this down a bit more for clarity, when it says "God" it is referring to the Hebrew word "Elohiym" or the "God Head" which includes our Father God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It is called the God Head because they have a singular Focus and Will to operate as one. This is the same as how an engine works with all its moving parts. They are individual pieces but all work together in the single objective to produce power to enable the transmission deliver this power to accomplish a change of position.

What we saw this God Head do in the beginning was release their power to create and then they "Blessed" everything. Looking deeper into this word "Blessed" it is the word "*barak*" in the Hebrew. Barak defined means to: kneel, to Bless, to be adored, to cause to kneel, to praise, salute or congratulate.

This Blessed power placed on Adam was not for Adam alone and we see the charge or requirement within this bestowment of a Blessing to expand the Garden of Eden and to subdue the entire earth. Adam was therefore, "Blessed" to be a "Blessing". (Genesis 1:26-28)

When you look into this Hebrew word for "Blessing" it is different than what we saw for "Blessed". This word is "*berakah*" and is defined as: to be a source of Blessing, prosperity, praise to God, a gift or present and an entreaty of peace.

To repeat and simplify, Adam was "Blessed" which meant he was given or received the power of prosperity on a bent knee. Once he received this power flow he was to then be a "Blessing" which means to be a power source for dispensing this prosperity as an entreaty of peace to others, as a gift or expression of God's Love for mankind. It is important to note that it is not a power that we create but instead a power flow we receive or have pass through us in Love!

This was before man's fall, so are we still able to expect this as God's will for us? Where else do we see a charge of God upon His people to be "Blessed to be a Blessing"? We see this answer in the story of Noah and what God said to him when he was released from the ark. (Genesis 9:1) God again pronounced a Blessing on mankind when He said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth". Here used are the very same Hebrew words of "Blessed" and "Blessing" that were used in Genesis 1 when God first spoke the "Blessed to be a Blessing" power flow command.

We see this usage again when God spoke to Abraham in Genesis 12:2. This is where we have the "Blessed to be a Blessing" words or empowerment given to Abraham by God. When Abraham was Blessed, it was with the expectation to complete the transfer of the Blessing to include the nations. In Galatians 3:8 we see how we have access to this *Blessing of Abraham* and can see ourselves included as *God's Blessed children* because of this Promise.

Ok, that is the Old Testament, and we now live in the New, so does it apply to us today? The straight answer is, "Yes". In Luke 24:50 we see Jesus departing from earth and returning to Heaven. When He "Blessed" those that were there, it was to be a "Blessing" for all the earth. Of course we don't see Hebrew used here but instead the Greek word for Blessing

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"*eulogeō*". This Greek word carries the same definition as the Hebrew words used in the Old Testament, so here we see again, the God Head has not changed His Will or Purpose for what mankind is to complete. When Jesus said His "Blessing", He was releasing unto us the power flow to be "Blessed to be a Blessing" just like we have seen all through the Old Testament. (See 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 for more on us being God's Ambassador of power.)

For further supporting scriptures let's look at John 10:10 (AMP) "... I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)." This verse gives us the Greek word "*perissos*" for the capacity or volume of the Blessing released and it means to "*have so much, it is exceeding abundantly above and beyond what can be contained*". What are we going to do with more than we can contain? The answer is in reading this verse from God's point of view and not as something we receive to keep. Luke 6:38 (AMP) says; "**Give**, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. **For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.**"

The fact is God wants us to be Blessed so we are then able to be storehouses of God's Goodness or Love that is to be **given** to the world so they also can receive their Blessing from God. We are to be God's Light and conduit for His active release of power as was commanded to mankind first in the Garden of Eden.

So why don't we see this "*perissos*" (or more than can be contained) everywhere? Remember back in Matt 5:13-16, when I showed that the Church was to be the Light unto the world? This is a clue because Mark 4:20-21 connects that when we have received our harvest, then we become able to be placed on a lampstand. What I find so very interesting is that the only soil type that receives any harvest in this parable (or Bible teaching) was the one that did not allow the harvest to be taken from them through offense, strife, fears, lusts or distractions. Luke 6:30-37 further supports this example with the charge for our behaviour to be loving, forgiving and generous to all, as God is towards us! Even when others are not nice or good, you must be wisdom driven, transparent, accountable and pious towards God so you can receive the "Blessed to be a Blessing" power flow to be God's light to the world.

To repeat and simplify, the power flow of a Blessing only becomes available to be received when we put aside the "works of the devil" or what is called the "carnal nature" of man. We must choose a Love walk to have the power flow available for us (1 Corinthians 13) and live according to the fruit of the spirit as detailed in Galatians 5:22-23.

From God's point of view, being a person who walks in Love, displays the fruit of the spirit and is generous to all, demonstrates His Love nature. This is a person who lives and acts like God's representative as Heaven's Ambassador.

In the end it our choice, and if we don't walk in a manner that prevents God's power flow for us to be Blessed, we will see God's power in our lives because He said His word of power will not return void or ineffective. (Isaiah 55:11) This Love walk challenge is my primary task in order to fulfill the expectation of God for me because I desire to shine His Light through my life and be willing to be empowered to give to others for their Blessing.

So the questions I will leave with you to consider are: Will you join me in this Purpose of God? Are you willing to put down your carnal nature and answer the Call of God on your life to also be "Blessed to be a Blessing"? Are you willing to be God's Light or Ambassador to the world and give to them His entreaty of peace that is within the Hebrew word "*berakah*" or "Blessing"? If yes, then get ready, as stated in Galatians 5:6, to use Love to empower your faith. Get ready and believe you are going to receive God's power flow to be "Blessed to be a Blessing". Get ready to use this power to effect a change of position and be salt for those trapped in decay, darkness, satan's control or the works of the flesh. And lastly, if yes, then get ready to be Blessed and placed on a lampstand of God's Love. It is on this lampstand you are living to the Glory of God because then your life reflects, just like He is, that you are Love! (1 John 4:8) It is on this lampstand we are the Light, or the God Head's transmission of power, that fulfills His purpose of bringing God's Blessing in Love to the entire world.

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### Supporting scriptures:

*(Not to be included in the manuscript submission.)*

**Matthew 5:13-16 (AMP)** <sup>13</sup> *You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltiness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men.*

<sup>14</sup> *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

<sup>15</sup> *Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

<sup>16</sup> *Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.*

**Genesis 1:1 (AMP)** *In the beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth.*

**Genesis 1: 26-28 (AMP)** <sup>26</sup> *God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.*

<sup>27</sup> *So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

<sup>28</sup> *And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.*

**Genesis 9:1 (AMP)** *And God pronounced a blessing upon Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.*

**Genesis 12:2 (AMP)** *And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].*

**Galatians 3:8 (AMP)** *And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (declare righteous, put in right standing with Himself) the Gentiles in consequence of faith, proclaimed the Gospel [foretelling the glad tidings of a Savior long beforehand] to Abraham in the promise, saying, In you shall all the nations [of the earth] be blessed.*

**Luke 24:50 (AMP)** *Then He conducted them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He invoked a blessing on them.*

**2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (AMP)** <sup>18</sup> *But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him].*

<sup>19</sup> *It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).*

<sup>20</sup> *So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We [as Christ's personal representatives] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] and be reconciled to God.*

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**John 10:10** (AMP) *The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).*

**Luke 6:38** (AMP) <sup>38</sup> *Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.*

**Mark 4:20-21**(AMP) <sup>20</sup> *And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil are the ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit—some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred times as much.*

<sup>21</sup> *And He said to them, Is the lamp brought in to be put under a peck measure or under a bed, and not [to be put] on the lampstand?*

**Luke 6:30-37** (AMP) <sup>30</sup> *Give away to everyone who begs of you [who is in want of necessities], and of him who takes away from you your goods, do not demand or require them back again.*

<sup>31</sup> *And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them.*

<sup>32</sup> *If you [merely] love those who love you, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? For even the [very] sinners love their lovers (those who love them).*

<sup>33</sup> *And if you are kind and good and do favors to and benefit those who are kind and good and do favors to and benefit you, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? For even the preeminently sinful do the same.*

<sup>34</sup> *And if you lend money at interest to those from whom you hope to receive, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? Even notorious sinners lend money at interest to sinners, so as to recover as much again.*

<sup>35</sup> *But love your enemies and be kind and do good [doing favors so that someone derives benefit from them] and lend, expecting and hoping for nothing in return but considering nothing as lost and despairing of no one; and then your recompense (your reward) will be great (rich, strong, intense, and abundant), and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind and charitable and good to the ungrateful and the selfish and wicked.*

<sup>36</sup> *So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these].*

<sup>37</sup> *Judge not [neither pronouncing judgment nor subjecting to censure], and you will not be judged; do not condemn and pronounce guilty, and you will not be condemned and pronounced guilty; acquit and forgive and release (give up resentment, let it drop), and you will be acquitted and forgiven and released.*

**1 Corinthians 13** (AMP) *If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

<sup>2</sup> *And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody).*

<sup>3</sup> *Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, but have not love (God's love in me), I gain nothing.*

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<sup>4</sup> Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

<sup>5</sup> It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

<sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

<sup>7</sup> Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

<sup>9</sup> For our knowledge is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect), and our prophecy (our teaching) is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect).

<sup>10</sup> But when the complete and perfect (total) comes, the incomplete and imperfect will vanish away (become antiquated, void, and superseded).

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside.

<sup>12</sup> For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood [by God].

<sup>13</sup> And so faith, hope, love abide [faith—conviction and belief respecting man's relation to God and divine things; hope—joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation; love—true affection for God and man, growing out of God's love for and in us], these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**Galatians 5:22-23 (AMP)**<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,

<sup>23</sup> Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].

**Isaiah 55:11 (AMP)** So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

**Galatians 5:6 (AMP)** For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love.

**1 John 4:8 (AMP)** He who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], for God is love.