

## Saying What God Says

Dear Mishpocah (Family),

This week's Torah reading from **Genesis 47:28 - 50:26** is called **Vayechi**, which means, "**And he lived,**" in the Hebrew Bible. It begins with these words, "28 Now Jacob lived in the land of Egypt for 17 years, so the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years. The portion continues with the account of Jacob blessing his *mishpocah*, his twelve sons, including the two sons of Joseph, which he adopted, to include them in the inheritance of Israel with his own sons (Genesis 48:5,6).

*Genesis 49:1 (TLV) <sup>1</sup> Jacob called his sons and said to them: "Gather together so that I can tell you what will happen to you in the last days."*

These words were obviously prophetic, in that he was speaking **words of wisdom** involving future events that Jacob would not have known without God's supernatural gift of utterance working through him. His anointed words were given to reveal specific facts and instructions that, when spoken, would release the will of God into the lives of those by whom God's will would be accomplished, or they would be empowered to prosper through YHWH's words of blessing, which contain within them, when believed, the power to cause them to happen.

**To bless is to speak well, or good. To Curse is to speak evil, and is the exact opposite of blessing, just as darkness is to light.** When a person **blesses, he is agreeing with and speaking what he hears God speak**, while to curse is to rebel against the pure Word of God, either by refusing to speak, or by speaking **other** words.

*Proverbs 10:22 (TLV) <sup>22</sup> The blessing of Adonai brings wealth and He adds no trouble with it.*

*Deuteronomy 29:28 - 30:3 (TLV) <sup>1</sup> "Now when all these things come upon you—the blessing and the curse that I have set before you—and you take them to heart in all the nations where Adonai your God has banished you, <sup>2</sup> and you return to Adonai your God and listen to His voice according to all that I am commanding you today—you and your children—with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>3</sup> then Adonai your God will bring you back from captivity and have compassion on you, and He will return and gather you from all the peoples where Adonai your God has scattered you.*

God's desire is for all to walk in His blessing. In fact, when He speaks His Word to us, the power to bring blessing into manifestation is in His words. **Our part is to trust His Word in our hearts, say His Word with our mouth, and walk in obedience to it. It is by so doing that we position ourselves to receive what He says, or another way of saying it is that we take hold of His promises.** Jacob's blessing, because he was speaking what had been placed in his heart by the Spirit of God, from the time it was spoken, events began to occur, and are still occurring today because of the empowering that was released through his words, and that will bring about the manifestation of God's perfect will.

If you will take time to receive these words concerning the blessing, you will be choosing to receive revelation of the authority God has placed in you, as a believer in the Messiah. Make a choice to hear what the Good Shepherd speaks to you, and to use your words to speak what He speaks. **Feelings and emotions must not dictate what comes out of your mouth.** Choose today to **speak life** even though you may see otherwise with your natural eyes. **Turn your focus on the Light of the Word and be an instrument of blessing.** Call for those things that the Father calls truth and refuse every thought of contradiction.

If you recognize that God is love, and remember that His love is shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit within us, you will always want to release His love, or blessing through your words.

*Ephesians 4:29 (TLV) <sup>29</sup> Let no harmful word come out of your mouth, but only what is beneficial for building others up according to the need, so that it gives grace to those who hear it.*

**Say these words, changing “you” to “me.” The Lord wants His born-again family to abide in His blessing.**

*Numbers 6:24-27 (TLV) <sup>24</sup> ‘Adonai bless you and keep you! <sup>25</sup> Adonai make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you! <sup>26</sup> Adonai turn His face toward you and grant you shalom!’  
<sup>27</sup> In this way they are to place My Name over Bnei-Yisrael, and so I will bless them.”*

Empowered to Prosper,  
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