

The Power of Blessings

Shalom,

God's will for us is that we may prosper and be in health, even as our souls prosper. The Word of God is the way He has chosen to bless us, and through our receiving His Word, or taking it as our own, we become partakers of all He has planned and provided from before the foundation of the world. The portion we are studying this week is in **Genesis 47:28—50:26**, and it includes the final words of Jacob to his twelve sons. God had changed his name to Israel to call him what was planned for him, a prince with God, and the words that were spoken by him, as a prince with God, carried the power of God in them to bless His sons with the will, plans, and purposes of God for them.

Prov 10:22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

The very first words that God spoke, or breathed, into man were a blessing.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 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.

In a very literal sense, these words reveal the will of God, and include within them, the power to bring His will to pass. They are, in other words, **God's empowering of mankind to prosper.**

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

It seems, that even though the power of blessing is a central to the teaching of the Word of God, it is often misunderstood, or even ignored, by the people of God. This, however, is not the case with the men God chose to be patriarchs in the household of faith. They, were given understanding when it came to the blessing, both in receiving it from YHWH, and in speaking, with Him, to others.

Genesis 49:1 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

It is important to notice that, included in the words of Jacob's blessing, are also commands or instructions, and that these words speak of future events that Jacob could not know without God's prophetic gift working in him. As you spend time meditating this portion of scripture, allow the Holy Spirit to show you the power of blessing, and how the Lord desires to work through us to speak words that carry in them the empowerment to prosper to those to whom they are spoken. We have all heard the saying, "Words are cheap," but, in light of the teachings of Scripture, that is certainly far from the truth. Words are a powerful force given only to mankind, but in the culture in which we live, we have become dull to the power with which God has entrusted us. This is in stark contrast to the fact that the Father

gave us words to bless, showing us His intent, and His mighty power in the words He spoke as He created man, and gave him literal dominion over all of His creation, **teaching the precept that we use words to bless, being used by the Father to decree what He puts within our mouths in accord with His Word.**

A simple definition of **bless is to speak well**, or good. **Curse is to speak evil, and is as far from blessing as darkness is from light.** Another way to look at it is, to bless is to agree with and speak what God speaks while to curse is to rebel against the pure Word of God. **Obedience to, and agreement with, the Word of God brings the blessing.**

*Deuteronomy 30:1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,
Deuteronomy 30:2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;
Deuteronomy 30:3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.*

God's desire is for all to walk in His blessing. In fact, when He speaks His Word to us, the power to bring the blessing into manifestation are in His words. **Our part is to trust His Word and walk in obedience to it, and by so doing position ourselves to receive what He said.** This brings us back to Jacob's blessing and the empowerment that was in them, because he was speaking what had been placed in his heart by the Spirit of God. As you consider Jacob and his sons, I believe a new understanding of the authority God has placed in us, as believers in the Messiah, will be revealed to you. Purpose to use your words to speak what the Father shows you. Don't allow your feelings, or emotions to dictate what comes out of your mouth. From now on, 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.

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

Ephesians 4:29 NASB Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Father, we are marvelously equipped to say what you say. You have given us the power of speech, so that words may flow from us into the realm of your creation. We choose to be instruments for your Word, and for your praise. Thank you that we are created for blessing. You have wonderfully blessed us, and we will be a blessing, in the Name of Yeshua. The words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts will be pleasing to You, oh God.

All of God's Teaching and Instruction (Torah) is valuable, for it is inspired by God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. (See 2Timothy 3:16) Certainly, when God's Word is taught, and acted upon, supernatural results should be expected. We are beginning a teaching series on the Authority of the Believer this Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm. I believe that Scriptural revelation of the authority God has given to His body will absolutely change the way that we pray and function in the earth. We are not to be victims of the plans of the enemy, but rather, more than conquerors through Yeshua who loves us. You will have to take a stand to make certain you don't miss out on any of this timely, and greatly neglected truth. Remind others to get involved in this life-giving Word teaching.

Blessed to bless,
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