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Be Blessed and Be a Blessing.

Shalom,

“The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and He adds no sorrow with it” (Proverbs 10:22 ESV).

Few people seem to understand what it means to be blessed. For many, the real intent that God has for blessing has been lost. The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy, and it is the devil who confuses natural men so that they won't believe the blessing of God's Words and receive the promised benefits. When a person receives revelation about **The Blessing**, recognition of God's favor toward mankind will be opened as well as the realization that every good and perfect gift flows from Him through His Word.

“**Every good gift and every perfect gift** is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the Word of truth, that we should be a kind of **firstfruits of His creatures**” (James 1:17-18 ESV).

Blessing is a central message in scripture. It is the first thing that YHWH spoke to mankind.

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth’” (Genesis 1:28 ESV).

It should also be noted that the last portion of the Torah found in **Deuteronomy 33:1—34:12** is called **V'zot Hab'rakhah** and is translated “**This is the blessing.**” It is also one of the last assurances of the Book of Revelation as it clearly shows the fullness of the blessing of God for all eternity.

“**How blessed** are those who wash their robes, so that they have the right to eat from the Tree of Life and go through the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:14 CJB)!

To bless means, “**To speak well of,**” and always indicates “**An empowering to prosper.**” Before the beginning of God's revealed Word to us, throughout its pages, and unto the very end of His written text, we can see that it is His will to bless. From before the foundation of all things throughout the ages of eternity to come, the blessing of God is His expressed will, and all the blessing is in Jesus Christ through His blood shed for all people.

“For in Him all the promises of God are ‘Yes.’ Therefore also through Him is the ‘Amen’ **by us,** to the glory of God” (2 Corinthians 1:20 TLV).

God wills to bless! God wills for His people to receive His blessing by **trusting what He has said**. We appropriate what He has promised by believing it. We show that trust not only by **believing His Word in our hearts**, but also **by activating that faith by saying His Words with our mouths**. We must by our confession take hold of and expect what He says. We must never allow Satan to steal the promises from us by tricking us into silence. **Let us boldly open our mouths** to say what God says and let the power of God's Words transform and renew our minds to receive His will to prosper us as it does exactly what He says.

Please understand that just a collection of nice sounding words, or polite speech, does not have the same effect that words spoken by the anointing in the power of the Holy Spirit possess, but the inspired blessing of God will certainly be made manifest in all who faithfully and steadfastly believe and firmly hold to the confession of their faith.

Not only do we receive the blessing by opening our mouths to receive what we believe, but **we also are agents of His wonderful blessing to others.**

“In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed—because you obeyed My voice” (Genesis 22:18 TLV).

“Finally, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, tenderhearted, humble-minded. Do not repay evil for evil or insult for insult, but give a blessing instead—it is for this reason you were called, so that you might inherit a blessing” (1 Peter 3:8-9 TLV).

Moses was instructed to deliver his last words to the people of Israel, and was inspired by the Holy Spirit to **speak blessing** over each of the tribes of Israel. They memorized the blessing and taught it to their children, knowing that **those words had power in them to bring about the will of God as they believed for their fulfillment**. For the completion of His blessing to occur, **those hearing the words had to take possession of God's expressed will by hearing them, repeating them, and acting in accordance with them until they trusted them without wavering**. The promises contained in God's blessing do not expire. They continue to manifest in us as we trust and will continue until every word is accomplished.

“Let the Word of Messiah dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with gratitude in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16 TLV).

Blessed in Him,
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