## **Great Power in Blessing**

Shalom,

The Torah reading for this week, from **Genesis 47:28—50:26**, is **Vayechi**, or "**And He lived**." Jacob, or Israel, lived his last years in Egypt. As his time on earth was ending, the Holy Spirit spoke through him to bless his sons, including the sons of Joseph as heads of the families of Israel. We need to understand that Jacob was anointed by the Spirit of God to speak the will of God. He related God's truth concerning bringing Ephraim and Manasseh into the line of inheritance, giving Ephraim the place of the firstborn, and spoke prophetic utterances to each of them.

*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.* (Genesis 49:1 TLV)

The Word of God has many examples of **blessing**, which may be defined as spoken **words that empower to prosper**. We all know that God has the power to bless, because He is God, but it is so important that we receive revelation that **YHWH wants all His children to allow Him to use them to speak His blessing through human mouths.** The scripture shows that people of God who will yield their hearts and mouths to Him are anointed to speak words of blessing **with God**, and those words come forth with the same power as words from God's own mouth. If you will receive it, God, Who made our mouths, desires us to speak everything we speak with Him directing His words through us as His emissaries, fulfilling our God-given assignment to have dominion in the earth.

God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the land, and conquer it. Rule over the fish of the sea, the flying creatures of the sky, and over every animal that crawls on the land." (Genesis 1:28 TLV)

God has blessed us all with His great blessing, and He fine tunes those wonderful words for each of us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:3-6 ESV)

God's Words have power within them to bring about what He says, and He utilizes our mouths in the earth, in the realm of time, to speak the words that He has spoken from eternity.

"... so is My word that goes out from My mouth—it will not return to Me unfulfilled; but it will accomplish what I intend, and cause to succeed what I sent it to do." (Isaiah 55:11 CJB)

For I have not spoken on my own initiative, but the Father Who sent me has given me a command, namely, what to say and how to say it. (John 12:49 CJB)

Jacob's words to his sons had the same effect when he spoke them as if the LORD had spoken to them directly, and all of them have either been fulfilled, or are becoming manifest in the end of days. Just as God's Words do not remain unfulfilled, neither will the words He speaks through His people. There is great power in the blessing of the Lord! Let Him speak His blessing through you to open the gates of glory, the manifest presence of Almighty God, on this earth.

It is the Spirit Who gives life, the flesh is no help. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life,... (John 6:63 CJB)

In these last days, as the people of the Living God on earth, we are called to rule and reign with Him. God brings His words to our minds when we are under attack and persecution. When we allow the Holy Spirt to speak through us, His Words will change, not only circumstances but affect those who come against you, giving them opportunity to feel remorse and repent. He will use us to speak His will for others around us to supernaturally maneuver them into His love, grace, and mercy. Keep (guard) His words in the midst of your heart! They are life! Resist double mindedness! Faith comes through continual hearing and rehearsing the pure Word of God. We have been blessed eternally, and that will never change if we choose to receive it as the focus of our lives and ministries.

My son, pay attention to my words—
incline your ear to my sayings.
Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart.
For they are life to those who find them
and health to their whole body.
Guard your heart diligently,
for from it flow the springs of life
(Proverbs 4:20-23. TLV)

Saying His words, Terry

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