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Man Cannot Curse What God has Blessed

Shalom,

God said to Balaam, “Do not go with them! Do not curse them, for they are blessed!”

This week’s Torah reading found in **Numbers 22:2-25:9** and entitled “**Balak**” relates that Balak, the king of Moab, whose name means “**destroyer**,” moved by fear, had enlisted a man named **Balaam** to speak a curse over **God’s covenant people**. Now, YHWH had blessed Israel and Balaam refused to curse those whom God had blessed. Even though Balaam was not a prophet of God, but rather a soothsayer, **he was inspired by the Spirit of God to speak blessings over Israel**, confirming that what God had previously spoken, would endure forever. He further restated God’s will for His people, their possession of the promised land, and their continual prosperity.

Bil’am answered the servants of Balak, “Even if Balak were to give me his palace filled with silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of ADONAI my God to do anything, great or small.” (Numbers 22:18 CJB)

Bil’am replied to Balak, “Here, I’ve come to you! But I have no power of my own to say anything. The word that God puts in my mouth is what I will say.” (Numbers 22:38 CJB)

How am I to curse those whom God has not cursed? How am I to denounce those whom ADONAI has not denounced? (Numbers 23:8 TLV)

God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, He will do it; when He makes a promise, He will fulfill it. (Numbers 23:19)

Look, I am ordered to bless; when He blesses, I can't reverse it. (Numbers 23:20)

The Bible doesn’t give us much information about Balaam, but he was a Gentile who was respected as one who heard from YHWH. God spoke His words of prophesy through him, but we do find in Numbers 24:1 that Balaam, in addition to hearing from YHWH, also used sorceries, or divination, as a practice to receive prophetic utterance, which is forbidden by Torah in Leviticus 19:26. He was probably a descendant of Shem, but the important thing to remember about Him was that **he understood and asserted that God’s blessing cannot be reversed. No one, man or spirit, can by speaking a curse overturn the blessing of God.** Sadly, some believers don’t have this revelation, and

become fearful when the enemy brings words of accusation and prophecies of evil toward them.

Know this: you, who place your trust in the Lord, are counted as righteous, and all of the righteous in Messiah are blessed with every spiritual blessing, and no power on this earth can change that.

So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. (Galatians 3:9 KJV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ... (Ephesians 1:3 KJV)

In the same way, the blessing which David pronounces is on those whom God credits with righteousness apart from legalistic observances. "Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered over; Blessed is the man whose sin ADONAI will not reckon against his account." (Romans 4:6-8 CJB)

Deliverance belongs to Adonai. Let Your blessing be on Your people. (Psalms 3:9 TLV)

Scripture teaches that Gentiles in the flesh who receive Messiah Yeshua are brought nigh by His blood, and are included in the commonwealth of Israel (Ephesians 2:11-13), and through this grafting process are not only part of Israel, but also partakers of the blessing of Abraham.

I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3 CJB)

Choose to meditate and think on this truth; set it firmly in your heart so you can **speak boldly with your mouth that you are blessed of the LORD, and His blessing will never change.** What He has spoken will come to pass if you refuse to relinquish what belongs to you. The Children of Israel didn't even understand how God had blessed them, and He remained faithful to His Word and wouldn't allow contrary, demonic words to be spoken over His children, but continually affirmed His mighty truth-filled Words.

We, who are redeemed by the blood of Yeshua and participate in the better covenant, are equipped to stand in the mighty empowering Words of blessing spoken over us, knowing that the devil is powerless to void, or alter, any Word of God from its complete fulfillment.

Adonai is for me—I will not fear! What can man do to me? (Psalms 118:6 TLV)

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

Abiding in His eternal Word,
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