

Abraham's Blessing

Genesis 12:1-3: “Now [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father’s house, to the land that I will show you.² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous *and* distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].³ And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and ^[a]curse him who curses *or* uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families *and* kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].”

In Abraham, all the families of the earth will be blessed. Galatians 3:29- “And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham’s Seed], then you are Abraham’s offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise.”

Go, for your own advantage away from your country, relatives and your father’s house to a land that I will show you:

- No full picture, just pack up and go
- For your own advantage- separate yourself
- Consecrate yourself
- Leave the way you’ve always done things
- Don’t look to your traditions, don’t look to what you’ve always known, look to Me

Prayer: Father, you bring me from something to bring me to something (that is the grace of God). I have left the old way of doing things, now I look to You to consecrate me and separate me for what You want to do with my life. I trust You to bless me in the process from glory to glory, faith to faith, precept to precept. You are a good Father and the end result is going to be GOOD!

I will make of you a great nation:

- Abraham and Sarah were unable to have children of their own.
- Part of Abraham's "going away" from everything he knows sets him up for God to be his Source, not only of provisions such as finances, but also in heirs.
- "Great" here is massive in magnitude and extent
- The promise to Abraham is still being fulfilled today. You and I are heirs counted among the grains of sand and the stars in the sky that God showed Abraham so long ago.
- **Obedience releases blessing!**
- Whoever we make the Source of our life, we give them power to shape our identity.

I will bless you:

- KJV says, "I will bless you"- "Bless" means empower, give the ability and resources to succeed.
- Abundant- existing or occurring in large amounts
- Increase- to become progressively greater as in size, amount, number or intensity
- Favor(s)- special privilege or right granted

I will make your name great, famous and distinguished:

- Great- Powerful
- Famous- widely known
- Distinguished- prominent, superior, high rank

You will be a Blessing, dispensing good to others:

- Dispensing- to divide and share out according to a plan
- What plan? God's plan.
- Abraham would dispense of The Blessing on his life into the lives of others

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you:

- This was God saying, "I've got your back"- Vengeance is Mine says the Lord
- Bless- empower to prosper, succeed
- Curse- exact opposite of curse
- Empower to fail, failure.

Deuteronomy 28

All of these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you:

- Overtake- to come upon suddenly

Blessed in the city and Blessed in the field:

- City- townspeople, respected among other people and blessed in trade and business
- Field- your land will produce

What are you planting in the soil of your heart? There, will be your harvest. If you don't like your harvest, change your seed.

Blessed shall be the fruit:

- Of your body- children, children's children- generational
- Of your ground- plentiful harvests to eat, use and sale
- Of your beasts- the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock

Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading trough

- Basket- receptacle for products of soil- HARVEST!!!
- Kneading trough- where dough is kept before leaven was added- food, provision

Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out

The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

- **KJV says your enemies will be “smitten”**
 - To attack or afflict suddenly and injuriously
 - To kill or severely injure
- **The number “7” is significant- Perfection, Completion, Total Victory**

- **The seven redemptive names of God completely cover the total defeat of seven major enemies of life.**
- 1. The enemy of Lack- Jehovah Jireh- The Lord will Provide, Chumash “The Lord will See”**
 - The Lord Will Provide was the name used when Abraham offered up Isaac on the altar and God provided a ram.
- 2. The enemy of Sickness- Jehovah Rapha- The Lord that heals**
 - Exodus 15:26, Isaiah 53:4-5
- 3. The Enemy of Failure- Jehovah Nissi- The Lord our Banner and Victory**
 - Chumash notes this as Hashem is my Miracle!

- Exodus 17- Israel fights the Amalekites and as long as Moses' arms are raised, Israel wins, but when they were lowered, Israel lost. Aaron and Hur literally held Moses' arms up when he could no longer hold them.

4. The enemy of Worry- Jehovah Shalom- The Lord our Peace

- Judges 6:24

5. The enemy of Confusion- Jehovah Ra-ah- The Lord my Shepherd

- Psalm 23:1

6. The enemy of Condemnation- Jehovah Tsidkenu- The Lord our Righteousness

- Jeremiah 23:5-6

7. The enemy of Fear- Jehovah Shammah- The Lord is There

- Ezekiel 48:35

The Lord shall command The Blessing upon you in your storehouse and in all that you undertake. He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

- Your storehouse is your extra, where you keep the abundance. So God will command The Blessing on your storehouse, so that your extra, your abundance, what you're saving will be "fruitful, multiply, replenish..."
- NLT "The Lord will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain"

- One of the most practical examples I've ever heard of putting works to faith is this:
Open a savings account with whatever the minimum amount is. We don't have "storehouses". Where do we store our extra, what we're not using? If you don't have a savings account, He can't command The Blessing over your storehouse or your retirement or investment funds. He says, "Be fruitful investments, multiply savings, replenish retirements..."

All people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.

- Knowing that the Lord is your guardian- your protection
- He'll cause your enemies to be defeated in front of you and flee 7 ways

And the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity, through the fruit of your body, of your livestock, and of your ground.

The Lord shall open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to

bless all the work of your hands; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

- Open- throw wide open and let loose
- Treasure- storehouse, armory, depository, treasury

The Lord shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only and you shall not be beneath.