

The Blessing of Abraham

Galatians 3:5 – 9, 13 – 14

⁵ Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?— ⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” ⁷ Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” ⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The text which we have just read confirms for us that:

1. We are now the children of Abraham by Faith in Christ who is the Seed of Abraham!
2. We are therefore Legal Partakers and Bonafide Members of the Inheritance of Abraham!
3. We can claim every Promise God Made to our Father Abraham!

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If you read Deuteronomy 28 you will notice some startling things. First, the list of curses is more numerous and detailed than the list of blessings. There’s a reason for this. It makes it more difficult to redefine poverty and sickness as things God puts on us to mature us. It’s more difficult because those conditions (along with many others) are clearly listed under what the Bible calls A CURSE! God never curses His children in order to discipline them. An abusive father might do that – but not God! Our heavenly Father does everything necessary to make sure we have the knowledge to live in His blessings. God’s people experience the curse of the law when they step outside of God’s grace and their position “in Christ”.

The curse is waiting to dominate all those who choose to follow a good-looking false religious way, rather than God's way. On the false religious way...the gate is wide, and the travelers are many.

This reveals another crucially important truth. Deuteronomy is a book written under Old Testament (old covenant) law. We quote from its pages because it contains the most complete account of the blessing (also understood as the Blessing of Abraham) and the curse in one passage. Yet, it is necessary to understand that conditions for living in God's blessing and avoiding the law's curse is no longer found in obedience to statutes and laws. We live under the New Testament (new covenant) where God's favor is bestowed upon believers through faith in Christ alone; not through performing the works of the law.

The list of curses and blessings are still valid and binding; but the laws that govern how they apply have radically changed between the Old and New Testaments. This confuses us at times because we are more legalistic than we often like to admit. What is important for us today is to understand that the blessing is received through faith in Christ alone! The blessing comes upon you when you read it in Scripture or someone is used by God to speak it over you but it does not become active in your life until you believe, receive and act upon the word by faith in Jesus!

So, I say to you as children of Abraham, grafted into the inheritance of God's people through Faith in Christ: You are to Experience and Walk in the Blessing of Abraham! We are to understand and be fully convinced that the Power of the Blessing has more Effect than the Power of the Curse and Bondage: (Exodus 20:5-6) ⁵ *you shall not bow down to them nor ^[worship]serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting ^[punishing] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

TWO IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT THE BLESSING

1. THE BLESSING OF GOD GOES WITH YOU!

It can be carried around wherever you go. Abraham was blessed in Genesis 12, and he carried the blessing with him everywhere he went!

(Deuteronomy 28:3 & 6) ³ “Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country. ... ⁶ “Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.

2. THE BLESSING OF GOD IS IRREVOCABLE: Numbers 22:9 – 12, 23:8, 19 – 20, 23!

In the book of Numbers, the Prophet Balaam was hired to unbless or revoke the blessing of God and curse Israel, but it could not be done! No Prophet, No Prayer, No Pastor, No Church Person, No Enchantment, No Contrary Word, Statement or Desire of any person that is levied against you as a believer can change or reverse your Blessing!

When you are blessed of God, no man can unbless you! You are just blessed and that is all there is to it. No one can reverse it! When God opens the door, no one can close it! Whatever you are willing to receive according to His Word cannot be reversed by another! The Blessing of Abraham was the same, it could not be changed.

Hebrews 6:13-18

¹³ *When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself,* ¹⁴ *saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.”* ¹⁵ *And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.* ¹⁶ *Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.* ¹⁷ *Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.* ¹⁸ *God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.*

The promises are all confirmed by the oath of God, and they are all founded in the eternal counsel (or promise) of God, and therefore may be depended upon. He has not only given His people His Word, and His hand and seal, but also His oath. And here, you will observe, He specifies the oath of God to Abraham, which, being

sworn to him as the father of the faithful, remains in full force and virtue to all true believers: ¹³ *When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself (some paraphrase explain: still to you and me).*

Child of God, you are blessed because God says so! You are not because a pastor or evangelist laid hands on you, they may be the vessel which God chose to reveal His blessing through, but you are blessed because you have faith in Jesus Christ and you receive what He says about you! Therefore, you become a partaker in the Blessing of Abraham!

KEYS TO UNLOCK AND APPROPRIATE THE BLESSINGS AND MANIFEST DELIVERANCE IN YOUR LIFE!

KEY 1: ACCEPT YOUR CURRENT POSITION BUT DECIDE TO CHANGE YOUR FUTURE

- One thing we must do is to TAKE CHARGE of our Future
(Philippians 3:13 – 14) ¹³ *Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*
- We cannot change the Past but we can Change the Future!
- Stop crying over spilt milk
- Accept facts as they are, Change your Tomorrow by Doing something Today - Don't deny facts on the ground. Acceptance is the very first step to your victory! By that I mean accept that where you are at is not where you have to remain!
- Faith accepts Facts on the ground but goes further by looking to God and His Power to do the impossible and transform the future!

KEY 2: KNOW AND BELIEVE THE WORD FOR YOURSELF

- (John 8:32) ³² *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* The Truth that you KNOW shall Make you Free. The Truth has power to destroy every Curse and Bondage. In knowing and accepting the truth is the power for deliverance!

- (2 Corinthians 5:17) In Christ you are a New Creature
- (Acts 17:28) ²⁸ *For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring.*

In him we live and move and have our being. Paul says that God brought all people into being and they only exist by His providence. In the ancient world the three great mysteries of philosophy and science were the questions of life, motion, and being.

some of your own poets. Paul realized that the Athenians were not familiar with the Jewish Scriptures, so, he quoted from their own poets. Paul took the context of their questions concerning life and said that in knowing Christ we find all the answers

- Be a Doer of the Truth you Know!
(James 1:21-22) ²¹ *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.* ²² *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

KEY 3: CHANGE YOUR BELIEF SYSTEM

- Renew your Mind
(Romans 12:1-2) ¹ *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.* ² *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
- Deprogram and Reprogram through Meditation on the WORD
(Joshua 1:8) ⁸ *Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

Meditation Aligns your Spirit to the Word, Saturates your Mind with the Word and this manifests in your daily Life as deliverance from the curse and appropriation of the blessing!

KEY 4: MAKE CONFESSIONS AND DECLARATIONS

- Confess and Declare that you are Blessed daily!
- You shall be filled with the Fruit of your Mouth!
(Proverbs 18:20-21) ²⁰ *From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied.* ²¹ *The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*
- You can Establish good things to yourself through the Declaration of your own Mouth!
(Job 22:28) ²⁸ *You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.*
- (Mark 11:23) You can Move mountains out of your way by your own Mouth!

KEY 5: ACT ACCORDING TO YOUR BLESSING

Use The PAL System

Pray like you are Blessed!

Act like you are Blessed!

Live like you are Blessed!

Change your Disposition and Walk in the Blessing! Don't entertain Condemnation but Walk in your Blessing!

(Romans 8:1-2) ¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

² *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

(Galatians 5:1) ¹ *Stand fast in the Liberty where with Christ has made us Free and Be Not Entangled again in the yoke of Bondage!*

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(Deuteronomy 28:1-2) “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:”

1. Blessed shall you be in the city.
2. Blessed shall you be in the country.
3. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
4. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
5. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.
6. The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.
7. The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.
8. The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways.
9. Then all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.
10. And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.
11. The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.
12. And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.