

**God Promised I'd be living in
the Blessing
So what's happened?!**



***“Go ahead – ask for a sign from Yahweh, your God. Ask for something so big, so miraculous, that you will know only God did it!”
(Isa. 7:11 TPT)***

Remember our words for this year – **Freedom! And Bold Change!**

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The Blessing! Such a powerful word in the realm of the Spirit and yet diminished over time and just uttered nonchalantly at the end of a phone call, or said as a goodbye, or said after a sneeze. It's so much more than that.

The Blessing belongs in the category of the **Eph. 3:20** kind of lifestyle. It's mentioned in various forms (e.g. bless, blessed, blessing, blessings) approx.. 507 times. That's significant. So why is it so important and what happens to curtail it?

I heard Andrew Wommach say that if there was two courses, one on Blessing and the other on Miracles – the Miracle one would be sold out but the real power is with the Blessing. Miracles are for a 'catch-up' so that you get out of debt, receive the healing, etc., but the blessing is a state of life, it's a state of heaven on earth, it's a signature of God on our lives and our work that we serve a supernatural God who gives us supernatural results.

When God interacted with humankind after He created them, He conferred The Blessing upon them and that was their equipping to fulfil the mandate He had given them in **Genesis 1:28**. - *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 fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.*

The blessing from God was their empowerment to –

1. Be fruitful
2. Multiply
3. Fill the earth
4. Subdue it
5. Live in dominion.

That was their empowerment, their authority – that was all they needed. God blessed them and the power of the blessing then undergirded and flowed through all they did to bring about God's desired outcome which is always supernatural (Eph. 3:20).

However when Adam and Eve committed treason, instead of the blessing, there was now the curse. Everything had changed and no longer was the power of the Blessing at work in and through their lives like it had been.

The blessing wasn't really introduced back again until Abraham. Noah was blessed in **Genesis 9:1, 2** - *And God blessed Noah and his sons. And He said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon the animals of the earth, and upon every bird of the air, upon all that moves on the earth, and upon all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered.*

The Blessing was slightly different now, they were still to be –

1. Fruitful
2. Multiply
3. Fill the earth

However the dominion had been taken over by the enemy – the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4) – and God released a dread of mankind upon animals, birds, and fish.

It was really only with Abraham that God reinstated a whole new covenant – a new way – a blessing that was powerful.

Genesis 12:1-4 - *¹And Jehovah said to Abram, Go out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house into a land that I will show you.*

²And I will make you a great nation. And I will **ble**ss you and make your name great. And you shall be a **ble**ssing.

³And I will **ble**ss those that **ble**ss you and curse the one who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be **ble**ssed.

⁴And Abram departed, even as Jehovah had spoken to him. And Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Abram took God at His word. The word 'ble

Genesis 12:1-4 AMPC – 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.

²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will ble

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⁴So Abram departed, as the Lord had directed him; and Lot, his nephew, went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

Jesus fulfilled the law for us however obedience is always key. Abram obeyed the Lord's directions. That's a spiritual principle to live by.

However, he disobeyed in taking Lot with him. Sometimes we allow people to live close to us, influence us or just be there, even though the season has ended. Do not allow false loyalty to people to hinder the blessing of the Lord. Lot and Abram had a lot of strife following this until they separated and even then Abram had to rescue him from enemy kings.

Proverbs 10:22 – The blessing of the Lord – it makes truly rich, and He adds no sorrow with it and neither does toiling increase it. (AMPC)

The word 'rich' in that proverb means – an accumulation of steadily growing wealth.

So the blessing of the Lord, makes us truly rich with an accumulation of steadily growing wealth and there is no sorrow attached to it and striving or toiling doesn't increase or add to it in any way. It's a spiritual empowerment for a physical manifestation.

The blessing is powerful and when we consider that we not only live in the blessing of Abraham but we also have the benefit of every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. That is huge.

Galatians 3:13, 14 and 29 AMPC – ¹³Christ purchased our freedom redeeming us from the curse and doom of the Law and its condemnation by Himself becoming a curse for us, for it is written in the Scriptures, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree and is crucified;

¹⁴To the end that through their receiving Christ Jesus, **the blessing promised to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles**, so that we through faith might all receive the realization of the promise of the Holy Spirit.

²⁹And if you belong to Christ and are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed, then you are Abraham's offspring and a spiritual heir according to promise.

Ephesians 1:3 MKJV – *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ**;*

Ephesians 1:3 TPT - ***Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because he sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate him with all our hearts!***

The blessings of the Old Testament and the New Testament are wrapped together, in Christ, and given to us.

If we go through **Deuteronomy 28:1-14**, the word ‘bless’ is mentioned ten times however the other wonderful word is ‘and’, which is written over 20 times in these verses. E.g. Blessed shall be the fruit of your AND the fruit of your ground AND the fruit of your beasts, the increase of your cattle AND the young of your flock.

The blessing just continues to weave itself in and out of every area of their lives until it completely overwhelms them. The Blessing didn’t just give them a good outcome, it gave them a supernatural outcome – something that could only come from the hand of the Lord.

Joseph lived this way – we see that in **Genesis 39:1-6**. Potiphar saw results from Joseph’s work which were beyond human – it was supernatural – it could only come from the hand of the Lord and no one and nowhere else. Potiphar’s life, both personally and professionally was touched by the supernatural blessing of a loving God. The blessing is the love of God in action in our lives. We see it again in **Genesis 39:20-23**.

Abraham’s son Isaac inherited Abraham’s blessing. **Genesis 26:1-6, 12-14, 22** –

¹And there was a famine in the land, besides the famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines to Gerar. ² And Jehovah appeared to him and said, Do not go down into Egypt. Live in the land which I shall tell you of. ³ Reside in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. For to you and to your seed I will give all these lands; and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. ⁴ And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of the heavens, and will give to your seed all these lands. And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, ⁵ because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My Laws. ⁶ And Isaac lived in Gerar.

Gen 26:12-14 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold. And Jehovah blessed him. ¹³ And the man became great. And he went forward and grew until he grew very great. ¹⁴ And he had possession of flocks and possession of herds, and many servants. And the Philistines envied him.

Gen 26:22 *And he moved from there, and dug another well, and they did not strive for that. And he called the name of it Broad Places. And he said, For now Jehovah has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.*

We can see here the outworking of the blessing in that Isaac steadily accumulated wealth and grew in influence and significance.

However, his son Jacob didn’t really activate or live in the blessing until after he had married the two wives. He was Abraham’s grandson; he had lived in the blessing with his father and knew the power of the blessing. In fact, he and Rebekah had deceived his father Isaac, and won the father’s blessing that was really due to the first-born, to Esau. Even though he knew the power of the Abrahamic blessing and he was received his father’s blessing, he didn’t walk in it. He saw aspects of it. His father blessed him with the dew of the heavens and of the fatness of the earth and an abundance of grain

and new wine and that peoples would serve him and nations bow down to him, etc., (Gen. 27:28-29). Even though he received his father's blessing by deceit, it couldn't be taken off him and given to Esau. It was his. He had been blessed. And now the Lord appeared to him and blessed him again.

Genesis 28:11-22.

Jacob limited the blessing of God by his words. Look at verses 20, 21. Jacob settled for less than God's best. Jacob settled for food to eat and clothing to wear and to return to his father's house in peace. He didn't receive any of the rest of it. He limited the Holy One of Israel. (**Psalm 78:41**).

Then he arrives at Laban's and works fourteen years for his two wives. He didn't activate the blessing. Laban recognized that he was blessed because of Jacob, but Jacob wasn't blessed. He worked hard, his wages were changed ten times and it was only after he had worked 14 years that he started to press in for the blessing – there was genetic manipulation with the cattle. (**Genesis 30:26-30**). Jacob asked when he was going to be able to provide for his own household.

There was a turning point and we can see that he started to live out the blessing in **Genesis 30:31-43**.

Verse 43 shows the power of the blessing at work in his life – It says *thus the man increased and became exceedingly rich, and had many sheep and goats and maidservants, menservants, camels and donkeys.*

Genesis 31:1 – *Jacob heard Laban's sons complaining, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's; he has acquired all this wealth and honour (glory KJV – first mention) from what belonged to our father.*

He had settled for less than God's best whether he knew he didn't deserve the blessing because of his deception – a matter of self worth – or just having a limited mindset – Jacob limited the blessing of the Holy One of Israel. His mindset, attitude and words were working against the blessing.

We don't deserve the blessing however because of Jesus we are blessed with the blessing of Abraham and every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. That would be grace, joy, favour, wisdom, etc. Mercy.

Sometimes we are so captured by our circumstances, we can't see a way out, can't see a way through and feel so trapped, that the thought of the blessing doesn't even enter our heads. However, it's the power of the blessing that breaks painful conditions, changes circumstances, and turns things right around for our good, for our advantage and for our benefit.

Jabez knew the power of the blessing. His life was hard and his name meant 'sorrow maker' or 'pain' and every time that was spoken over his life, it became a self fulfilling prophecy however Jabez knew the power of the blessing and the love of God and so in **1 Chronicles 4:10** he cried out for the Blessing - *And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that You would bless me indeed, and make my border larger, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, so that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he asked.*

Jabez, in his own personal prayer, asked for the Blessing before he asked for anything else. When was the last time you thanked God that He has already blessed you with the power of the blessing of Abraham, and every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ and that the power of the blessing brings supernatural results, supernatural outcomes, breaks bondages, dislodges barriers, overturns critics and makes everything work together for your good.

King David knew the power of the blessing before he was a king. He was on the run from King Saul and being hounded from place to place, keeping just ahead of the king and living in enemy territory.

He managed to escape to the cave Adullam and so did his father's house and about 400 men.

1 Samuel 22:1 ¹And David left there and escaped to the cave Adullam. And his brothers and all his father's house heard, and went down to him there. ² And every man in distress, and every man who had a creditor, and every man bitter of soul, gathered themselves to him. And he became commander over them. And about four hundred men were with him.

We sometimes think that the cave of Adullam would be a pretty despondent, depressing place to live with all those distressed, indebted, bitter men all living together but the power of the blessing of God upon David's life was a transforming agent for every one of them. This cave was the beginning of David's mighty men – men of courage and renown. Men who took on amazing odds and won. Abishai killed three hundred men with his spear. Benaiah killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day. Three of them broke through King Saul's army camp at night to get David a drink of water. Some of these exploits are found in **1 Chronicles 11**. These men all came out of the Cave of Adullam. Adullam means 'the people's justice'. Part of receiving justice from God is to live in the blessing.

That's not all that the blessing did for these men who were hiding in a cave – these men who were distressed, in debt and depressed, bitter in their soul. When it came time to hand over materials to Solomon to build the temple – King David and these mighty men gave billions in today's equivalent. King David gave – 1 Chronicles 29:2-5. The mighty men gave – 1 Chronicles 29:6-8. (That was over 5,000 tons).

- a. [29:4a](#) Hebrew *3,000 talents* [102 metric tons] of gold.
- b. [29:4b](#) Hebrew *7,000 talents* [238 metric tons] of silver.
- c. [29:6](#) Hebrew *the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds*.
- d. [29:7a](#) Hebrew *5,000 talents* [170 metric tons] of gold.
- e. [29:7b](#) Hebrew *10,000 darics* [a Persian coin] of gold, about 185 pounds or 84 kilograms in weight.
- f. [29:7c](#) Hebrew *10,000 talents* [340 metric tons] of silver.
- g. [29:7d](#) Hebrew *18,000 talents* [612 metric tons] of bronze.
- h. [29:7e](#) Hebrew *100,000 talents* [3,400 metric tons] of iron.

(From Bible Gateway - <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+chronicles+29%3A1-9&version=NLT>)

Some of the reasons why the blessing is not manifesting – the hindrances that can thwart the fullness of the blessing, until we repent and then apply faith and believe we have already received it.

- Relationships – we could be unequally yoked in business (Lot)
- We don't ask for it (Jabez)
- Circumstances dictate our faith, our prayers and our emotions (400 men in cave Adullam)
- Unbelief – Jacob – limit the Holy One of Israel
- Pride – we need to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God so He can promote in due time
- Disobedience – wilful disobedience
- Time – sometimes it takes time for us to turn our attitudes and strongholds and mindsets around (Adullam)
- Sometimes, there are curses
- Ungrateful
- Rebellious and stubborn – building our own kingdom instead of seeking God's Kingdom first

But through Jesus Christ there is abundant forgiveness, restoration, and blessing. The thing is, that

these blessings are part of your spiritual inheritance. You are an heir of God and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. Everything that is in heaven belongs to you. You are blessed. Blessed with Abraham's blessing. Blessed with EVERY spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

There have been times when my life has not looked blessed, and I haven't felt blessed but I knew the truth that God had – past tense – had already blessed me with Abraham's blessing and every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. I was 'divinely stubborn'. I refused to let go of God or of His blessing. And even though my teeth were clenched I still kept decreeing – "the Blessing of the Lord is on all I do – everything I do is blessed. It's the Blessing of the Lord that makes me rich and causes me to steadily accumulate wealth and He adds no sorrow and no toil with it. So I rebuke all sorrow and toil in the Name of Jesus and I position myself to receive every blessing God has for me in every area of life. That I am like Abraham – blessed in every area of life. The blessings of God are overtaking me and overwhelming me. I am blessed to be a blessing."

The prayer of David's in 1 Chronicles 29:10-20. I have paraphrased this prayer and taken it from the NLT.

Then David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly:

"O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may You be praised forever and ever!
Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.
Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is Your kingdom.

We adore you as the One who is over all things.

Wealth and honour come from You alone, for You rule over everything.
Power and might are in Your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

"O our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name!

But who am I, and who are Your people, that we could give anything to You?
Everything we have has come from You, and we give You only what You first gave us!
We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us.
Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace.

"O LORD our God, even this material we have gathered to expand Your Kingdom
and to honor Your holy name comes from You! It all belongs to You!

I know, my God, that You examine our hearts and rejoice when You find integrity there.

You know I have done all this with good motives,
and I offer my gifts willingly and joyously.

O LORD, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,
make me and Your people always want to obey You.

See to it that our love for You never changes.

Give us the wholehearted desire to obey You simply because we love You,
and to do everything necessary to build Your Kingdom, for which we make preparations
as we fulfill Your purpose for our lives.

I give praise to You - the LORD my God!"

