

THE BLESSING: OUR INHERITANCE



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Most believers are aware that through Jesus we have the gift of salvation, but that’s not all we have received. Imagine someone having a wonderful inheritance available but the person doesn’t read the will where the details of the inheritance are contained. Such a person can go through life struggling to get the things that provision has already been made for in the will.

This is the same way through the death and resurrection of Jesus we not only have access to gift of salvation , but also the blessing God promised Abraham and his children. However, if we don’t know what we have access to we won’t take advantage of it and will end up living below God’s ideal for us.

This series we’re going through what was promised to Abraham and we trust the Holy Spirit to guide us and open our eyes this series to our inheritance.



Day 1

Positioning for the Blessing

“One day Terah took his son Abram, his daughter-in-law Sarai (his son Abram’s wife), and his grandson Lot (his son Haran’s child) and moved away from Ur of the Chaldeans. He was headed for the land of Canaan, but they stopped at Haran and settled there.” Genesis 11:31

There’s a positioning required to receive a blessing. Interestingly the journey to possessing Canaan didn’t start with Abraham but his father Terah who began the journey but didn’t complete it for reasons we do not know. The Lord knew that for Abraham to fully possess all God planned to give him, Abraham would have to separate from all the things that has limited his father.

“The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1

In Abraham’s time God instructed him to leave his hometown and all he’d depended upon and trusted in and make the move to align with God’s agenda. This move was important for several reasons. One is the fact that the Chaldeans were steeped in idolatry and the Lord knew Abraham would struggle if he stayed in that environment. Similarly there are environments that don’t encourage us to hear from and walk with God. God also wanted Abraham to leave the influences that would compete with Abraham’s commitment. This is why when we start walking closely with God, He audits and edits our relationships so that we don’t stay in relationships that will put out our fire. Finally God needed Abraham to trust Him which is why He didn’t tell Abraham his final destination from day one.

Positioning for the blessing requires undivided loyalty, commitment to walking with God and unshakeable trust in Him.

Prayer: Lord speak to me as You spoke to Abraham. Show me the things in my life that need to change, lead me on the path that will keep me connected to You so I can receive the fullness of Your blessing.



Day 2

Expecting The Impossible

“I will make you into a great nation...” Genesis 12:2

At the time God made this promise to Abraham he was in his 70s and childless, so it must have seemed like an impossibility to him. So much so that Abraham assumed that according to their tradition his heir would be his long standing servant Eleazar. But God specialises in the impossible.

“But Abram replied, “O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don’t even have a son? Since you’ve given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the Lord said to him, “No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir.” Genesis 15:2-4

God was speaking to Abraham about generations to come, but it was difficult for him to see beyond his current situation. God sees the end and speaks to us from that perspective, meanwhile we find it difficult to see beyond what’s right in front of us. As believers we have access to Abraham’s blessing which includes greatness, but we may be stuck at our present state which may look nothing like what was promised. But God is faithful! He always does what He says He will do.

“That night the people of Israel left Rameses and started for Succoth. There were about 600,000 men, plus all the women and children” Exodus 12:37

“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

“Only I can tell you the future before it even happens...” Isaiah 46:10

When it was time by God’s calendar, Isaac was born and a few hundred years after his discussion with God, childless Abraham’s direct descendants numbered in the millions, a great nation indeed. God is faithful, He always does what He says He will do regardless of what our current circumstances look like. When we have a word from God, our responsibility is to hold on to His word, trusting that He will do what He said He will do, even what seems impossible at the time.

Prayer: Lord thank You for reminding me of Your faithfulness. Help me trust Your timing to do all You have said concerning me.



Day 3

A Great Name

“... I will bless you and make your name great...” Genesis 12:2

It can be tempting to think people who are well known and outwardly successful are more blessed than others, but the truth is that believers are inherently blessed. So if the blessing is for us all and some appear to be outliers, then we need to take a closer look at the terms of the covenant.

“If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom.” Deuteronomy 28:13

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.” John 14:15

Every covenant involves responsibilities by the people entering into it. When God makes a covenant with us, He has His part to fulfil and we also have ours. God is faithful and will always do His part, so if we're not experiencing what He said, some Holy Spirit led introspection is required to see where we're not meeting ours. Are there things we need to deal with in our hearts and disciplines? Are we walking in line with God's agenda or have we created an agenda for ourselves? Is the enemy taking advantage of us because we lack revelation of who we are and what we carry?

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.” Psalms 139:23-24

“So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.” Colossians 1:9

“Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.” Psalms 40:7

“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.” Luke 16:10

A relationship with God isn't a one size fits all formula - we are all different and His plans for each of us reflects this. This means God makes us great in line with His plans for us as we demonstrate faithfulness to the covenant terms. This means that there's no reason to ever compare ourselves with others as our goal should be to mature into who God has called us to be.

Prayer: Thank You for showing me that I am already blessed. Lord give me clarity on Your plans for me and help me to align with Your processes in every season.



Day 4

Channels of Blessing

“... you will be a blessing to others.” Genesis 12:2

We are blessed to be a blessing. God’s plan is for the whole earth to be filled with His glory and one of the ways He achieves this is working through us as His representatives here on earth, carrying out His agenda and being channels of blessings. Whatever the Lord has made available to us in terms of our gifting, material benefits etc are all meant to be actively used to help others.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” Ephesians 1:3

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

One of the things that limits the fullness of the manifestation of God’s blessing in our lives is a focus on self. It doesn’t mean we don’t acknowledge that we have needs or that God doesn’t care about us. Rather it means we understand that the spiritual blessing we have must translate to tangible impact in the lives of others. This is one of the ways we practically demonstrate the love of God to others and influence the expansion of His kingdom.

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

Picture the life of a believer as an expandable pipe connected to an ocean. It’s impossible for water to flow through without the pipe getting wet. As the pipe provides more water to a greater number of people the wider it gets and the larger the volume of water that passes through it. Conversely if nothing passes through the pipe it will stay dry and may even contract even though it’s connected to an ocean. God is our unlimited source from whom we channel blessing to others. As we take care of the needs He’s equipped us to handle, our capacity grows in line with our impact for Him.

Prayer: Lord help me to be a blessing to those You’ve called me to. Help me be a faithful channel of blessing to those around me and grant me the grace to consistently increase in capacity. Let all that I am and have be a platform to showcase Your glory.



Day 5

Precious To God

“I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you.” Genesis 12:3

Because of God’s promise to Abraham there was a boomerang effect on those around him. Anyone who blessed Abraham automatically received a blessing and anyone who cursed him was cursed by God. Abraham didn’t have to involve himself either way. Which means that by virtue of God’s blessing when people observe that they are blessed each time they bless us, it triggers a continuous cycle of blessing in our lives. It also means we don’t need to seek revenge when people curse or maltreat us, God will handle it Himself in His own way.

“But that night God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him, “You are a dead man, for that woman you have taken is already married!” Genesis 20:3

“But Laban said to him, “If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed me because of you.” Genesis 30:27

One of the things we have access to is God’s personal involvement in what concerns us. When Abimelech took Sarah to his house, God warned him to let her go because she was Abraham’s wife. When Jacob wanted to leave Laban’s service, Laban tried to keep him because he knew that his business thrived because of Jacob.

“For the Lord delights in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.” Psalms 149:4

“And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.” Luke 12:7

We are precious to God and He delights in the details of our lives. He has so endowed us with blessing that things around us should prosper simply because we show up. And when we’re maltreated God takes the issue up Himself. This way He frees us up from people pleasing or offence because regardless of what we experience our goal is to stay focused on Him.

Prayer: Lord thank You for reminding me that I am precious to You and You are actively involved in every detail of my life. Help me to stay focused on Your love for me and not the circumstances around me.



Day 6

Generational Blessing Carriers

“...All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:3

“... And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God’s special olive tree.” Romans 11:17

God doesn’t think in terms of individuals but nations and generations. In God’s agenda Abraham wasn’t only to be a blessing to those around him at the time but also to people he would probably never physically encounter, to his generations yet unborn and even to those who were not Jewish. When God blessed Abraham, He created an opportunity for not just his direct descendants, but also “adopted” descendants to be beneficiaries of the blessing.

“Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.” Deuteronomy 7:9

“Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot— yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.” Isaiah 11:1-2

“You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.” John 15:16 AMP

The same way God blessed generations through Abraham, God intends to bless nations and generations through us. We are the new branches ingrafted into the covenant and as carriers of the Holy Spirit we have the ability and capacity to make a significant mark wherever He positions us. Jesus is very intentional about His plan for our lives and intends for us to bear lasting, trans-generational fruit not in our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit. Understanding this helps us have the same perspective Jesus has that we are blessed to bless others for generations to come.

Prayer: Lord thank You for showing me that I am designed to be a blessing to nations and generations. Help me walk in the fullness of all that You have put in me so my life and that of my descendants consistently brings You glory.



Day 7

Activating The Blessing

'The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you... So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ' Genesis 12:1,4

We have gone through the blessings we have access to through Abraham but the series will not be complete without highlighting the critical factors that activate the blessing: hearing God and obedience to His instruction(s). Abraham's journey with God began with an instruction: leave everything you know and are comfortable with. What activated his receiving the blessing was his obedience.

'... He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned.' Isaiah 50:4

'In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction.' Job 33:15-16

God is always speaking to us, but we don't always discern His voice due to the busyness of life and/or not spending enough time in prayer and the word of God. God speaks to us differently, but the best way to position ourselves to hear Him is to spend time in His word. The word of God teaches us who God is and sensitizes us to His ways so when we are faced with any situation, we can determine what God would have us do. Even if we don't hear specific instructions, we trust the Lord to lead us as we commit to walking in His ways.

'But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.' James 1:22

'Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.' Galatians 6:7

However it is we hear God, the next step is to obey what we've heard otherwise as James tells us, we're fooling ourselves. There is always a blessing connected to our obedience. God honours our obedience and is always faithful to do what He has said he will do once we do our part.

Prayer: Lord, I ask for grace to spend time in Your word and to obey what it says. Help me consistently grow in obedience and sensitivity to Your word.



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