

# “The Blessing Of God” Part 3

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Foundational scripture...

## **Proverbs 10:22 King James Version**

*22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.*

## **Proverbs 10:22 Amplified Bible**

*22 The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].*

**Rich** in all areas of your life: relationships, health, finances.

**Rich defined as:** plentiful; abundant; copious, ample, liberal, generous, bountiful; more than enough.

## **3 John 2 King James Version**

*2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

## **3 John 2 Amplified Bible**

*2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.*

### **Psalm 112 King James Version**

*1 Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.*

*2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.*

*3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.*

*4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*

*5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.*

*6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.*

*7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.*

*8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.*

*9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.*

*10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.*

Last week we learned about our assignment and how God will bless you and I when we go where He calls us to go. Not our plan but His.

How will He do that? How will He provide in abundance?

Don't let your natural man get in the way or start to reason away God's miraculous power. He will over take you with a blessing. It doesn't matter in the flesh that it doesn't make sense, if HE told you to do it, HE will take care of you during that assignment.

Go into that place of business, that family gathering with your in-laws, that uncomfortable place that God has called you to, and bring the blessing of the Lord and get rid of the curse.

You and I choose what we will do and we have two choices, to be a thermometer or a thermostat. The thermometer Christian likes to tell you the facts, "wow, it's hot in here (like watching a game with them and they keep saying it's all over now – they can't do it... no one has ever come back from this much of a deficit!"

Then, there's the thermostat Christian who is walking in the blessing. They walk into the room and say, "we need to bring the temperature under control so we can work, so we can do the task."

It doesn't matter if not everyone is a born again, spirit-filled believer. The thermostat christian is the person that has a link or access to the air handler and AC unit. He knows it may take awhile to get the temperature back to where it belongs so they wait and are patient.

They bring peace in a hostile environment, they cause people not to worry because they are filled with hope and faith. You have now set the wheels in motion, the supply lines are open and it's going to get cool and comfortable - it just may take a little time.

God will bless you when you do what you're supposed to do, He will use others and situations that you can't see in the flesh but as you go through the open door(s) you will see things differently.

**Deuteronomy 28:2 King James Version**

*2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.*

**Deuteronomy 28:2 Amplified Bible**

*2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God.*

We are to be ministers or administrators to those in order for His will to be fulfilled. Don't rob God from what is His, His will and His tithe because you can't see in the natural how you will make it – HE will provide.

Let's take a look at the blessing itself and the assignment given to man in Genesis chapter 1.

### Genesis 1:26-28 King James Version

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

What **Words** did God use when He created them?

*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Why was the releasing of the blessing so important in verse 28? God created man with this assignment and then gave the man the same power that was used to create it and said subdue it.

The garden was about the size of Iraq, that's big. God intended for this to expand – to cover the earth. Don't have a limited view of what God wants to do, He's not just thinking of your house, your work, HE says everywhere you go.

In this passage, God is talking to Noah and his sons...

**Genesis 9:1-2 King James Version**

*1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

*2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.*

Does this sound familiar ?

God spoke the same Words to Noah that he spoke to Adam. God's will never changes, that is the perfect will of God for all times. Everything is wrapped up in the power of this blessing.

We have no idea, cannot comprehend what God has for us inside of the blessing – it is a blessing without measure – I love that – without measure.

**1 Corinthians 2:9 King James Version**

*9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

Everything we ever need is in the blessing. We need to use it, walk in it by faith and in love and command and rule with compassion.

God said the same thing to Noah and his boys. Two of the three boys that Noah had did not follow him. Ham and Japheth went their own way. Now, didn't He tell them to replenish the earth?

As you track through this (we'll do this a little bit later) you will find the tower of Babel, that is the result of Ham and Japheth's work.

Lets go forward a little bit to Abram – later called Abraham.

**Genesis 14:8-22 King James Version**

*8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;*

*9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.*

*10 And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.*

*11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.*

*12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.*

*13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.*

*14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.*

*15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.*

*16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.*

*17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.*

*18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.*

*19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:*

*20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.*

*21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.*

*22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,*

Abram mounted up 318 men from his household and went after Lot's kidnappers? Why would they do that? The Bible said they ruled the night.



Abram used tactics that no one had ever seen. They learned this from somewhere, right? The only armies that were out there were the ones they were fighting. So, how did they know what to do? Why would they even go to battle? They walked in the blessing.

I want to speak to you about another character in the Bible and that is Melchisedec. We are going to bring these two characters together. Now, who was Melchisedec?

**Hebrews 7:1-2 King James Version**

*1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;*

*2 And Abraham gave to him a tenth portion of all [the spoil]. He is primarily, as his name when translated indicates, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, which means king of peace.*

He was the king or lord Mayor of Jerusalem and the head of the school of the prophets. He had the blessing and blessed Abram. The Bible says that Melchisedec (priest of God) received the tithe from Abraham. Melchisedec came down with the bread and the wine symbolizing the broken body and shed blood of Jesus representing God's unchanging counsel and when he came up to Abram, he blessed him, he blessed him saying "blessed by Abram of the most high God possessor of heaven and earth" – Abraham found out right there that he was supposed to possess heaven and earth.

**Genesis 14:18-20 King James Version**

*18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.*

*19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:*

*20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.*

As Abram lifted his hand up towards heaven he said “never let a man say that anyone has made me rich other than Almighty God” and when he did, God said go receive his tithe and bless him – that’s when the blessing of Abraham came upon him.

**Genesis 14:21-23 King James Version**

*21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.*

*22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,*

*23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:*

God is not a respecter of people, meaning, what He has done for one person He will do for someone else - this is about God’s plan and our obedience to His commands.

Do you remember what God said to Isaac after Abraham died?

Isaac forgot... There was no book of Genesis yet so God had to take care of this business himself until He could establish this book, He came to Isaac and said...

**Genesis 26:1-5 King James Version**

*1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.*

*2 And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:*

*3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, **and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;***

*4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;*

*5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*

***“I will perform the oath that I swore to your father.”***

What oath did HE swear to his father?

**Genesis 14:19 King James Version**

*19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:*

The blessing of the whole earth!

God entered covenant with Abram! A covenant in blood, and what was that covenant in blood?

“So shall your seed be” .....

**Romans 4:17-18 King James Version**

*17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

*18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, **So shall thy seed be.***

**Hebrews 11:17-19 King James Version**

*17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,*

*18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac **shall thy seed be** called:*

*19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*

Abram and his seed inherited the earth by faith!

Now, we are going to find out about Melchizedek and his ministry to receive the tithe and to bless.

Jesus is high priest after the order of Melchizedek. He has the same direction and the same orders from God.

**Hebrews 7:8 King James Version**

*8 And here men that die receive tithes; (referring to the Levitical priesthood which was still being carried on at the time Paul wrote these words) but there he receiveth them, (referring back to the passage in Genesis where Melchizedek is recorded as having received the tithes) of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. (This refers to the eternal priesthood of Christ of which Mechizedek was a type.)*

There, He receives and He is standing there in front of you and I with the same bread and the same wine and saying blessed! With the blessing of Abraham. The tithing connection is the place that began the blessing in the first place.

Adam fell over the tithes, God gave him the entire garden except for that tree right there in the middle of it and said “Adam, that is mine” and I want you to work it, I want you to spend time on it – harvest it, but don’t eat it.

“See Pastor Grant, God doesn’t want you to know anything, He doesn’t want you to have it all. He’s keeping stuff from us...

**Psalm 84:11 King James Version**

*11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.*

He’s keeping stuff from us? That’s a lie from hell. That’s what the devil told Eve but that’s not who God is. God wants to bless.

### **Malachi 3:6-12 King James Version**

*6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

*7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?*

*8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.*

*9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.*

*10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

*11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.*

*12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.*

The Word says the man who doesn't tithe robs God. That's what it says. That's what the sin was. Not just the eating of the fruit, he ate something that wasn't his. It looked good, but it wasn't time to partake of that fruit.

So lets walk thru this...what does God do with your tithe? Do angels come down and bag it up and ship it off to heaven? God isn't after your money.

God turns around and spends it on our spiritual development. He turns it into (2 Corinthians from last week) seed for the sower and bread for the eater and multiply of the seed sown – it's His money he can order it where He wants and does.

**2 Corinthians 9:10 King James Version**

*10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)*

God never changes, the way HE is in the book of Revelation is the way He is in the book of Genesis. HE never changes.

**Malachi 3:6 King James Version**

*6 For I am the Lord, I change not;*

So, what would have happened if Adam would've not picked the fruit and ate it? What if he would've said here's your fruit God from Your tree and I will not touch what is Yours – I'm doing what You have asked me to do.

How do we know this is what did him in? Because that's what got Cain and Abel messed up – tithing. That's where the blessing transfer was to take place. The one that was not blessed killed the one that was. That still happens today, look at relationships and how people think and talk about one another, especially those who are walking in God's Blessing.

Let me ask you this - did Jesus know the difference between good and evil? Is it because He committed sin? No. He learned, he learned, he learned. He knew good but he learned evil.

See in time, when Adam was ready, God would have set him down and said “alright now, lets talk about this fruit. It’s time you learn about Me and My ways and just sit down and eat at My table”.

Well, why didn’t God tell him that in the first place? Because there wouldn’t have been an ounce of faith in it if He would have told him that. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

**Hebrews 11:6 King James Version**

*6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Can you see that? When Adam fell the first thing that God did was release plan B to get that blessing back and get it back on man. We want to know everything right now so we trump God and then it’s time for plan B.

We need to trust God and how He is going to supply all our needs so we will be rich in all areas of our lives. Everyday we have to choose what and who we will serve.



**Joshua 24:15 King James Version**

*15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

