

BIBLICAL ANSWERS ABOUT BLESSING

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What is blessing?

Blessing encompasses a number of areas.

Blessing includes:

- God's empowerment to prosper in every area.
- Having good things bestowed upon us by God.
- Receiving and walking in God's favour.



Who is God's blessing upon?

“Blessings *are* upon the head of the **just...**”
(Proverbs 10:6a)

- Blessing is bestowed upon just people.
- God's people (Christians) have been “justified by faith” in Christ (see Romans 5:1, 9).

Who is God's blessing upon?

“Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon **thy people**. Selah.” (Psalm 3:8)

- The spiritual law of life in Christ Jesus brings blessing with it.

Who is God's blessing upon?

“He will bless **them that fear the LORD**, *both small and great.*” (Psalm 115:13)

- To fear God means to hate evil (see Proverbs 8:13). God blesses those that fear Him, which is to reverence God by loving and respecting Him.

How does a person get blessed?

“Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, **if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God**, which I command you this day: And **a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God**, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.” (Deuteronomy 11:26-28)

How does a person get blessed?

The choice to be blessed, or not, is up to us.

We have only two choices:

- a) choose blessing;
- b) choose the curse.

- The choice to be blessed begins with the choice to be saved.
- Continued blessing comes through obedience to God.



Where does blessing come from?

“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing*: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and that thou mayest obey his voice*, and that thou mayest *cleave unto him*: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

(Deuteronomy 30:19)

Where does blessing come from?

- Blessing comes from God. He is the source.
- God can use others to bless us.
- Blessing is the opposite to cursing.
- Blessing and life are connected, and the curse and death are connected.
- The key to blessing is valuing and holding fast to the things of God.

Why can Christians be blessed?

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:2)

- Being free from the law of sin and death means we are free from the curse.
- Christians are now free to be blessed.



Why can Christians be blessed?

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That **the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ**; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:13, 14)

- Abraham's blessing of increase (see Genesis 12:2) is upon Christians.
- Christians are Abraham's seed, and heirs of God's promises (see Galatians 3:29).

Is holiness important for blessing?

“He that hath **clean hands, and a pure heart**; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. **He shall receive the blessing from the LORD**, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.” (Psalm 24:4, 5)

- God has called Christians to be holy.
- God cannot bless sinful rebellion.

Is holiness important for blessing?

“A **faithful man** shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.” (Proverbs 28:20)

- The way we live will determine if we receive blessing.
- God blesses faithfulness. It is a quality and action that He values.

How do our words impact blessing?

“Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.” (James 3:10)

- Christians can bless (edify) others with their words.
- Words of blessing are not to be mixed with damaging words of cursing.

Is God's blessing a spiritual blessing?

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all **spiritual blessings** in heavenly *places* in Christ”

(Ephesians 1:3)

- Christians are blessed spiritually. This helps us to develop the fruit of the Spirit.

Is God's blessing a material blessing?

“The blessing of the LORD, **it maketh rich**, and he addeth no sorrow with it.” (Proverbs 10:22)

- The faithful Christian puts the law of sowing and reaping into operation to receive a good harvest of blessing.



Is God's blessing a material blessing?

“The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye *are* blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 115:14, 15)

- God's blessing brings both spiritual and material increase.

What should we do with God's blessing?

“Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.” (1 Peter 3:9)

- Evil toward us is to repaid with blessing.

What should we do with God's blessing?

“Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.” (Deuteronomy 16:17)

- We sow and give to enable others to be blessed.
- We give of our spiritual and material blessings. Giving is God's way.



Does service to God bring blessing?

“And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.” (Romans 15:29)

- Serving God brings great blessing.
- God wants us to know the fulness of His blessing.

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