

THE BLESSING OF GOD UPON ALL HIS PEOPLE

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For the children of God, **His blessing is His abundant goodness and grace** to meet every area of need and to bring the fulfilment of His every purpose in and through us. It is something to be eagerly sought after. *Phil 4:19, Gen 28:15, Pro 28:20, Eph 1:3, 2Pet 1:3.*

Pro 10:22(KJV) “**The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.**”

God’s blessing is imparted to all who believe in Jesus Christ, and walk by faith, seeking to serve God in all they do, *Gal 3:7,9, 14.* A good description of the blessing of God is found in *Deut 28:1-14.*

As you live to please God, His blessings will come upon you and overtake you in the city and in the country. They will fall upon your children, your farm, business and livelihood. Your storage basket shall be full and there will be no shortage of bread. Your going out and your coming in shall be blessed and preserved. The Lord will fight against your enemies and defeat them. The Lord will command His blessings on your storehouses, in all you do and upon His plans of increase and progress for you. He will make you a holy people for Himself as you obey Him and walk in His ways. All the people of the earth will see His Name is upon you, and will be afraid of you. There will be an abundance of goods, children, cattle and crops. The rain will come at the right time for your crops. You shall lend to many nations from your wealth but you shall not borrow. You shall be the head and not the tail; you shall be above only and not beneath, as you obey the Lord’s commands and walk in His ways.

Another description of the blessing of God is in *Lev 26:3-13,42.*

The covenant blessing of God was established with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, fulfilled in Christ, Gal 3:16, and through Christ to all who believe in Him. As they walked by faith, seeking to please God in all they did, God spoke His covenant blessing into their lives and blessed them mightily. They in turn **spoke out these covenant blessings to their children.**

The following are some of the references to the “**blessing of Abraham,**” *Gal 3:14, in the “Abrahamic Covenant.”*

<i>Gen 12:1-3</i>	<i>Gen 13:14-17</i>	<i>Gen 14:9</i>
<i>Gen 15:5-21</i>	<i>Gen 17:1-8,16</i>	<i>Gen 18:18</i>
<i>Gen 22:14-18</i>	<i>Gen 26:12-14</i>	<i>Gen 27:4,27-29,33</i>
<i>Gen 28:3,4</i>	<i>Gen 28:13-15</i>	<i>Gen 32:26-30</i>
<i>Gen 35:9-12</i>	<i>Gen 46:3,4</i>	<i>Gen 48:9-22</i>
<i>Gen 49:1-28</i>	<i>Ps 105:6-10</i>	<i>Lk 1:71-75</i>
<i>Ac 13:32,33</i>	<i>Ac 3:25</i>	<i>Gal 3:7,9,14,16</i>

The blessings of God upon Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their seed are blessings of:

- fruitfulness and multiplication
- inheritance of the promised land
- bountiful crops
- victory over their enemies
- safety, security and God’s keeping
- a name of great authority and influence over the nations
- being a blessing to all the nations of the earth

great possessions and prosperity
 long life and peace
 descendants who rule and reign as kings
 being kept by God in every place
 the fulfilment of all God's plans.

Moses and Aaron **blessed the people of God, Lev 9:22-24.**

Aaron and the priests were given the **words of blessing, Num 6:23-27**, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

As they spoke this blessing over God's people, they put the Name of Jehovah God upon His people, and so He blessed them.

Where the brethren dwell together in unity there God commands the blessing, *Ps 133:1,3.*

In the New Testament, Jesus puts His hands on the little children and imparted the blessing of God to them, *Mk 10:13-16.*

This is what Jacob did for the sons of Joseph, *Gen 48:8-19.*

Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed His disciples, *Lk 24:50.*

Jabez asked for God's blessing of enlarged inheritance, strength and power from the hand of God, and to be kept from evil and grief. God granted His request. It is His covenant blessing to all His children, *1Chr4:10.* [The "hand of God" is the anointing of His Holy Spirit, *2K 3:15, 1Chr 28:12,19,NKJV.*]

We can speak the blessings of God upon our fellow believers as the elders did upon Boaz and Ruth, *Ruth 4:11,12,*

Solomon did this for all of Israel, *1K 8:55.* David did likewise, *2Sam 6:18.*

As we visit from place to place we are to bless houses and families, *Lk 10:5,6.*

Ps 129:8 gives the words for speaking out the blessing to others.

"The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord."

The fulness of the "blessing of Abraham" is for all who believe in Jesus Christ, *Gal 3:7,9,14,16.*

In April 1998, at Brownsville Assembly of God, Pensacola, Florida, Senior Pastor John Kilpatrick spoke to us about the power and effect of speaking out, in faith, the blessing of God, upon God's people. He did so to all of us for some minutes. This was a very powerful experience of God's presence and blessing.