

Faith Activates The Blessing

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Two systems are presently functioning in the earth: the system of Babylon and the system of the Kingdom of God. Babylon represents a society trying to meet its needs without God. We see it today in various forms of “isms,” such as communism, socialism, and capitalism, and throughout society in marriages, education, business, banking, etc. All are trying to solve today’s problems with only the limited wisdom or intelligence of fallen man.

The Babylonian system leads to all kinds of inadequate solutions -- from casinos and riverboats trying to solve the revenue shortfall in our cities to printing more money to solve our national debt crisis.., and this system is running out of answers.

When Joseph was in Egypt he was promoted from prison to Prime Minister, second in command to Pharaoh, because he had the wisdom of God.

He gave the king a strategy as to how to have abundance throughout the seven years of famine. Notice, the smartness of Egypt was not enough to deliver them from the famine.

How smart were the Egyptians were? They built the great sphinx and the great pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Egypt gave the world what we today call calculus and advanced education. They bred some of the finest horses and made the finest chariots. Egypt was the fashion capital of the world. Lastly, Egypt was the first to emerge as a nation and not simply a “city culture.” However, all these “smarts” were not enough to deliver that nation from the famine which was to come. What they needed was “the Blessing.” I call it “The Eden Blessing.”

I call the Church today the “modern-day Esther.” Why? Like Esther, “we are come into the kingdom for such a time as this.”

This is the finest hour for the Church. We are the problem solvers for this end-time generation, and “the blessing,” which is on our lives, is the answer to every impossible situation.

The spirit of “Mystery Babylon” has taken God out of much of our society, and people are now faced with the most threatening consequences.

We, the “Sons of God” functioning in the blessing of God, are to bring Him back and to make every land that is now desolate like the Garden of Eden (Ezekiel 36:35).

Jesus taught on the blessing. He said, “...with God, all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26).

Here’s some background on “the blessing.” God called Abraham out of the Ur of the Chaldees where he lived with his family. Terah, Abraham’s father, left the Ur of the Chaldees with his family for the land of Canaan: but they got as far as Haran and settled down there.

Terah lived 205 years and died in Haran. God then told Abraham, “. . . Leave your country, your family, and your father’s home for a land that I will show you.

I’ll make you a great nation and bless you. I’ll make you famous; you’ll be a blessing. I’ll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I’ll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you” (Genesis 12:1-3; Message Translation).

So Abraham, about 75 years old, along with Sarah left Haran just as God said, and Lot left with them. If you’ll examine the scriptures you will see that where God sent Abraham didn’t naturally look like an ideal place to live, let alone like the Garden of Eden. Why? Because it had to be done by faith.

So Abraham journeyed on down to Egypt.

God “blessed Abraham,” with what I call the “Eden Blessing,” because it was the same power God used to create the earth, and the same power that was initially given to Adam to continue the work of creation.

Adam and Eve were to function in the blessing to make the whole earth a garden spot of the universe, “. . . God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth“(Genesis 1:28).

In this verse God was not simply communicating with Adam and Eve, **He was transferring power**....just as Isaac spoke the blessing over his son Jacob and from that day forward Jacob was capable of operating far beyond the ability of natural man (Genesis 27:27-29).

The word “replenish” means to recover former fullness, to stock with abundance. It also means to perpetually renew and supply.

This blessing was powerful enough to restore or to renew anything, anyplace on the earth.

Because of the blessing, Abraham became “very rich” (Genesis 13:2), and he began to grow in revelation of the power of this blessing on his life.

“And there arose strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s cattle and the Herdsman of Lot’s cattle. . . . And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee... for we are brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go the left” (Genesis 13:7-9).

Abraham’s confidence or faith in the blessing had grown to the point that he knew that wherever he ended up he would prosper abundantly, and that by faith in the blessing he would transform it into a Garden of Eden.

Faith is the way you activate the blessing. **You have to believe in the blessing** the same as you have to believe God’s Word concerning healing or salvation, if you are to see the results.

Jesus teaches this in John 20 when He said to one of His disciples, “. . . Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed” (John 20:29).

Thomas would not believe that his Master had been raised from the dead without physical evidence. What this says is

“There are things God cannot do for us until we believe!” And real Bible believing is to believe independent of sense evidence.

This same blessing was transferred to Isaac, “And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac” (Genesis 25:5).

In a time of famine, Isaac was living in the Philistine city of Gerar and God told him not to go down to Egypt, “Dwell in this land and I will be with you” (Genesis 26).

By faith Isaac sowed in that land (that had no rain) and in the same year received a hundredfold. “And the Lord blessed him.”

Isaac became great and gained more and more until **he became very wealthy and distinguished.**” The Philistines (people who didn’t know the God of Abraham and Isaac) envied him and asked him to leave their country, “...for you are much mightier than we are” (Genesis 26:12-16; Amplified).

Realize sometimes that the blessing brings out the “haters,” but don’t be discouraged. Jesus said, “. . . They hated me without a cause” (John 15:25).

You'll find that when the blessing begins to manifest in your life, some folks (even brethren) will begin to hate or be envious of you and they don't know why. I know why. It's because .Satan fears that blessing. Our responsibility, however, is to walk in love.

I am convinced that **God's people should be the wealthiest people in the world.** Why? Because we have a larger responsibility than any other generation. Without the financial resources millions of souls could be lost.

Remember how Jacob stole the blessing from his brother Esau? He had to leave town in a hurry because Esau was going to kill him. Why? **Because of the value of that blessing!** That's how much importance was placed on the blessing in the time of the Old Covenant.

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us....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)

As Believers, this blessing is on our lives. The Apostle Paul writes, “So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham” (Galatians 3:9). This refers to you and me!

“And Abraham was old and well stricken in age (175 years old): and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things” (Genesis 24:1).

The blessing is your heritage. Adam lost it, but Jesus came and paid the price to get it back to us.

“I declare and decree that from this moment, you shall walk in the blessing of Abraham from now through the rest of your days. You shall be blessed in the city and blessed in the field, and all the nations shall call you blessed.”

Scriptures to Meditate

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For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody” (Isaiah 51:1-3).

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