Living in the Garden of Eden

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DAY 1—Empowered to Prosper

A. Proverbs 10:22—THE BLESSING of the Lord

1. Verse 22: "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it."
2. *Rich* (HEB) = To accumulate, grow rich, become wealthy
3. Brenton: "THE BLESSING of the Lord is upon the head of the righteous; it enriches him, and grief of heart shall not be added to it."
4. NIV-84: "THE BLESSING of the Lord brings wealth, and He adds no trouble to it."
5. What exactly is THE BLESSING?

B. Genesis 1:26-28—And God Blessed Them

1. Verse 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."
    a. *Image* = Exact duplicate in kind
    b. NLT: "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us…."
    c. AMPC: "Let them have complete authority."
    d. NIRV: "Let them rule."
    e. NLT: "They will reign."
2. Verse 27: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."
3 Verse 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."

C. THE BLESSING Empowers Us to Prosper

1. THE BLESSING was the first recorded words heard by a human ear that set the course and the precedent for God's will for all mankind.
2. God told man who he was.
    a. Created in God's likeness and image
    b. Made an exact duplicate in kind
    c. Lords of the earth as rulers and royalty
3. God told man what he was to do.
    a. *Be fruitful* = Be very productive and abound in everything.
    b. *Multiply* = Increase, enlarge and heap up

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   c. *Replenish the earth* = If it is broken, fix it. If it is empty, refill it; to restore a supply to its former level or condition; to never run out, become empty or lack.
   d. *Subdue the earth* =
      i. If it gets out of line, put it back.
      ii. AMPC—Use all its vast resources in the service of God and man.
   e. *Have dominion over it* = Rule, reign and take command
4. God told man how he was to do this.
   a. *To bless* means "to empower to prosper and succeed."
   b. He empowered them with the divine, creative ability to reign over the earth and make it a perfect reflection of His best and highest.
   c. He empowered them to prosper wherever they went.
5. The Garden of Eden was a perfect demonstration of God's plan for this planet.
   a. "THE BLESSING carries within it the blueprint of the Garden of Eden. It is designed by God to reproduce that Garden by empowering God's family to be fruitful, prosper and walk in dominion on the earth." —Kenneth Copeland, *THE BLESSING of The LORD*, pages 54-55
   b. Adam's job was to exercise his God-given authority and expand that Garden until it encompassed the entire world.
   c. THE BLESSING has empowered us to carry out that very same assignment.

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DAY 2—The Garden of Eden Restored

A. Genesis 1:28—THE BLESSING Empowers Us to Prosper

1. Verse 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."
2. THE BLESSING = First recorded words heard by a human ear that set the course and the precedent for God's will for all mankind
3. Man's assignment was to be very productive and abound in everything, to increase and enlarge, to refill and restore, to put it back if it got out of line, rule, reign and take command.
4. He fulfills that assignment as a result of THE BLESSING.
    a. God empowered them to prosper and succeed.
    b. God empowered them with the divine, creative ability to reign over the earth and make it a perfect reflection of the Garden of Eden.
5. The Garden of Eden demonstrated God's plan for this planet.
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    b. Adam's job was to expand that Garden worldwide.
    c. THE BLESSING has empowered us to do the same.

B. Genesis 2:8—The Garden of Eden

1. Verse 8: "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed."
    a. *Eden* (HEB) = Pleasure, delights; a luxurious place
    b. Douay-Rheim's Bible: "And the Lord God had planted a paradise of pleasure."
    c. Septuagint—The Park of Luxuries
    d. The Garden of Plenty
2. Verses 9-10 (NLT): "The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed from the land of Eden, watering the garden and then dividing into four branches."
3. Verses 11-12 (NLT): "The first branch, called the Pishon, flowed around the entire land of Havilah, where gold is found. The gold of that land is exceptionally pure; aromatic resin and onyx stone are also found there."

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4. Verse 15—The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.
5. We have been empowered through THE BLESSING to fulfill what God started with Adam in the Garden of Eden.

C. Isaiah 51:3—Garden of Eden Days Are Here Again

1. Verse 3: "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."
2. "'…I am The LORD of the Harvest,' saith The LORD. 'You are the sower of the seed, and together, we will work, and together, we will see harvest like never, ever before in the history of this planet since the Garden of Eden. For Eden time has come. Garden of Eden days are here again. It is My time,' saith The LORD, 'and I rejoice. You rejoice with Me and together we will see heaven come down.'" —word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland
3. We are to continue what God started with Adam and Eve in the Garden.
4. We are to expand the Garden of Eden around the world.
5. Deuteronomy 28 is a picture of what living in the Garden of Eden looks like.

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DAY 3—THE BLESSING of Abraham (Part 1)

"'...Together, we will see harvests like never, ever before in the history of this planet since the Garden of Eden. For Eden time has come. Garden of Eden days are here again. It is My time,' saith The LORD, 'and I rejoice. You rejoice with Me, and together, we will see heaven come down."

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A. Galatians 3:13—Walking in THE BLESSING of Abraham

1. Verse 13: "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."
    a. *Redeem* = To buy back, purchase, pay for
    b. To free a person from captivity by paying a ransom
    c. We have been set free from the curse of poverty.
2. The curse includes lack, deficiency, not having enough, shortage, barely getting by and living paycheck to paycheck.
3. Verse 14: "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."
4. THE BLESSING will produce the conditions of the Garden of Eden around us as surely as it did for the Israelites in the Promised Land.
5. THE BLESSING of Abraham is a picture of what living in the Garden is like.

B. Deuteronomy 28:1-2—Overtaken by THE BLESSING

1. Verses 1-2: "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God."
2. THE BLESSING is conditional to us listening and doing the Word.
3. He will set us high above powers and principalities.
4. "We have authority in the Name of Jesus, and we rule over darkness. But, we have to rule. If we don't want the devil coming into our affairs, our bodies, our marriages, our finances, we have to say, 'You are not coming in here, Devil.' We have to stand our ground and we have to say right words." —Gloria Copeland, *The Blessing of Abraham* Study Notes, page 19
5. All these blessings will come on us and overtake us.
    a. *Overtake* (HEB) = Take over your life, overwhelm you
    b. Pile up on you, cover you over with an excessive amount
    c. Avalanche, heap, swamp, overflow

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C. Deuteronomy 28:3-6—BLESSED You Shall Be!

1. Verses 3-6: "Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out."
2. Blessed in the city and field means wherever we are, we are establishing the Garden of Eden.
3. Blessed in your body, your ground, your cattle simply means whatever you do is blessed.
    a. Genesis 13:2 (AMPC): "Now Abram was extremely rich in livestock and in silver and in gold."
    b. *Extreme* = Reaching the highest degree; utmost, enormous, extraordinary
4. Blessed in your basket and store
    a. Whatever you have is blessed.
    b. A basket holds reserves, surplus, increase and overflow.
5. Blessed when we come in and blessed when we go out
    a. Wherever we go, we are empowered to prosper and succeed.
    b. Psalm 121:8 (TPT): "You will be guarded by God himself. You will be safe when you leave your home and safely you will return. He will protect you now, and he'll protect you forevermore!"

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DAY 4—THE BLESSING of Abraham (Part 2)

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Deuteronomy 28:1-14 is a picture of the Garden of Eden.

A. Deuteronomy 28:7—Enemies Smitten Before Your Face

1. Verse 7: "The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways."
2. *Smitten* (HEB) = A sudden, quick, decisive fatal blow with the intent to utterly conquer and destroy
3. The number seven is significant because it means perfection, completion and total victory.
4. The seven redemptive Names of God completely cover the total defeat of seven major enemies of life.
5. The enemies of lack, sickness, failure, worry, confusion, condemnation and fear cannot stand in the face of "The Lord Will Provide, The Lord That Heals, The Lord Our Victory, The Lord Our Peace, The Lord Is My Shepherd, The Lord Is Our Righteousness and The Lord Is There."

B. Deuteronomy 28:8—The Commanded BLESSING

1. Verse 8: "The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."
2. *Command* (HEB) = To give an order, charge or decree
3. *Storehouses* = Multiple places where goods and wealth are stored
4. Everything we set our hands to do will be blessed.
5. CEV: "The Lord your God is giving you the land, and He will make sure you are successful in everything you do."

C. Deuteronomy 28:9-10—THE BLESSING Clearly Seen

1. Verses 9-10: "The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

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And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee."

2. *Holy* (HEB) = Set apart, consecrated, purified, protected from ruin
3. People will see we are called.
4. They will see that we are prospering, enlarging, increasing and walking in the overwhelming abundance of God in every realm of life.
5. Verse 10 (MSG): "All the peoples on Earth will see you living under the Name of God and hold you in respectful awe."

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DAY 5—THE BLESSING of Abraham (Part 3)

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A. Deuteronomy 28:11—A Surplus of Prosperity

1. AMPC: "And the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity."
    a. *Surplus* (Merriam-Webster) = An amount that is more than the amount needed
    b. VOICE: "The Eternal will give you more than enough of every good thing.
    c. "Where does the surplus come from? It comes from THE BLESSING working in your behalf. It works and it works and it works, and it keeps working!" —Gloria Copeland
2. MSG: "God will lavish you with good things."
    a. *Lavish* (The Free Dictionary) = To expend or give in great amounts or without limit
    b. EXB: "The Lord will make you rich."
    c. 1 John 3:1 (NIV): "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."
3. BBE: "The Lord will make you fertile in every good thing."
    a. *Fertile* (Merrimack-Webster) = Producing a large amount of something
    b. Genesis 26:12-14 (NIV): "Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him."

B. Deuteronomy 28:12—Treasures From Heaven

1. Verse 12: "The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow."
    a. *Open* (HEB) = Throw wide open and let loose
    b. *Treasure* (HEB) = Storehouse, armory, depository, treasury
2. CEV: "The Lord will open the storehouses of the skies."
3. He will bless the work of your hands.
    a. *Work* (HEB) = Business, enterprise, occupation, endeavors

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   b. Deuteronomy 30:9 (NLT): "The Lord your God will then make you successful in everything you do."
4. MSG: "God will throw open the doors of his sky vaults and pour rain on your land on schedule and bless the work you take in hand. You will lend to many nations but you yourself won't have to take out a loan.
5. "A decision to be debt free takes you from what you can afford to what you desire. It takes the limits off." —Gloria Copeland

C. Deuteronomy 28:13-14—The Head and Not the Tail

1. Verses 13-14: "And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: and thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them."
   a. *Head* (HEB) = Top, summit, chief, leader, captain
   b. *Tail* (HEB) = The end, stump, bottom
2. Verse 13 (NIV): "You will always be at the top, never at the bottom."
   a. ESV: "You shall only go up and not down."
   b. It is not God's will for His creation to regress.
3. Proverbs 22:7 (MSG): "The poor are always ruled over by the rich, so don't borrow and put yourself under their power."
4. "God's blessing will eliminate poverty and the need for loans." —*The Chumash, Stone Edition*
5. Verse 14 (MSG): "Don't swerve an inch to the right or left from the words that I command you today by going off following and worshipping other gods."
   a. "You don't need other gods when you have Me."
   b. "I will provide everything you need."
   c. "I will get you out of debt."
   d. "I will help you live debt free."

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