

## THE COVENANT OF BLESSING—PART 2

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### DAY 1 – THE BLESSING CREATES

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### STUDY IT

- I. THE BLESSING created man as a friend to God.
  - Our guest, Professor Greg Stephens, shares his extensive knowledge of the Old Testament scriptures and THE BLESSING.
  - Man is a spirit, he has a soul and he lives in a physical body, so he is connected to the spirit realm.
  - The *Chumash*, the printed form of the Torah, contains the first five books of the Bible accompanied by rabbinical commentary, and offers additional insight.
  - God breathed into man, and he became a speaking spirit (from the *Chumash*; Genesis 2:7). Man was exactly like God.
  - The spirit world was amazed: “Who is man that God would breathe Himself into him?” (see Psalm 8:4).
  - There was no sound; then God spoke.
    - When God is speaking, it’s important that you be quiet.
  - God spoke, but man didn’t hear, “Man, be in our image after our likenesses. Have dominion” (see Genesis 1:26).
  - The first thing man heard was THE BLESSING.
    - “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” (Genesis 1:28).
  
- II. Brother Copeland describes what he calls the “light line”—light rushing 128,000 miles per second.
  - Above the light line is the spirit world where angels can be seen.
    - Atoms move slower than the speed of light. If not, things would not be visible.



- When Adam was created, he could see below *and* above the light line, just like God.
  - When Adam fell, he could no longer see like God.
- After Jesus was resurrected from the dead, He was a man, yet with the abilities Adam had before the Fall—like God.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

THE BLESSING of The LORD creates all kinds of wonderful things for you. In fact, God put within you at the moment of salvation the Holy Spirit to teach you the benefits and values of what He has given to you.

Fill in the chart below with personal information about God's BLESSING in your life since you were saved.

What can you see now that you could not see before?
What can you understand now that you could not understand before?
What can you do now that you could not do before?
Who can you forgive now, you couldn't forgive before?
In what ways do you see that God's love in you has increased?



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### DAY 2 – THE BLESSING OVERCAME THE CURSE

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### STUDY IT

- I. Adam had dominion with his authority in this world.
  - Adam had the authority to give away everything to satan. He committed high treason.
  - Adam could have told the devil to stop talking to Eve and leave, but he didn't take any responsibility in the confrontation.
    - He literally gave this whole earth to the devil.
  - God began right then to get everything back. The plan of Redemption was already in motion.
  
- II. THE BLESSING overcomes the curse.
  - Listen to the voice of The LORD your God, and do what He says—that's faith.
  - God promises to BLESS your *kine*. The Hebrew word is *aleph* and it means *cattle* and *oxen* (Deuteronomy 28:4).
    - In reference to farming, THE BLESSING includes all the equipment and tools you need to do what God has called you to do.
    - You can stand on this promise to get anything and everything you need to accomplish what you need to in the kingdom of God.
    - Brother Copeland used this promise to believe for the Citation X and to put his broadcasts on DIRECTV®.
  - God's WORD is covenant. God promised to BLESS us with all we need.
  
- III. THE BLESSING came in fullness with the arrival of Jesus.
  - The covenant BLESSING can be pictured like a ladder: Adam to Noah to Abraham to Joseph, until they became a nation with Moses, to King David, and culminating with Jesus.



- Whatever God has promised you has to come to pass. He doesn't leave any detail undone.
  - Don't struggle with your rent. Relax! You have a covenant with God.
    - "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock" (Revelation 3:20). Jesus is ready to meet your needs. "My Father and I will come in and eat with you." That's a covenant statement.
    - Jesus is saying, "If you'll let Me, I'll come in and pay your rent. I'll pay off your house."
  - What do you have to do? Listen and obey.
- IV. God's plan is always perfectly timed and correct in every way.
- The Bible gives us the legal line and the bloodline of Jesus.
  - The legal line contained a descendant of David, Jehoiakim, who was cursed by God (2 Kings 24:4).
    - Jehoiakim was under a blood curse. He would not prosper, and his child would not be king (Jeremiah 22:30).
  - For the precedent of the bloodline going through a woman, look at the story of Zelophehad's daughters (Numbers 27:1-11).
    - As the children of Israel prepared to enter the Promised Land, the five daughters of Zelophehad wanted a land inheritance.
    - Their father had died. He didn't believe the Israelites could take the land.
    - Since their father was dead and the girls were not married, they had no land inheritance.
    - Moses asked God what to do about them. God said, "If the woman marries within her tribe, she receives a full inheritance."
- V. Mary married Joseph; both were of the tribe of Judah.
- Because of the precedent, Mary could be in the bloodline for the Messiah.
  - The legal line is from Judah to David, to Solomon, to Joseph, who was married to Mary (Matthew 1:1-16).
  - Mary's bloodline is from Judah to David, to David's son Nathan, not David's son Solomon (Luke 3:23-38).
    - Because of Mary's lineage, Jesus was a King and a Priest (Nathan)
    - We are part of the bloodline. David to Nathan to Mary to Jesus—to us.
  - God is detailed in everything, including what He is doing for you.
    - You can have what you say.
    - You don't have to be sick.





## MAKE IT PERSONAL

As you think about THE BLESSINGS of The LORD as found in Deuteronomy 28:1-14, write down specifically how believing God's promises will improve your life.

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### DAY 3 – THE BLESSING IS IN THE EARTH

Jesus wasn't born on December 25. Greg Stephens unwraps evidence that Jesus was actually born in September. The celebration of Hanukkah is a picture of us as witnesses of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. THE BLESSING is in the earth and His Name is Jesus!

### STUDY

- I. When was Jesus' birthday?
  - Jesus wasn't born on December 25. That's the day the world celebrates it.
  - Jesus was probably born in September of 2 BC.
  - We believe that because:
    - The Bible says that Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape the murder of the boy babies in Bethlehem ordered by Herod.
    - We know from historians that Herod died Jan. 14, 1 BC.
    - Augustus began to rule 41 years before the birth of Jesus, and he died 15 years after Jesus.
    - Augustus died Aug. 19, 14 AD. That again places Jesus' birth at about 2 BC.
    - Historians say that Jesus was born 28 years after Cleopatra, who was born in 30 AD.
  
- II. The feast of Hanukkah, or the Festival of Lights, celebrates the miracle God did in the rededication of the Temple.
  - History tells us a Greek king had brought a pig into the Holy Place and offered it to his god on the holy altar of incense.
    - The Jewish Maccabees overthrew the enemy and knew they had to cleanse and rededicate the Temple from the unholy, abominable sacrifice.
    - As the priests were preparing for the eight days of cleansing, they could only find enough holy oil to keep the lamps burning for one night.
    - They proceeded anyway. Miraculously, the oil did not run out for the full eight days. The cleansing was complete.
  - To be born in September, Jesus would have to have been conceived in December; therefore, Jesus was conceived during Hanukkah.



- Mary dedicated herself to the Holy Spirit, and the Light of the World was conceived in her during the celebration of the Festival of Lights.
- III. The celebration of Hanukkah begins with a menorah, a candleholder, with eight branches.
- The candle in the eighth spot is lit on the first night. It is called the servant light.
    - On the second night, the servant light ignites the candle on the other end.
    - On the third night, the first candle lights the second candle.
    - On the fourth night, the second candle lights the third candle, and so on until all eight candles have been lit.
  - The menorah is put in the window so the light is not hidden.
    - Let your light so shine among men (see Matthew 5:16).
- IV. The Hanukkah menorah is a picture of us as witnesses: We are the servant candle.
- We get someone born again, then they get someone born again, then those people get others born again and the message of Jesus is multiplied.
  - Jesus is teaching about Himself during the Feast of Dedication (see John 10:22). You are the temple. Don't do anything to hinder that light within you.
  - The entrance of God's WORD brings light (see Psalm 119:130).
  - Jesus was angry when He went to the Temple and saw ungodliness being practiced by deceitful buying and selling.
    - The Temple's dedication and holiness needed to be guarded.
  - You need to guard your temple and your church.
- V. THE BLESSING is in the Earth and His Name is Jesus!
- At Jesus' birth, all of heaven invaded Earth. Peace, shalom on earth, good will toward men (Luke 2:14).
  - The sin war separating man and God is over; the ultimate sacrifice is here.
  - The Light of God has come into the world (John 1:4).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Now that Jesus has been crucified, buried, raised from the dead and seated in heaven on the right hand of the Father, all barriers between God and you have been removed. The debt of sin has been forgiven; and you are free to accept the gift of salvation offered by God.

Pray with us:

*Heavenly Father, thank You for saving me from the punishment of sin. Thank You that Jesus died for me and defeated the enemy so I can have eternal life with You! Thank You, Sir, for all You have done for me. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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### DAY 4 – THE PRIESTLY BLESSING

The Bible contains wonders from Genesis to Revelation. God watches over His WORD to perform it. When you are called into the ministry, you have to submit to obey God and represent Him correctly. The priestly BLESSING words were given directly by the Father for the purpose of BLESSING in the Name of The LORD.

### STUDY IT

- I. The Bible contains wonders from Genesis to Revelation. God watches over His WORD to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12).
  - Part of the participation in the covenant was a name change.
    - Saul's name was changed to Paul.
    - Jacob's name was changed to Israel when he wrestled with God (Genesis 32:28).
  - Paul, preaching in Ephesus, introduced the people to "The Unknown God," who is Jesus (Acts 17:23).
  - Your birth was right on track. "I know the plans I have for you and they are good, not evil, and for prosperity" (see Jeremiah 29:11).
  
- II. When you are called into the ministry, you have to submit to obey God and represent Him correctly.
  - Moses struck the rock when he was instructed to *speak* to the rock to get water (Numbers 20:11).
    - The first time the children of Israel needed water in the desert, Moses was to strike the rock. It's a picture of Jesus being beaten for us (Exodus 17:6).
    - The second time they needed water, Moses was to speak to the rock and it would give water showing that after Jesus' crucifixion, we speak The WORD to receive our petitions.
    - However, Moses was angry with the people's continued unbelief, so he struck the rock like he had before.
    - Water came out, but God was angry that Moses had misrepresented Him and did not allow him to go into the Promised Land.



- III. The priestly BLESSING words were given directly by the Father for the purpose of BLESSING in the Name of The LORD (Numbers 6:23-26).
- As a priest, Zacharias was to BLESS in the Name of The LORD, prepare the sacrifices, tend the incense and keep it burning at all times. That's when the angel approached him about having a son in his old age.
  - THE BLESSING spoken by the priest is not just a closing prayer. It's a holy thing.
- IV. The position of the prophet and the priest are two different offices.
- The prophet's primary role was to give the people something to say that God could work with to bring His will into the earth.
    - Since Jesus rose from the dead, we have direct communication with God through the Holy Spirit, and He tells us what words to declare.
  - The priest represented God to the people and the people to God.
    - Every priest had to be a Levite, but not every Levite was a priest.
    - The priest's first responsibility was to minister to The LORD; secondly, he was minister to the people.
    - There was only one high priest, the other priests had rotating responsibilities.
  - The priest wore specific linen garments so he wouldn't sweat.
  - When the priest ministered the priestly BLESSING, he covered his head with a prayer shawl.
    - It was a spiritual and physical BLESSING.
    - He spoke: "Jehovah BLESS you and keep you." God will keep you and add no sorrow to your life.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

God has made you a priest and a king. Therefore, you have the right to speak the priestly BLESSING over yourself and your household. Spend time meditating on this BLESSING and allow the Holy Spirit to teach you exactly what God's BLESSING promises you.

"Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall BLESS the children of Israel, saying unto them, 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. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will BLESS them" (Numbers 6:23-27).

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### DAY 5 – THE BLESSING WILL LIFT YOU UP

THE BLESSING of The LORD will lift you up. God has given righteous men the authority to BLESS. Be God-inside minded all the time. Operating in THE BLESSING.

#### STUDY IT

- I. THE BLESSING of The LORD will lift you up.
  - It was the power of THE BLESSING of The LORD that raised Jesus from the dead.
  - We are BLESSED. We have been made kings and priests unto our God (Revelation 1:6).
  - If God remembered our sins, He couldn't BLESS us. God forgot our sins; we are to forget them!
  
- II. God has given righteous men the authority to BLESS.
  - The priestly BLESSING: "Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall BLESS the children of Israel, saying unto them, 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. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will BLESS them" (Numbers 6:23-27).
  - God will BLESS you and keep you. He will secure THE BLESSING in your life.
  - The light from God's face will shine on you. God will enlighten you to see and know His will.
    - God is not turning His face from you. Like a parent does a child, God lifts you up, He looks up at you and you look down on your Father's happy face.
    - We are seated with Him above all the earth and can see with a new perspective.
  - God will be gracious to you with undeserved love.
  - God will give you His peace, *shalom*—nothing missing, nothing broken.
  
- III. God is in you. Become God-inside minded, all the time.
  - That you "may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth



knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:18-19).

- Unless you realize that God is your Father, your faith will suffer.

IV. Lazarus was raised to life four days after he died.

- The Jews believed that for three days after death, a spirit could come back into his body.
- Jesus' power is not limited to three days.
- At that point, the Gentiles began to believe in Jesus. That pushed the Pharisees to the place they decided to kill Jesus.
- The Sadducees who didn't believe in the Resurrection were looking at Lazarus alive—the resurrection personified.

V. Jesus rose from the dead!

- Jesus said to Mary Magdalene, "Don't touch Me. I haven't yet ascended to My Father" (see John 20:17).
- Jesus had to cleanse the heavenly utensils (Hebrews 9:23-24) from the sin of Adam.
  - Heaven was not fit for a person until Jesus cleansed it with His blood. "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2-3).
  - God had created a virtual paradise in the upper region of the place of the dead. Hell was in the lower region.
  - Jesus led captivity captive (Ephesians 4:8). He took believers from the virtual paradise to actual heaven.
- God lifts you from the natural realm into His realm where you can see. You see, hear and know things that others don't. "Come up here" (Revelation 4:1).
- You are operating in THE BLESSING, not the curse—if you believe.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Live in THE BLESSING. Your life will change! Send us your testimonies. We want to rejoice with you. [Click here to share with us](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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