

# NO MIRACLE NEEDED

## "I Am Blessed"

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*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. [Genesis 12:1-3]*

*Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. [Hebrews 6:14]*

I do not believe anyone would doubt that Abraham was a man of God and extremely blessed. As a matter of fact the Bible tells us, ". . . Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold." [Genesis 13:2]

Abraham is called the "father of many nations", "the father of us all", "the friend of God"; and is recognized as "the father of faith".

Matthew introduced his account of the Gospel this way: *"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."* [Matthew 1:1] Notice the lineage is from Abraham to David and from David to Christ!

We are the body of Christ, heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ (See Galatians 4:7; Romans 8:17).

Also, we are heirs to all the promises that God made to Abraham. *"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* [Galatians 3:29] We

could say the righteous lineage is, Abraham to David, David to Christ, and Christ to the church!

These few scriptures should be enough to convince anyone that God has highly blessed every born again Christian spiritually, physically and materially. I want to emphasize that God has already conferred His blessing on you! You are probably thinking, "Well, I'm a Christian and I live a holy life, why am I not blessed"!"

The reason that thought comes to your mind is because you do not realize who you are in Christ! Remember, it was by faith that Abraham became the friend of God. God blessed Abraham because of his faith, not because of his works of righteousness. ". . . *Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" [Galatians 3:6]

There is no doubt in my mind that some of you may be turned off by what I have said. But please hear me out! My desire is to awaken you to a great truth.

The words bless and blessed basically mean: *to confer a benefit on, to prosper, to bless*. I don't know if you have ever thought about miracles, healings and blessings being different, but they are. Of course any healing or miracle could be characterized as a blessing. However, what I want to relate to you in this article is a blessing that may be beyond anything you have heard.

There are many kinds of blessings, and we have all experienced blessings. Perhaps you received a gift from someone and you thought, "wow, that was a blessing". Yes, blessings come in many forms.

What would be best? To be in health and never need a healing, or be sick, and need God to heal you? Let me put it another way: If you never needed a miracle or healing, what kind of life would you be living?

Let me answer that question for you! You would be living a blessed abundant life! Jesus said, ". . . *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*" [John 10:10]

I know many people only think about possessions when

they read this scripture. However, Jesus said the following about the abundance of possessions, *"And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. [Luke 12:15] "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment." [Luke 12:23]* It is obvious that Jesus considered life (or an abundant life) to be MORE than possessions! What if Jesus also meant living in divine health?

It should be obvious that a miracle can only come when you are in a crisis. Healing only comes when you are sick. If you are living from miracle to miracle, you are living from crisis to crisis. The same is true with healing; you would be living from sickness to sickness! Therefore, miracles and healings are for specific times.

I want you to consider this. If God gave us a blessing that would be constant, it would be better than receiving a healing, or a miracle. I believe there is such a blessing that God has already given! As you read through this message, I pray you will find it, and believe it for yourself.

This is my brand new definition of the word blessed: "No healing or miracle needed here!" I am blessed."

I am convinced the abundant life Jesus promised was the fulfillment of every promise God gave to His people throughout the entire Old Testament. Jesus lived a sinless life and fulfilled the Law. Therefore, all the promises of God were bestowed upon Him.

One Bible scholar estimated there are 7,487 promises in the Bible. Every one of those promises are yours. Being a joint heir with Jesus Christ should now take on an entirely different perspective!

It has always amazed me that some Christians do not believe in the blessings of God! Several years ago I was teaching a series on a prosperous life. After one of the services, a dear saint of God came up to me and said, "I don't want any blessings. That's all people want; more money, more cars, more stuff!" He went on to say, "That prosperity junk is

of the devil!"

Surprisingly, this is the attitude or "mind-set" of some Christians. They are "turned off" by any teaching about prosperity. Somehow folks forget that God blessed His creation from the beginning. Adam and Eve enjoyed tremendous blessings and those blessings came from God. It was His will for them to prosper. His will for man has never changed! *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth".* [3John 1:2]

The Old and New Testaments are filled with God's desire to bless His people spiritually and naturally.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.* [Psalms 103:1-5]

Look at Psalms 103: Forget not all his benefits! According to these five verses: Through Jesus Christ All your iniquities (sins) are forgiven. All your diseases are healed. You Are redeemed from death. God Has crowned you with loving kindness and tender mercies! God Satisfies you with good things! God will renew your youth! These are just a few of the benefits of serving God! Please notice that each benefit is what God *has already done, or is doing!*

In this chaotic troubled world, with all the doom and gloom you read and hear about we tend to forget we are serving a God that has promised us great and marvelous things. *"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."* [2Peter 1:4] Notice, these exceeding great promises are given, not will be given.

In the New Covenant all the promises of God are received by faith. You can only be saved, if you believe!

Works of righteousness will not save anyone. *"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."* [Galatians 2:16]

By this, we understand that we are saved by faith and not by works. Faith will always produce works, but works will never produce faith.

*"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life".* [1John 5:10-12]

Born Again Christians are already saved by their faith in Christ! If you cannot believe this, you will never be blessed by God!

There is a blessed life beyond anything most people have imagined.

After awakening one morning, God spoke to me and said, "You are blessed!" He began to speak these words to me from Matthew chapter five: *"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."* [Matthew 5:3-11]

Twenty years ago the Lord assured me that He was going to bless me! *"I WILL BLESS YOU and YOUR MINISTRY like never before!"* I had always provided our literature,

tapes, CD's, and DVD's at no charge. I didn't use the offerings we received to enrich myself, but used them for the cause of Christ and God has blessed me. This is why He blesses you! You give that others might have! Praise the Lord! Yes, I am blessed! However, I never realized how blessed until recently.

Some of you have followed and supported our ministry for years. You have not sought after material wealth and have been content with the things you have. *"But godliness with contentment is great gain."* [1 Timothy 6:6] I am not suggesting that material wealth is godliness. However, I am suggesting that since you have sought His righteousness, and have been content with what you have, you can be trusted with riches! God is going to bless you abundantly!

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* [Matthew 6:33] My question to every reader is, "Have you sought the kingdom of God? 'Have you sought His righteousness? And did you find it?" If you have sought it and have found it (*"the kingdom is the Holy Ghost"* Rom. 14:17), then my friends, God has promised to bless you with all the things that the world seeks after!

Again Jesus said: *"Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life"* (Mark 10:29-30).

The Word cannot fail! Yes, those that have given and sacrificed will be rewarded! I know some of you are probably thinking that all these blessings will come in the thousand year reign or way up in heaven somewhere; but what did Jesus say? *"But he shall receive an hundredfold NOW IN THIS TIME!"* What will he receive? Houses! Lands! Brothers, Sisters, Mothers and Children! People who sacrifice for Jesus and the Gospel will be abundantly blessed in this life! It's the Word of God! It's God's Law! You reap what you sow! It

cannot fail! I hope you have sown!

What does the world really need today? It can be said in one word, *deliverance*! The church has the healing balm! We have "GOOD NEWS" for a lost and dying world. We have a message from God that will bring an *"abundant life"*. People are sick of religion and are looking for a way out of the bondage that Satan has enslaved them in. They want a better life!

The word Gospel means "Good News"! *"And this gospel of the kingdom (Good News of The Kingdom) shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."* [Matthew 24:14]

The Lord has told me that it was impossible for me to escape His blessings! You may be the type of person that doesn't want material or financial blessings. But they are coming your way! You cannot give without receiving! If you are a giver, you might as well get ready to receive God's blessings.

God is not in Heaven looking down on mankind with vengeance in His heart. I know some people believe that. I believe God is pleased with what I am writing! I believe God wants everyone to know just how Good He is!

Look at this scripture in Psalms: *"Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant."* [Psalms 35:27] I am favoring God's righteous cause by letting you know that God has pleasure in the prosperity of His servants! I want God's people to know, *"If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures."* [Job 36:11]

Space will not allow for all 7,487 promises to be examined, but Deuteronomy chapter twenty-eight sums up many of them.

As we continue, there are three things I want you to keep in mind: (1) These blessings were conditional and based on a person's ability to keep the Law. (2) These blessings are no longer conditional by keeping the Law, they are already

yours through Christ by faith! (3) Our father Abraham was blessed by faith when there was no law.

Deuteronomy 28:1-13: (Verse 1) *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:*

Do you observe and do all His commandments? What is God's commandment to a New Testament Christian? Love! To love God with everything within you and to love your neighbor as yourself. To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ!

Our Lord Jesus Christ has fulfilled all the Law for us! God's blessings are not based on your righteousness anymore! Jesus performed every requirement of God in order for you and I to be blessed!

(Verse 2) *And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.*

Now look at that! All, (not some of them), but all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you. (Not maybe they will)! You can't escape them!

(Verse 3) *Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.*

No matter where you go. No matter where you live. God's blessings will follow you!

(Verse 4) *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.*

(Verse 5) *Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.*

Look at that! Even your children will be blessed because of your obedience and faith! Do you remember what the scripture tells us concerning our obedience to the gospel? Let's read it together: *"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And thy house?" [Acts 16:31]* That is your children! Your farms and gardens are blessed! Your livestock is blessed! Everything you have in your possession is blessed!



(Verse 6) *Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.*

(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.*

Blessed! Going and coming! God will even scatter your enemies before you. Nothing will stand before you if you will believe God's Word!

(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.*

Your storehouse is blessed! Your storehouse is the place you have your savings. You need some savings for God to bless! This means God's blessings will provide more than enough for you. You will have a storehouse! Believe it!

I don't care what anyone says, *you are blessed!* Do you remember, back in the days of Elijah and then Elisha, how God supernaturally sustained two different widow women and the men of God during the times of great trouble?! Because these widow women gave their all, they sacrificed their living and God kept them by His power. On one occasion the oil cruise never failed and on the other occasion, the meal barrel stayed! (Read 1Kings Chapter 17 and 2Kings Chapter 4). God takes care of His chosen. His Word cannot fail!

With the help of the Holy Ghost, I am putting faith in your heart right now! How? By preaching to you the Word of God in this message. The Bible tells us, *"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God!"*

A lot of folks are asking God to give them faith to be healed, but that is not what you need. God's Word declares that you are already healed! *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."* [1Peter 2:24]. And, *you are already blessed!* You just need to believe it! You need to have faith in God's Word! (Verse 9) *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. (Verse 10) 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.*

Afraid of thee! People are going to know that God is with you when you begin believing this Word! When they have not, you will have. When they are in drought, you will have rain. When they are in famine, you will eat. In the Old Testament, people feared God's people because there was no doubt God was with them! They saw how healthy and yes, how wealthy they were. Yes, people will fear (respect) you because they will know that God is with you. As He has said, *"Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord."* You have no need for an AK47 weapon. No, we do not even lift a finger to defend ourselves; God fights our battles for us. It is His promise to us! It is part of His blessings.

*(Verse 11) And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.*

I am in the land that God has promised me. It is everywhere I place my foot. I have been translated into the kingdom of God! I am a new creature in Christ Jesus! *Plenteous in goods.* That is *things* my friends! God is going to give to us abundantly! Plenty of goods, plenty of children, plenty of cattle, and plenty of vegetables and fruits. These things are yours because you have sought the Kingdom. It is God's way of rewarding you! Don't reject the blessings of God, use them for the glory of God! You cannot escape God's blessings! His Word must be fulfilled! Can't you see? God's Blessings is His Law! You sow, you reap! It is as simple as that! You can't get around it. You don't have to ask God to bless you! If you are a born again Christian and you believe God's Word, it is impossible for you not to be blessed! It is God's law of sowing and reaping!

If you are not being blessed it is because you have

fallen into unbelief (which is a sin) concerning God's blessings. In other words, the devil has told you that you can't have anything, and it is God's will for you to be poor; and you believed it. My friends, that is a lie!

God's will is for you to prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers! Tell the devil he is a liar! God has challenged you and I to feed and clothe the poor, as well as reach every human being with the Gospel of the Kingdom. If you and I are poor, how can you obey our Lord? Simply put, the poor cannot feed and clothe the poor! Neither can the poor finance the preaching of the gospel world-wide!

*(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.*

Everything you put your hand to will be blessed! It doesn't matter if you are a farmer, painter, carpenter, salesman, or factory worker, preacher, or businessman, God will bless your labor! God has promised us that we would not borrow, but lend! If there was ever a scripture we need to believe and apply to our lives to, this is the one! It is not God's will for us to borrow and be in debt! God wants to bless us! This is God's Law! That settles it for me! I am going to believe God's Word! How about you?

Children of God you have got to rebuke this old poverty spirit that has gripped the minds of real Christians everywhere!

Get this in your heart: Sickness, Disease AND Poverty is of the devil. Satan has succeeded in convincing God's children that they shouldn't have money or possessions. This idea is the opposite of what God has said!

I want you to get this deep within your heart! I say again, how can you possibly obey what Jesus told us concerning feeding, clothing and giving lodging to people when you don't have any money?! How can you obey His commandment to give, when you have nothing to give? Jesus said these words in Luke 6:38: *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together,*

*and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*

Don't limit God's blessings in your life! Everything comes by faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Why would anyone refuse God's will for them?! God wants you to be blessed in order for you to be a blessing!

(Verse 13) *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:*

God said, you are the head and not the tail. You are above and not beneath. *"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." [Psalms 91:10]* If no plague can come close to you, would you not have divine health! Of course you would! *"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee." [Psalms 91:5-7]* None of these things will come near us!

God has promised us divine protection from all these things! Let me remind you that when the children of God were in the wilderness, there was not a feeble one among them. That is divine health! *"He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes." [Psalms 105:37]*

Those are a few of the blessings God said would come to pass in the lives of His people if they would be obedient to the Old Covenant. Now, how much greater covenant do we have under the dispensation of Grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ? We are under a BETTER covenant with BETTER promises! Now this is powerful! You see everything that we have read thus far has been tremendous, but now we see that God has given us an even *better promise!* New Testament

saints not only qualify for all those blessings promised under the Old Covenant, but we also have eternal life abiding in us! Glory to God! This is the abundant life that Jesus spoke about!

Think about it. If God promised these great blessings to those under the Old Covenant, before Christ came, what more glorious blessings has He in store for those that have accepted Jesus as Lord?!

I don't believe we have fully comprehended The New Covenant. The New Covenant is a covenant of faith! Faith is what pleases God! *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* [Hebrews 11:6] Faith is simply believing God's Word. If God said it, it is so. But, the burden is on every individual to believe what God has said. Either we believe, or we don't believe.

You can disallow the blessings of God in your life through unbelief! Unbelief can also prevent salvation, or healing in your life. Remember the children in the wilderness fell because of *unbelief*. You are saved by grace through faith! You are also healed by the same faith, and you will be blessed by the same faith! You have got to believe! Remember, *"All things are possible to him that believeth"*.

Satan has stolen your blessings! He has stolen your joy! He has stolen your peace! He has stolen every good gift that God has given you, and now it is time to take them back!

How? By believing God's Word and by resisting the lies of the devil!

The world is filled with poverty, sickness, despair, drudgery, misery, gloom, doom, despair and death! These are all works of the devil! The devil steals, plunders and kills, but Jesus came to give life, and life more abundantly!

There is nothing we did to deserve it! God gave it to us! The only way to escape it is unbelief! Jesus said, *"It's the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"*.

*"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in*

*heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11)*

That's God's Word! Let me ask you a question. What is in your heart? What is your desire? What do you really need or want from Jesus? Let me say this in closing. If your heart is toward God and you desire to please Him, and to do good for others; I believe it will be impossible for you to escape the blessings of God. You need only to accept and believe this message and let it become a part of your everyday walk with God. If you will believe, be obedient in your giving, and have faith in God you will soon witness God's blessings in your own life.

You are born into this Kingdom! You have royal blood flowing through your veins. Jesus has made you an heir of God and a joint heir with Him! What He has is yours! It is His gift to you for your simple obedience through faith in Him.

*"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:22-24)*

Look at that word whosoever a moment. Whosoever asks receives! You are a whosoever. Have faith in God! He wants to bless you abundantly! He has said, He will not hold back any good thing from them that love Him!

For those of you that understands and believes this message, I pray you will be bold enough to press unto the level of faith required to live in this powerful blessing God has provided. I pray you will never, never need another healing or miracle! If you believe it, you can have it. Be Blessed!

Never forget! Jesus did it all for us! *"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." [2Corinthians 1:20]*