## Blessings from a Father

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

### INTRODUCTION

To truly understand how blessings flow from our Father God through both natural fathers and spiritual fathers, we must first understand the biblical term "father." The Old Testament Hebrew and the New Testament Greek are almost identical, so the following definition is true for both.

**Father** 

= the generator, originator, transmitter with responsibility of nourishing, protecting, and upholding

More expressly, Paul refers to himself in 1 Corinthians 4:15 as one who stands in a father's place and looks after another in a paternal way. Literally, this means the author of a family or society of persons characterized by the same spirit as himself, one who has infused his own spirit into others, who activates and governs their lives (literal Greek).

So, before blessing through a father can flow, his spirit must be aligned with the Father of spirits (**Hebrews 12:9**) so that God's Spirit can impart to those being blessed. We must examine:

- I. How the blessing flows from God to and through men
- II. The critical actions of obedience and impartation
- III. Break and reverse the Curse
- IV. Blessing flows out from within the heart through words decreed

## I. HOW THE BLESSING FLOWS FROM GOD TO AND THROUGH MEN

A. God our Father - Father of our spirit Hebrews 12:9

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Romans 8:15-16 v.15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. v.16 The <u>Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:</u>

- B. Fathers in the natural
  - 1. Difference between conception and nurturing a child
  - 2. Natural fathers can bring blessing or curse.
- Fathers who do not love and obey God bring curse to their generations until someone is BORN AGAIN!

  Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- Faith Blesses Abraham blessed Isaac, who blessed Jacob read Genesis 27

  Genesis 25:11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi.

Genesis 27:28-29 v.28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

v.29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

- C. Fathers in the faith
- 1. The man who sows into your spirit the revelation knowledge of the Lord through the Gospel and takes responsibility over you to God is one who is nourishing, protecting, and upholding.

1 Corinthians 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have <u>ye not many fathers: for</u> in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

2. This man also leads by faith's example and trains you through the Word. **Hebrews 13:7-8, 17** v.7 Remember them which have the rule (Guide) over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation (lifestyle). v.8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. v.17 Obey (be fully persuaded) them that have the rule (Guide) over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

## II. THE CRITICAL ACTIONS OF OBEDIENCE AND IMPARTATION

A. Obedience puts you into the mainstream of blessing.

**Deuteronomy 28:15** But it shall come to pass, <u>if thou wilt not hearken</u> unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

**Deu. 28:1-2** v.1 And it shall come to pass, <u>if thou shalt hearken</u> 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: v.2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

**Deuteronomy 11:26-28** v.26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; v.27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: v.28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

B. Be willing and obedient.

**Isaiah 1:18-20** v.18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. v.19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: v.20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

- C. Impartation must flow through willing and obedient people.
- 1. Impartation of blessing = to bestow upon another a share or portion of good will, favor, success, prosperity; to set apart by blood to God's holy purpose
- 2. Impartation can be released through laying on of hands, but it is always released by speaking forth Gods' words of Good Will!
- III. BREAK AND REVERSE THE CURSE! Speaking with authority and breaking curse and all spiritual wickedness in Jesus Name!
  - 1. The Word as a sword

Hebrews 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. <sup>10</sup>For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup>Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. <sup>14</sup>Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. <sup>16</sup>For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

2. The Word as a hammer & fire

**Jeremiah 23:28** The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. <sup>20</sup>Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is night hee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

3. The Name of Jesus is above every name

**Philippians 2:9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# IV. BLESSINGS FLOW OUT FROM WITHIN THE HEART THROUGH WORDS DECREED

A. Heart's release of blessing

**Proverbs 4:23** Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

1. The heart can be evil.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

2. Receive a new heart – Put on Christ! - Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- B. The mouth decrees blessing.

James 3:8-13 v.8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. v.9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. v.10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. v.11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? v.12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. v.13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof

C. Decree blessing! — <u>Declare the Father's Day Blessing</u> (Declare at home this blessing as well) **Ezekiel 34:25-31** 

Worship God through your First-Fruits, Tithes, Offerings, and Sacrifices!

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. '' And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. '2 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

On this Sunday, the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ, June Eighteenth, Two Thousand Twenty Two, at Victory Christian Fellowship Church, New Castle, Delaware, through Pastor Gary V. Whetstone and The Fathers of like faith, the following Blessing is irrevocably released into my life.

In the authority of Jesus' name, and as witnesses, are the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, God's Holy Scripture, the power of the Blood of Jesus, God's angels and His Church, who attest and decree AMEN FOREVER!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. His blessing to Abraham is in Christ imparted to my life, family, and all generations through me until Jesus returns.

"In blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed"

The Lord bless you, and keep you: The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

The name of the Lord Jesus is decreed this day over you and your family forever: be blessed in the city, blessed in the field, blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord commands blessing upon you in your storehouses and in all that you set your hand to. When the enemies of life arise against you, they shall be smitten before your face and flee seven ways; as for you and your house, you will serve the Lord. Blessed is the fruit of your body; with long life He shall satisfy you and show you His salvation. Healing and health by the stripes of Jesus be yours. Wisdom and strength, righteousness and truth shall be your garments. Your ways shall please the Lord and even your enemies shall be at peace with you. Blessed shall you be, for your sins are remitted. The Lord blesses all the work of your hand and you shall lend unto many nations and not borrow. The Lord shall make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only and you shall not be beneath. There shall no evil befall you; neither shall any plague come nigh your dwelling, for the angels of the Lord are ever present to keep guard over you. The Lord shall be your judge and advocate, your lawyer; no longer shall self-defense rule.

From this day and forever shall the purpose of the Lord and His steps prevail in all your ways.

Be blessed with foresight, insight and a sound mind. Joy shall be your strength, with goodness and mercy following you all the days of your life.

Love, acceptance and favor shall continually surround you as a shield. You are blessed above all principalities, power, might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come. You rule through Him!

The Lord God Almighty is with you to perform all that has been decreed, for His Word shall abide forever. Heaven and Earth are your inheritance, as you are His heir.

In the matchless name of God our Father and as Joint-Heirs with Christ, all blessings through the Name of Jesus and the Blood of Jesus are hereby invoked!