

THE BLESSING

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Genesis 12:1-3

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Numbers 23:1-23, Proverbs 10:22, Galatians 3:13-14, & 29

PRAYER

Thank You Lord for backing me to succeed. Because of Your generational blessing upon my life, I declare that everything I set my hands to do prospers. Your blessings make me rich without sorrows; and I will never again labor under the yoke of any curse, in Jesus' name.

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

The blessing of God is a divine empowerment that triggers divine favor; it is an enablement to succeed. It is the invisible goodwill that produces the visible good things we see in life; and it suggests that the God who has spoken is backing you up to fulfill it. The effect of the blessing of God was evident in the lives of the Jewish Patriarchs, starting from Abraham. After God blessed Abraham on their first encounter in Genesis 12, he went on to prosper on all fronts (spirit, soul, body and in business) in later chapters of the book of Genesis.

Genesis 25:5-6 records that, Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac; but gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which he had. Clearly what Abraham gave Isaac was beyond material wealth, because when there was famine in the land of the Philistines in Gerar where Isaac lived, he sowed in the land and reaped his harvests until he became exceedingly prosperous to the point of attracting envy. The blessing 'pronounced' upon him by Abraham was at work when a 'desert' land was producing a bountiful harvest for him. Of course, God blessed Isaac also, which was the reason for his success (Genesis 26:1-6, &12-16).

Esau wept bitterly and cried out for his father's blessing when he learnt that his brother Jacob had deceived their father and received the blessing that was supposed to come to him as the first son. He hated Jacob because he understood what the blessing could do in someone's life. When Jacob left home to live with his uncle Laban, he left with just a staff; but, he returned as a prosperous nation – rich in all things. The blessing on his life empowered him to be successful (See Genesis 27:30-41, Genesis 32:9-10).

Jacob also passed the blessing to his sons; and since then the blessing has been passed down to their genealogy until the Son of promise (Jesus Christ) came on the scene. By His death and resurrection; Christ made us (believers) recipients of 'the blessing' which empowers us to succeed in all spheres of engagement. Somehow, by some erroneous beliefs, some believers still think they are operating under a generational curse; forgetting that who God has blessed, no man can curse! You have to live daily in the consciousness that you have, through Christ, inherited the blessing of God with a divine confirmation; God is backing you up to succeed. As we saw earlier, the blessing is activated by verbal pronouncements, therefore, open your mouth and declare the blessing upon your children, upon your body, your business, your marriage, your family, and your products and services. And if indeed they are blessed, then you will succeed in life.

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