



YOU ARE
BLESSED

IN THE CITY & IN THE FIELD (SUBURBS TOO)....

Deuteronomy 28:3

THE BLESSING!

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I recently met a man before starting my work day. I gave a familiar salutation and asked, "How are you doing?" He replied, "I'm blessed!" I proceeded to inquire what he meant by his reply, but like many, he was just accustomed to saying "I'm blessed" without any understanding of what it meant.

The word *ble*ss in Hebrew is the word "Barak" and it is usually translated "to bless," which indicates the action of pronouncing good things upon the recipient. It is speaking over something or someone words that, after spoken, are irrevocably attached to that person.

The Hebrew word used for *word* is "debar" (or devar), which is an intangible thing. Figuratively speaking, it is a vehicle by which you transport a thought or desire; a vessel that invisibly rides the waves of communication, and without fail arrives at its destination.

Pronouncing a blessing over someone carries a sense of inevitability such that, once uttered, the words cannot be retracted or revoked. When God blesses, it is not an empty or impotent wish or desire; rather, it becomes the empowering and transforming Word that accomplishes His purpose.

When God speaks over you, according to Isaiah 55:11, the Words He speaks will not return void or empty, but will accomplish that which He pleases and shall (the strongest word in the English language) prosper in the thing where unto it was sent.

Ironically, the words God has spoken over you can have little or no impact on your life if you (the recipient) do not know or are not privy to the proclamation. There are those who disagree. They say, "What you don't know, won't hurt you."

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Well that is a lie straight from the devil. According to Hosea 4:6, God said my people are destroyed (perish) for a lack of knowledge. Without knowledge or awareness of what God has said, it is virtually impossible for you to agree with Him. Agreeing with God brings what you desire from the spirit realm, thereby causing it to manifest in the natural.

To summarize, we can only believe to the point of our revelation, understanding and knowledge of the Word of God. If we are to live victorious, overcoming lives while here on the earth, it is vitally important for us to know the words God has spoken concerning us. We must know how He has blessed (spoken over or eulogized) us.

The term *eulogia* is Greek for "a blessing". (Strong's Concordance) In our modern society, the eulogy is pronounced at a person's funeral when the pastor, family members or friends speak well of the person's life. However, God has eulogized us in that He spoke well of us beforehand, so that we could live an abundant, full and prosperous life. His desire is that we live out our lives in peace (Hebrew - *shalom*, Greek - *eiréné*): whole, complete, with nothing missing, and nothing broken.

Words spoken can be categorized as an element of grace (God's abundant favor) and peace (wholeness), but grace and peace manifests and is multiplied to us through the knowledge of God and what He has said concerning us.

How can we ensure that we live out our lives equivalent to what God has preordained or pronounced? We must first determine exactly what He has said.



Next, we must place our faith in His Word. If faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, then our faith can be measured only by how much of the Word (will) of God we know and do.

Our main priority should be to set ourselves to know (become intimately acquainted with) the Word of God such that we gain all the insight and wisdom afforded us in Christ Jesus. Then when we say we are blessed, it is not merely a reply to a salutation, but a full, complete manifestation and reality. *Shalom!*

*"How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is!
He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him.
Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind,
Had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.
Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.
(What pleasure he took in planning this!)
He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving
By the hand of his beloved Son."
(Ephesians 1:3, MSG)*

