

The blessing of God is the goodness and favour of God.

Genesis 1:1 (NLT) - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:28a (NLT) - Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it."

What is a channel of blessing?

The person who chooses to receive the goodness and favour of God and allows it to overflow into the lives of those around them.

Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT) - The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

1. The Submission

Submission: yielding to a superior force or to the will or authority of another person.

Genesis 12:1 (NLT) - The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you."

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NLT) - "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. ²You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God."

2. The Source

Genesis 12:2a (NLT) - "I will make you into a great nation."

Psalms 16:2 (NLT) - I said to the Lord, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you."

3. The Substance

Genesis 12:2b-3 (NLT) - "I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Acts 3:25-26 (NLT) - "You are the children of those prophets, and you are included in the covenant God promised to your ancestors. For God said to Abraham, 'Through your descendants all the families on earth will be blessed.' ²⁶When God raised up his servant, Jesus, he sent him first to you people of Israel, to bless you by turning each of you back from your sinful ways."

Blessings under The Old Covenant

Land on Earth

Resources

Protection from Enemies

Blessings under The New Covenant.

Land in Heaven

The Holy Spirit

Armour of God

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT) - "But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. ⁸They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit."

Study Questions

1. Considering what you heard on Sunday, how has your understanding of "blessed" or "blessing" changed?
2. The material blessings of this world fade away. Do you understand what "spiritual blessings" are?
3. Read Ephesians 1:3-7 and take note of what the author refers to as "blessings".
4. The greatest blessing is to have your sins forgiven and by God's grace you can live for eternity with your creator. Do you know Jesus? You can receive this blessing today! Pray this: Dear heavenly Father, I know that there is sin in my heart and only your son Jesus can set me free. I choose to believe in Jesus Christ, His death, and resurrection. Thank you for accepting me and forgiving me for all my sins. I give my life to you, now and forever. Amen!