

“Praying to be a Blessing”

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

(Acts 10:38)

Seed of Blessing

Genesis 12:1-3 – ¹ “Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you,

and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Galatians 3:7-9, 16 – ⁷ “Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed.’ ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, ‘And to offsprings,’ referring to many, but referring to one, ‘And to your offspring,’ who is Christ.”

Source of Blessings

Ephesians 1:3 – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.”

1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

Choosing to be a Blessing when it is Difficult

Matthew 5:44-45 – ⁴⁴ “But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; ⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” (KJV)

Romans 12:14 – “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.”

1 Corinthians 4:12-13 – ¹² “...When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we entreat...”

Prayer to be a Blessing

Psalms 67:1-7 – ¹ “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah ² that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. ⁷ God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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