#### 5. BLESSING INCLUDES PEACE AND JOY

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV) You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

Truth: Peace (Hebrew: shalom) includes wholeness, safety, and calm stability—a blessing from God.

Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV) Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Truth: God's joy is part of His blessing and gives strength and endurance.

**Romans 14:17 (NKJV)** For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Truth: Peace and joy are essential ingredients of living in God's kingdom—a blessed life.

#### 6. EXAMPLES OF OTHER BLESSED PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE

Isaac – Genesis 26:12–13 — "The LORD blessed him... the man began to prosper and continued prospering until he became very prosperous."

Jacob – Genesis 30:43 — "Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous."

Joseph – **Genesis 39:2–3** — "The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man... and the LORD made all he did to prosper."

David – 1 Chronicles 29:28 — "He died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor."

# Abraham's call included a powerful seven-fold blessing:

- "I will make you a great nation."
- "I will bless you."
- "I will make your name great."
- "You shall be a blessing."
- "I will bless those who bless you."
- "I will curse him who curses you."
- "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

This covenant introduces God's redemptive plan through Abraham. We are part of a better covenant.

**CONCLUSION: GOD'S WILL IS TO BLESS HIS PEOPLE** 



### The Blessing of Abraham

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Galatians 3:6 (NLT) In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

Galatians 3:7 (NLT) The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. Galatians 3:8 (NLT) What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you."

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Galatians 3:9 (NLT) So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

Galatians 3:10 (NLT) But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law."

**Galatians 3:11 (NLT)** So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

**Galatians 3:12 (NLT)** This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."

**Galatians 3:13 (NLT)** But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

**Galatians 3:14 (NLT)** Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:26 (NLT) For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Galatians 3:27 (NLT)** And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Galatians 3:28 (NLT) There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:29 (NLT) And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

**Genesis 1:22 (NLT)** Then God blessed them, saying, "**Be fruitful and multiply**. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."

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.

**Genesis 12:2 (NLT)** I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

**Genesis 12:3 (NLT)** I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

**Genesis 12:4 (NLT)** So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

## Environment is very important.

**Proverbs 13:20 (NKJV)** He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Psalm 1:1–3 (NKJV) Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly... But his delight is in the law of the LORD... He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water...

**1 Corinthians 12:18 (NKJV)** But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

#### SIX TRUTHS CONCERNING BLESSING

#### 1. GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE BLESSED

**Psalm 35:27 (NKJV)** Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, 'Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.'

Truth: God takes pleasure in blessing His servants with well-being and success.

**Deuteronomy 28:1–14 (NKJV – summarized)** The LORD your God will set you high above all nations... Blessed shall you be in the city and in the country... The LORD will command the blessing... in all to which you set your hand.

Truth: Obedience leads to overflowing blessings in family, finances, health, leadership, and influence.

**3 John 2 (NKJV)**Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Truth: God desires total-life prosperity—spiritual, physical, and material well-being.

#### 2. ABRAHAM WAS BLESSED

Genesis 13:2 (NKJV) Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

**Genesis 24:1 (NKJV)** Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

Truth: Abraham's blessing covered wealth, health, long life, family, and favor—a complete life of blessing.

**Galatians 3:9 (NKJV)** So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

**Galatians 3:29 (NKJV)**And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Truth: New Covenant believers inherit the same covenant blessing that Abraham received.

#### 3. BLESSING INCLUDES ABUNDANCE AND PROVISION

**Proverbs 10:22 (NKJV)** The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.

Truth: God's blessing includes material increase without emotional or spiritual distress.

**Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)** And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Truth: God supplies every need, not according to lack or limitations, but His riches.

**2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

Truth: God provides abundantly so you can be generous and overflow in good works.

#### 4. BLESSING INCLUDES HEALTH AND LONG LIFE

Exodus 15:26 (NKJV) I am the LORD who heals you.

Truth: Health is part of God's covenant identity. He reveals Himself as the Healer (Jehovah-Rapha).

Psalm 103:2–5 (NKJV) Bless the LORD... who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases... who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Truth: Blessing includes forgiveness, healing, satisfaction, and renewal.