

Generational Blessings

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A HEBRAIC UNDERSTANDING TO MAN'S PURPOSE AND A LIFE OF ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

We have been studying the Hebraic roots of our faith to fully understand God's **purpose for our lives**, i.e. how do we walk in obedience to His Will.

God Creates Man:

Man is uniquely made by God. Science has proved that every person is exclusively different in:

- our finger prints
- our DNA samples

And yet we are all **created in God's Image**:

Genesis 1:26 *"26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness..."*

God expressly pre-determines these individual characteristics:

Ps. 139:13-17 *"13 For You **did form my inward parts**; You **did knit me together** in my mother's womb.*

14 I will confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well.

*15 My **frame was not hidden from You** when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery].*

*16 Your **eyes saw my unformed substance**, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.*

17 How precious and weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!"

Jeremiah 1:5 *"5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN

God did not place us on earth only to be in right standing with Him, but there is so much more. Clearly we were consecrated to prepare a place of intimacy so that God can be revealed to the nations. This irrevocable calling was given by God to Adam and Eve.

Can we better define the Word "Purpose"?

We know that we are created in God's Image.

We know that we have been given a "calling".

Romans 11:29 *"29 For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]"*

"Calling" – Greek Strong's 2821 κλησις **klēsis**:

Has the meaning of:

- to be called forth

OR

- an invitation.

So what are we invited / called forth to be? Our Purpose!!

"Purpose" – Hebrew Strong's 2803 צָוָה **chashab**:

Which means to:

- weave;

- plait / interpenetrate;

- to fabricate.

Prov. 15:22 *"22 Where there is no counsel, **purposes** are frustrated, but with many counselors they are **accomplished**."*

Prov. 20:18 *"18 Purposes and plans are **established** by counsel; and [only] with good advice make or carry on war."*

Nugget of Truth: We therefore have to take our **Redemptive gift and weave / plait it into the Body of Messiah** in such a way so as to ensure that the whole body is strengthened / purified.

Eccl. 3:1, 17 *"1 TO EVERYTHING there is a season, and a time for every matter or **purpose** under heaven:*

17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time [appointed] for every matter and purpose and for every work."

(We will deal with this practically a little while later on in the notes.)

Purpose: Hebrew Strong's 2656 – צֶהֱדָה **chephets** (343a); from 2654a; *delight, pleasure*:—care(1), delight(8), delightful(2), delights(1), desirable things(1), desire(10), desired(2), event(1), good pleasure(3), matter(1), pleased(1), pleasure(3), precious(1), sight(1), undesirable*(2), what you desire(1).

Nugget of Truth: It tells us that we **each** have a specific unique **time** allocated to us to perform God's Will on earth.

Rom. 8:28 *"28 We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and **purpose**."*

Rom. 9:11 *"11 And the children were yet unborn and had so far done nothing either good or evil. Even so, in order further to carry out God's **purpose** of selection (election, choice), which depends not on works or what men can do, but on Him Who calls [them],"*

"Purpose" – Greek Strong's 4286 πρόθεσις **prothesis**:

Which means to:

- set forth
- make a proposal.

Nugget of Truth: It tells us that we have a unique / specific purpose to **reveal our redemptive gift** in the same way that the “showbread in the temple is exposed to God”.

The focus of this book is therefore to encourage believers to take up their mandate to take dominion under the authority of a father’s blessing.

AUTHORITY OF BLESSING

Gen 1:27 *“27 So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

There are multiple teachings about what it means to be “made in God’s Image.”

We look at one aspect of how we are **made in God’s Image: To Bless.**

The Power Of Blessing

Each male/father is seen as the Priest of his family and the home is seen as a sanctuary. **The father declares these words over his family.**

Num. 6:24-27 *“24 The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you;
25 The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you;
26 The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).
27 And **they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.**”*

Since we have accepted Jesus as Messiah and are now grafted into the natural olive, i.e. we who are now Israelites in the spirit. We need to make sure that we keep God’s Commandments to speak out the blessing over His nation and children.

a) The Power of Blessing

A specific spiritual moment in time when we are able to strengthen our individual bond with God and raise our sights to fulfill our potential.

The Torah shows us a picture of God as Father – as soon as Adam and Eve have been created, He **blesses** them – words of life, direction and vision.

Not long after that He commands Aaron to speak these Words of Life and connectivity over all the children of Israel:

As the priest in our own home, we are commanded to do the same. As we “**put**” **God’s Name on each child** so too do we declare their worth and purpose:

Num. 6:23,27 *“22 And the Lord said to Moses,
23 Say to Aaron and his sons, This is the way you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them...
...27 And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”*

b) Circle of Blessing

GOD

BLESSING

GEN. 1:28

FATHER

NUM. 6:22-27

FAMILY

GIFT

ROM. 12:6-8

COMMUNITY

ROM. 12:4-6

THANKSGIVING

GEN. 12:3

c) Blessing passes through the Father

Gen. 12:3 *“And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].”*

Fathers build houses – words of faith by the father are the keys to unlocking God’s purpose.

The Role of The Father

Webster:

Father: The one that gives us significance.

GOD’S MANDATE TO FATHERS

· To bless - “*baruch*”:

- To kneel down before someone.
- To empower to prosper
- To succeed in marriage, finances, health, career, ministry, etc.
- To have a pleasant, fulfilling journey

Blessing = God's impartation of identity and destiny

Father's Lifestyle:

Humbleness to God - Sons

Servanthood to community. New

Testament: we are "servants".

Hebrew letter Gimmel

In its picture form it is a camel – a symbol of blessing. In order to use the camel, it has to kneel.

This is the image that a father should give to his family.

GOD'S MANDATE TO FATHERS IS TO BLESS CHILDREN

The Role of The Father

The father's role is parallel to the role of the priest in the Old Testament.

The priest had the authority to declare whether something was:

- **clean or unclean,**
- **legitimate or illegitimate,**
- **acceptable or unacceptable.**

The father publicly declares authority and blessing which gives the child the right to exist – legitimacy.

If the father rejects the baby, then a very powerful curse of illegitimacy is released on the baby.

Parental Rejection

Mom finds out that she is pregnant, but when she tells her husband, he feels that the timing is inappropriate. He not only has a temper-tantrum but a demonic manifestation as well. That is very traumatic for the child's spirit, which turns inward – like a satellite dish that is unable to get reception.

Parental Curses

Father does not legitimize / speaks curses.

The spirit of the child turns its back on the world.

Even the baby has grown up, their spirit does not grow. The spirit does not receive anything that is sent in its direction. Because the spirit was traumatized at the moment of the announcement, it does not want to risk anymore assault, and therefore it turns its back to the world.

These are the individuals who have no connections with God – they have never experienced God.

They get saved as an act of the soul – they understand the theology – they may even be effective Bible teachers in Church – they are vigorously engaged in life – they are being religious to the best of their ability but they marvel at the individuals around them who are connecting with God – they just know about God.

People that have been traumatized in this way will need a safe person to be able to minister to the spirit - counsellors / prayer ministers that are very gentle and non-confrontive.

You simply speak into the direction of that spirit, beginning by giving them permission to not turn around. The spirit has a sense of guilt over not participating, a sense of fear – the guilt and fear are both mixed in.

"I understand that you have been traumatized. I understand you have every reason not to want to listen to me or anybody else. It is okay for you to keep your back turned while I am speaking to you."

Gently speak the reality of how they are designed (all the things we speak when building liberty / legitimacy) – God willed them into existence and God liked the way He made them.

Foundationally their liberty / legitimacy has been challenged – foundationally their right to exist has been rejected and disowned by the father.

Even if the father later is reconciled to the pregnancy long before the child is born, becomes excited about welcoming this child – this will not change the child's heart because he / she has already turned its back on the father.

Your job as a counsellor / prayer minister is to say:

"Spirit, you are very valuable and I am going to be here for you for as long as it takes – I am going to show you love even if you are not free to love back. I want to give you permission to keep your back turned on me because I know you have had a very unsafe experience."

It is crucial that you communicate to the person's spirit that God did not enter into agreement with the statement made by the earthly father.

Fathers and Priesthood

In the New Testament we are all presented as members of the Royal Priesthood – there is no gender differentiation.

In the Old Testament the priesthood was masculine. The father was the original priest of the household.

The priestly cast was an aberration. In the New Testament, God restored the norm of all believers being priests.

Originally God intended Israel to be a nation of priests to the nations of the world and due to the sin of the Golden Calf, that national anointing of priesthood was concentrated in one tribe – but that was an aberration.

In the original contact between God and man, the patriarch – the man – the grandfather – the head of the household – was the priest.

Job illustrated that as in a pre-Abrahamic context – he offered sacrifices for all of his sons.

The role of the priest is to determine the acceptability of man to God.

For example:

If there was a leper in the camp, this person is unacceptable to God and mankind.

She gets healed – she goes through all the ceremonies that the priesthood required – and it is the priest who would finally say:

"You are clean. You are acceptable. You are no longer alienated. You are included again in the community."

The authority to pass judgment and say: *"This is pleasing to God and this is not"*, was very much a part of priesthood.

The most important part was after the judgment was passed – it was then the priest's job to make the person clean – to make the person acceptable to God.

That is an incredible authority that the father carries. When that new spirit in the womb is assessed as unacceptable to the father, the message of being unacceptable to God is inadvertently communicated.

MINISTRY – A WORD TO PRAYER MINISTERS:

"I understand that there may have been rejection by your father but let me talk about your Heavenly Father. Let me show you how He sees you because He sees you differently than your earthly father."

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE GRECO-ROMAN UNDERSTANDING OF BLESSING AND THAT OF THE HEBREW THOUGHT PATTERN

The modern church has moved quickly to "claim" the blessing of the Covenant. They do so by faith while rejecting the responsibility of a life of obedience under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to the Torah / Word of God.

This Greco-Roman mindset sees the principle of blessing as a means to a life of provision, wealth / success. In other words it becomes a principle of **what can God do for me?**

The gifts and talent are for my use – often we put this thought pattern behind a veil which says – "I am blessed **so that I can** bless God's work".

The Hebrew thought pattern is the direct opposite, namely I have been empowered / blessed so that I can serve God. This thinking sees the blessing not as an end goal or result but a means to **achieve God's purposes**.

This thinking pattern implies that I have a **mission** to fulfill. We need to define our end goal **before** we start to visit the Torah to make the most out of our blessings.

Our Mission From A Hebraic Point Of View

The New and Old Testaments both reflect this mission clearly. We are to be “Sons of God”.

Sons of God will always be faithful to protect / obey the Father’s House.

The Book of Hebrews tells us that:

1. **Moses** was faithful in building the Father’s House (the Tabernacle) that pointed to the Messiah,
2. **Yeshua** faithfully demonstrated a Role-model of a Father that we can hold fast onto until the very end.

Hebrews 3:1-6 *“1 SO THEN, brethren, consecrated and set apart for God, who share in the heavenly calling, [thoughtfully and attentively] consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest Whom we confessed [as ours when we embraced the Christian faith].*

2 [See how] faithful He was to Him Who appointed Him [Apostle and High Priest], as Moses was also faithful in the whole house [of God].

3 Yet Jesus has been considered worthy of much greater honor and glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house [itself].

4 For [of course] every house is built and furnished by someone, but the Builder of all things and the Furnisher [of the entire equipment of all things] is God.

5 And Moses certainly was faithful in the administration of all God’s house [but it was only] as a ministering servant. [In his entire ministry he was but] a testimony to the things which were to be

spoken [the revelations to be given afterward in Christ].

6 But Christ (the Messiah) was faithful over His [own Father’s] house as a Son [and Master of it]. And it is we who are [now members] of this house, if we hold fast and firm to the end our joyful and exultant confidence and sense of triumph in our hope [in Christ].”

Many believers who think that the Old Testament is “Law” will tell us that the Jews failed because of the “things” of the Law.

Moses, Paul tells us, was faithful to his house as servant.

Hebrews 3:5 *“5 And Moses certainly was faithful in the administration of all God’s house [but it was only] as a ministering servant. [In his entire ministry he was but] a testimony to the things which were to be spoken [the revelations to be given afterward in Christ].*

This tells us that the Israelites were **never judged** because they failed on various “points of Law”, but, because of a **lack of faith**.

We see that the times of judgment – where they go into bondage to a foreign king is after times of serious idolatry / rebellion.

What does this rebellion really mean? It is those times when we chase after man’s own ego / self.

We change to a pagan viewpoint, namely **what will God do for me?**

- Bless me
- heal me,
- make me happy

Hebrews 3:10 *“10 And so I was provoked (displeased and sorely grieved) with that generation, and said, **They always err and are led astray in their hearts**, and they have not perceived or recognized My ways and become progressively better and more experimentally and intimately acquainted with them.”*

Our mission or Heavenly Calling (**Heb 3:1**) is most clearly set out below.

Deuteronomy 6:1-3 *“1 NOW THIS is the instruction, the laws, and the precepts which the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you might **do them** in the land to which you go to possess it,*

*2 That you may [reverently] **fear the Lord your God**, you and your son and your son’s son, and **keep all His statutes and His commandments** which I command you all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.*

*3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and **be watchful to do them**, that it may be well with you and that you may increase exceedingly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.”*

A careful analysis of this passage reveals some very **specific** criteria.

1. God directed Moses to **teach** the prescripts / Commandments.
2. God wants us to **do** them and be **watchful** over these life instructions.
3. We must always work towards a **generational legacy** (i.e. blessing).

God has a very clear goal that my focus should be on the next generations. a. my children;

b. my children's children.

4. We must listen / obey "Sh'ma) and observe / do (Asah) God's Words and work diligently **so that we can increase mightily (blessings) in the land that God gives us.**

We need to study and understand what it means to live in the Land that God gives us, but before we do this we must (in a nutshell) define our purpose.

| GREEK | VERSUS | HEBREW mindset |
|---------------------------|--------|---|
| 1. I believe in God | | I have surrendered to God's will and purpose |
| 2. I profess faith in God | | I do not profess to understand everything and therefore let His Word do what it wants. |
| 3. I am serving God | | I accept the Covenant of Mt Sinai / renewed by the Holy Spirit outpouring and conform my soul to this walk. I develop a mindset to go with God's flow. |

We must conform our thoughts and transform our actions / relationships after the manner and pattern shown by God through His servant Moses and the lifestyle of Role-model reflected in Yeshua's lifetime "until we become sons of God".

John 15:10 *"10 If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love."*

John 15:15 *"15 I do not call you servants (slaves) any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing (working out). But I have called you My friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. [I have revealed to you everything that I have learned from Him.]"*

Romans 8:19 *"19 For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship]."*

This is your purpose – you have to make the choice to accept it.

We are all walking on a **journey** through life! It is important to stop and ask yourself, and possibly God, **what path have you chosen to walk?**

Legalism
(works without faith)

Sons of God

Lawlessness
(faith without work)

1 John 15:10-12 *"10 If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love.*

11 I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.

12 This is My commandment: that you love one another [just] as I have loved you."

James 2:14, 20-26 *"14 What is the use (profit), my brethren, for anyone to profess to have faith if he has no [good] works [to show for it]? Can [such] faith save [his soul]?*

20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?

24 You see that a man is justified (pronounced righteous before God) through what he does and not alone through faith [through works of obedience as well as by what he believes].

*26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is **lifeless**, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead."*

What is the "Land" that God gives us?

Paul in Corinthians tells us that God's Principle of Execution is that we will not receive the empowerment of the New Testament spiritually **before** we have shown that we have experienced that same principle in the physical.

As the man of dust we have to conform / transform / renew our souls so that we come in line with God's pattern, at which stage we begin to bear the Image of the Heavenly Man.

1 Corinthians 15:44-49 *"44 It is sown a natural (physical) body; it is raised a supernatural (a spiritual) body. [As surely as] there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.*

45 Thus it is written, The first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit [restoring the dead to life].

46 But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual.

47 The first man [was] from out of earth, made of dust (earthly-minded); the second Man [is] the Lord from out of heaven.

48 Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is [the Man] from heaven, so also [are those] who are of heaven (heavenly-minded).

49 And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven.

We therefore need to understand the **pattern** of God's "Land" which He has "given us".

As this revelation grows and we start to move in time with God's Heart-beat we will release real:

- spiritual authority;
- blessing;
- dominion.

Words without:

- submission to authority and
- obedient lifestyles

Will **not** produce blessings.

We need to be reflecting / reacting to life's circumstances **in the manner** that Yeshua would before we can claim the fullness of the blessing. God declares that His Word will never return void.

Isaiah 55:10-11 *"10 For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,*

11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

The power is in **His** Word – before we can do / speak as Yeshua does **and** with the same authority, we have **to do** what He does.

John 14:21 *"21 The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]*

23 Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

24 Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe and obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear and heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.

John 15:4-6 “4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

5 **I am the Vine; you are the branches.** Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.

6 If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

1. The Creation Story

Moses obviously is given access into the realm of **God’s Time and Space** in order for him to be able to tell the creation story.

We are not going to look at each step of the creation event but will focus on two aspects.

The First Step: God’s Time.

On the **FOURTH** Day of Creation God creates **the sun and the moon** – the **lights** that will **rule** over day and night.

This act of Creation has two significant results:

- God set up a realism of this time, a time marked by **seasons** and festivals which are declared to be “*modiems*” i.e. steps in time where we will take time in “remembering”.

This act of remembrance is not to recall someone or something, but a time to **proclaim** / declare God’s **impact** on our lives.

We see that the **Shabbat** is set aside as special time.

What we learn from this is that the pattern of God’s special times of intimacy have been set out in cycles of times / seasons.

Mankind needs to be living and working in obedience to God’s Time or else we are out of sync with God’s plans and developments.

The Second Step:

God's Holy Space.

God sets up Holy Space in the form of the Garden of Eden.

This is not just a garden – it was a place where God came to dwell / walk with man or earth.

Genesis 3:8 *“8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

The earth in its entirety was already there, but uninhabited.

The **place** or space of intimacy was clearly **defined**, i.e. it had boundaries. In addition man only had **one** Commandment to be obedient to in order to stay within the terms of the Covenant.

Genesis 2:17 *“17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*

We can easily see here that:

- Adam and Eve had to accept God's goodness and promises of a life of dominion by faith , and
- They had to obey the only Commandment given to them.

At Mount Sinai

Once again we find the principle of **God's Holy Time and His Holy Space** in operation.

The Israelites have been delivered from Egypt. They have to exercise their faith to believe that God's plan of salvation would work.

There is in fact clear evidence that not all of the sons and daughters of Jacob made the right choice.

At the same time we are told of a multitude of others / pagans from other lands who had made this same choice of faith to believe in God's plan of deliverance.

The Mountain of Sinai is chosen as the place where God descends to earth in a cloud of glory.

- **God's Holy Time.** This concept is expanded from the earlier definition of seasons / festivals / "*modiems*" to a very specific schedule of Appointment Time – defined for us in **Leviticus 23**.

- **God's Holy Space.** This concept of a physical part of land, namely the land of Israel in fact comes to be another representation of the "Garden of Eden". In it God defines the city of Jerusalem as the place where He chooses to dwell and meet with man.

- As in the previous example, these two concepts of Holy Time and Holy Space are bound together in the Covenant which mankind must keep, spelt out within the boundary of the Ten Commandments.

A New Testament application of this principle is found in the teachings of Paul that we, who have accepted Yeshua as Savior, become Living Stones in a New Tabernacle of the Body of Messiah.

God's Holy Time – remains unchanged as we see clearly that Yeshua's life reflects and fulfills the prophecy of old.

We see that **each time** of Appointment is diligently kept by Messiah so that He remains in step with the Father's call.

GOD'S HOLY SPACE – THE BODY OF MESSIAH IS ONE

Notwithstanding man's attempts to define his peculiar understanding of God as the **ONE** and **only** correct one, we continue to see the Torah speak of the Body of Messiah as **One Unit**.

Who makes up the Bride of Messiah?

The parts of the Body that:

- work towards unity,
- gives one another grace to flow as they feel God leads,
- chooses to move / respond to God's Commandments in obedience.

The Tabernacle in the Wilderness pointed to Messiah.

The Goal of the Law:

Romans 10:4 “... *Because the purpose of Torah is Messiah in order to provide righteousness for everyone who believes.*” (Power New Testament – Morford)

We, the Renewed Tabernacle must highlight the attributes and nature of Yeshua.

The boundary of this “Land” is not marked by physical signs but by the Presence of God’s Glory in the Living Tabernacle of:

- a special nation;
- a set apart people;
- a Holy priesthood.

It is those who follow God’s path and pattern that have the right to be called “**Sons of God**”.

Our Summary So Far:

This book is about you and me stepping up to take positive action to achieve the goal / mission that God has created us for.

If we have accepted that, we will transform our lives and souls to think and plan generationally i.e. for our children and our children’s children.

We now understand that we need to align our time-tables according to God’s Time-clock and that we need to be joined fully to the stack of Living Stones that form this New Tabernacle on earth.

These steps form the basic **foundation** on which we can come to stand before God to be blessed to take dominion of our legacy.

Prophetically gifts have been placed in Mankind by God to ensure the continued flow of Generational Blessing.

God creates Mankind in Genesis and sets Him off on a journey **with a blessing**.

Genesis 1:27 “27 *So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And **God blessed them** and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of*

God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth."

Reborn man – i.e. those who become Sons of God are called to be a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8 *"8 Finally, all [of you] should be of one and the same mind (united in spirit), sympathizing [with one another], loving [each other] as brethren [of one household], compassionate and courteous (tenderhearted and humble).*

9 Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection].

Peter tells us that we have a **Heavenly inheritance**, one that does not fade away.

1 Peter 1:3 *"3 Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

4 [Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,

Paul raises the principle that we have each been given of these **gifts**.

Romans 12:6-9 *"6 Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy, [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith; 7 [He whose gift is] practical service, let him give himself to serving; he who teaches, to his teaching;*

8 He who exhorts (encourages), to his exhortation; he who contributes, let him do it in simplicity and liberality; he who gives aid and superintends, with zeal and singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness. 9 [Let your] love be sincere (a real thing); hate what is evil [loathe all ungodliness, turn in horror from wickedness], but hold fast to that which is good."

An inheritance or a legacy that has been built up can only come from the effort of each individual in the exercise of their gift within the Body of Messiah.

In other words, we need **to take the seed** that we have been given, sow this in the world, and care for the crop until it can be harvested.

It is only when we get to the stage where the **harvest is greater than the amount of seed sown** and that used to sustain life that we can talk about something which can be called an **investment into an inheritance**.

We tend to see inheritance / legacy in terms of the “material”. God’s currency in Heaven is different – it is measured in the love that we show our neighbour.

James 1:25 *“25 But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).”*

Paul tells us to look for a physical example in the Old Testament. **At Mount Sinai** we find the account where God comes to the people of Israel to **renew** the Covenant on intimacy that had been destroyed in the **Garden of Eden**.

Exodus 19:4-8 *“4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and **how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself**.*

*5 Now therefore, if you will obey My voice in truth and keep My covenant, then **you shall be My own peculiar possession and treasure** from among and above all peoples; for all the earth is Mine.*

*6 And you shall be to Me **a kingdom of priests, a holy nation** [consecrated, set apart to the worship of God]. These are the words you shall speak to the Israelites.*

7 So Moses called for the elders of the people and told them all these words which the Lord commanded him.

*8 And all the people answered together, and said, **All that the Lord has spoken we will do.***
And

Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

We need to move to the **Book of Numbers** to find the detail account of that time. One of the most interesting aspects is that we see **God say** – “have the children of Israel, each one pitch his tent by his **own** standard”.

Numbers 1:52 *“52 The Israelites shall pitch their tents by their companies, every man by his own camp and every man by his own [tribal] standard.*

Numbers 2:2 *“2 The Israelites shall encamp, each by his own [tribal] **standard** or banner with the ensign of his father’s house, opposite the Tent of Meeting and facing it on every side.*

What would this standard be?

We know that the tribes had its own emblem and flag but could that be enough to differentiate?

Jacob – Our Example

In reality we realize that Jacob as the father understood that:

- gift of potential placed on each one of his sons
- each one had a purpose or goal towards God's mission on earth
- the family's unity was a critical success factor for God's purpose to manifest

He also realized that in order to protect the unity of the whole, he had to make sure that each tribe knew that they were special / unique in their purpose on earth.

In the passage below we see Jacob is dying and calls each one of the sons near to **ble**ss them. We read these words with a Western mindset and often fail to see:

- that he gave them a glimpse of their mission,
- that he encouraged them to stand in a dark world.

Genesis 49:1-2 *"1 AND JACOB called for his sons and said, Gather yourselves together [around me], that I may tell you what shall befall you in the latter or last days.*

2 Gather yourselves together and hear, you sons of Jacob; and hearken to Israel your father.

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each one according to the blessing suited to him.

Let's take the example of **Levi**:

"For their anger and wrath they will not inherit land".

This is God's Will – they were to be priests and God did not want them to live with divided attention – one eye on the temple and one eye on the harvest.

So we see that "**purpose**" in the Old Testament is spelt out in terms of **ownership**, ministry, etc.

Moses

Please note, Moses as the **spiritual father** over the nation, much later proclaims the spiritual prophetic word / direction over each tribe.

Deuteronomy 33:1 *"1 THIS IS the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the Israelites **before his death.***

*29 Happy are you, O Israel, and blessing is yours! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the Shield of your help, the Sword that exalts you! Your enemies shall come fawning and cringing, and submit feigned obedience to you, and **you shall march on their high places.***

In the physical

God's Plan

In the spiritual

To work through 12 tribes 1 that would
of reflect His attribute through the
prophetic direction given by Moses,
Jacob

To work through the One Body
Messiah to reveal His attributes
through His gifts

There was absolute unity amongst the tribes. We see that each of the leaders of the tribes came to bring an offering (and it's exactly the same irrespective of the size of the tribe).

We also see that two tribes work together to build the wagon that carries the offer.

But

We must realize that the **circumcision of the heart**

- the willingness to offer;
- the dedication of the Levites;
- the arrangement of the camp

was preceded by the Words of God spoken by the priest over the people –
God's blessing.

Numbers 6:24-27 *"24 The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you;*

25 The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you;

26 The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).

27 And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Only **after** the unity of the tribes (parallel with Adam and Eve) and **after** the blessing from God did the Glory fall and did real intimacy come.

Numbers 9:15 *"15 And on the day that the tabernacle was erected, the cloud [of God's presence] covered the tabernacle, that is, the Tent of the Testimony; and at evening it was over the tabernacle, having the appearance of [a pillar of] fire until the morning.*

16 So it was constantly; the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

The **intimacy of the Garden of Eden and the Marriage of Mount Sinai** follows a pattern, **a defined protocol**.

We would be wise to follow the same protocol on our journey to take up our gifting and to establish our Generational Blessing Legacy.

UNDERSTANDING THE PRINCIPLE OF CAUSE AND EFFECT AND ITS APPLICATION IN GENERATIONAL CURSES

Deuteronomy 28 is the great chapter that deals with curses and blessings.

Deut 28:15 *"But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day, then all these curses **shall come upon you and overtake you**"*

"Come upon you and overtake you" – the imagery is of somebody running after another person; that no matter how fast the other person runs, no matter what kind of evasive tactics he uses, the over-taker / the one running behind does capture the one being pursued.

Generational curses are forced upon the individual; he is chased down, the curses jump on his back, he is wrestled to the ground, and forced to receive these curses.

What is largely over-looked is:

Deut 28:2 *"And all these blessings shall **come upon you and overtake you** if you heed the voice of the Lord your God."*

These blessings will come upon you and accompany you; they will chase you down, they will pursue you; you will have blessings that you do not seek, that you don't know anything about, that you were not involved in accruing, that will chase you down, jump on your back, wrestle you to the ground, whether you like it or not.

What is a generational blessing?

A generational blessing is good that comes into an individual's life because they promise a *commitment* that God has made in a previous generation due to some righteous act in that generation.

God's Word to mankind is **conditional**. He tells us on so many occasions that the blessing is **conditional** on an act of obedience. An example of this can be found in the Book of Jeremiah.

He tells that we will experience **eternal** kingship, prosperity, peace, etc.

Jeremiah 17:25 *"25 Then there will enter through the gates of this city kings and princes who will sit upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses — the kings and their princes, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and **this city will be inhabited and last throughout the ages.**"*

26 And people shall come from the cities of Judah and the places round about Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin, from the lowland, from the hill country, and from the South (the Negeb), bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, cereal offerings and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of the Lord.

"If you listen and obey God, keep the Shabbat holy".

Another example of this conditional blessing is found in the Book of **Job 42:5,6**

Here we find that:

- we must prepare our hearts;
- we must worship God;
- we must deal with all iniquity;
- we must make sure that our "tabernacle" is kept pure and Holy.

In New Testament language we must:

- write God's Word / Commandments on our hearts;
- we must conform our life in the manner God defines;
- we must war against any form of generational curses which has been welcomed into our family;
- we must transform our spirit, soul and body so that we are **the pure spotless Bride of Messiah.**

ARE GENERATIONAL CURSES POSSIBLE?

There are so many believers in the church today who attempt to **discredit** any notion that a generational curse could be a reality.

This thinking is based on the false premise of **replacement theology** which attempts to spiritualize the blessing for the church while conveniently removing any notion of the need for obedience to the Will of God.

Conveniently it allows believers the ability to sin at will, ask for forgiveness and continue on their merry way. Anyone who chooses to adhere to God's Commandment is labeled as legalistic.

All of these teachings are aimed at the emotions and the immature since the most basic of all principles is introduced in the Creation Story – namely, the **Principle of a Commandment**.

The same principle is confirmed by Yeshua in John when He tells us that unless we abide in Him we will bear no fruit.

John 15:10-12 *"10 If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love.*

11 I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.

12 This is My commandment: that you love one another [just] as I have loved you.

Generational curses can be **words of destruction**. More often it is the role-model of distorted values, moral decay and physical and mental violence which forms the child that is the consequence labeled as a generational curse.

The word curse can best be described as:

- **limitations** or
- **Restrictions** which have been placed onto another person.

This warping of the mind, emotions, and will of another person **away from** the perfect Image of God by a **father figure or leader** is an **iniquity** and causes the next generation to live in **bondage to circumstances** ranging from:

- inferiority to being a victim
- unhappiness to depression
- depravity to obsession
- Violence to hatred.

God's picture of man

Created in His Image for splendor
Formed by Him for love
Instilled with a sense of integrity
Given a voice to encourage
Given hands to hold and comfort
Given eyes filled with joy

The result of man's wrong role-model

Mediocrity
Scars of hate
Focused on performance and greed
Dagger to cut to pieces
Used as a weapon to kill
Burning with jealousy

The Old Testament is written as a reflection of every individual's life journey here on earth.

We read of their God-encounters. We see how they make wrong life choices and the consequences which follow. We see those who choose to return to God, ask forgiveness and start all over again.

This is a true life story, as we say "warts and all".

Man would have wanted to leave out the mistakes / failures and only tell of the good parts.

God understands that we need to see Him as a God of grace **and** a God of judgment. We see how He covers the repented sins; we see how the consequences of our choices are metered out with the greatest level of justice.

Let us study a few examples from the figures out of the Old Testament to see the **influence** of a generation's bad choices.

THE LIFE OF JUDAH

The journey of Judah reveals a man who has been

- blessed with the **gift of rulership**,
- he is the one that takes charge,

- he is the one who is blessed by his father to become the lineage of kings and leaders.

Genesis 49:8-12 “8 Judah, you are the one whom your brothers shall **praise**; **your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies**; your father’s sons shall bow down to you.

9 Judah, a **lion’s cub**! With the prey, my son, you have gone high up [the mountain]. He stooped down, he crouched like a lion, and like a lioness—who dares provoke and rouse him?

10 **The scepter or leadership shall not depart from Judah**, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah, the Peaceful One] comes to Whom it belongs, and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

11 Binding His foal to the vine and His donkey’s colt to the choice vine, He washes His garments in wine and His clothes in the blood of grapes.

12 His eyes are darker and more sparkling than wine, and His teeth whiter than milk.

To all intents, Judah should be one of the younger brothers; after all he is the fourth of Leah’s boys.

We don’t know if the older brothers dominated him or whether Jacob’s role-model as a father caused him to **compromise**.

We see that Jacob his father is not prepared to stand up to Laban notwithstanding the fact that he had kept his side of the arrangement.

We see that he divides his family into two and travels **behind** them on the way to Esau.

A) The Road of Jacob’s Influence On Judah

Road Of Judah

Judah has his character developed under a father who has a spirit of **compromise**.

B) Judah’s first real test of manhood and his value system comes when the brothers do away with the young brother Joseph. Of particular interest is the meaning of Judah’s name: “*He will praise the Holy One.*”

- Judah fails to stand up and love his neighbour
- Judah is afraid to stand for righteousness
- Judah suggests a compromise – instead of killing him he says: “lets “sell” him”.

Genesis 37:26 *"26 And Judah said to his brothers, What do we gain if we slay our brother and conceal his blood?"*

The Hebrew word – "**mah – bitza**" can better be translated as: "*What's in it for me*".

Judah's first real test of manhood deals with compromise.

Compromise

C) Judah's journey takes a further deviation from the path of God.

Road Of Judah

Genesis 37:31 *"31 Then they took Joseph's [distinctive] long garment, killed a young goat, and dipped the garment in the blood;
32 And they sent the garment to their father, saying, We have found this! Examine and decide whether it is your son's tunic or not."*

The Pit

What we find here is the heartlessness of a son who chooses to **dishonor** and bring grief and hardship to a **father**.

What is the sign of deceit? – The blood of a goat on Joseph's cloak
What do they say to Jacob? "**Haker-na**" – "*pray can you identify?*"

Compromise

- Envy of the special status of Joseph and his gift
- Hatred for a brother is expressed by putting him into bondage

D) Judah moves off to start his own family!

Again we find that Judah chooses to rebel against the principle of the people of Israel, namely to be a set-apart nation.

Rebellion

Dishonour

The Pit

Judah decides to **marry someone from the pagan nation** whom God would declare at a later stage should be totally destroyed.

He marries a **Canaanite woman** and he becomes a party of the Canaanite community – he becomes friends with the Adullamites.

Judah has grown up in Abraham's family. He would be well aware of the prophetic nature of his name. He would know that the family has been careful not to have their sons marry into families / tribes from a pagan background.

Genesis 38:1 *"1 AT THAT time Judah withdrew from his brothers and went to [lodge with] a certain Adullamite named Hirah.*

*2 There Judah saw and met a daughter of Shuah, a **Canaanite**; he took her as wife and lived with her.*

E) We cannot say at what stage God decided that Judah had lived a life of self for long enough.

We are told that both his two sons die:

· **ER** – we see that he is **wicked** in God's sight

Genesis 38:7 *"7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was **wicked** in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord slew him."*

· **Onan** – we see that he rebelled against God

Genesis 38:10 *"10 And the thing which he did **displeased** the Lord; therefore He slew him also."*

F) Now after his wife dies, Judah goes on a sheep-shearing expedition and decides to sleep with a prostitute.

He does not stop to think that he should ask God why these "things" are happening to him. Instead he blames Tamar for his problems.

Once again we see **the deceit** when he tries to hide his youngest son from Tamar.

The Torah story takes pains for the believer to see the **pattern of the generational curse**.

Let's step back a bit:

1. Jacob **dresses up** in coarse garments to deceive Isaac.
2. Leah **dresses up** in Rachel's wedding dress to deceive Jacob.
3. Tamar **dresses up** with the veils and garments of a prostitute to deceive Judah.

We find that both Jacob and Tamar **sitting** i.e. not going anywhere after Judah had had his way with them. (His actions were devastating.)

It is interesting to see that Judah has dealt with both major issues in his life in the same way.

- He banished Joseph as a slave.
- He sent Tamar away to suffer on her own.

The question is: Just how far can a son of the promise fall?

What is the sign of this act of immorality?

Immorality (goat)

What does she (Tamar) say when Judah comes to judge her immorality?

"Haker-na" – "pray can you identify?"

Road of Righteousness

Judah is measured in his deed by **the same standard of wounding** that he caused his father.

- Judah has the capability / gifting of leadership placed in him by God.
- Judah has received a physical father's blessing empowerment.
- Judah has also received the blessing of a spiritual father – Moses.

Jacob

Moses

Father's blessing

**Moses teaches and shows God's
standard**

JUDAH

Jacob's role-model as father has molded Judah.

We see that the influence of the role model / life experiences **carries greater weight** in Judah's choices on his life journey.

The consequence of these choices leads to:

- the death of his two sons
- a similar lifestyle of deceit / immortality by one of his descendents, king David, who, as a consequence of his choices also suffer the death of two sons.

At some point in time Judah receives a revelation of his mission or calling on earth.

He comes to understand that:

- He is to become a Godly leader.
 - From his stock will come the Messiah Whose garment will be washed in the blood of grapes.
 - His Name will be Yeshua.
- (Genesis 49)

This revelation of his role causes him to understand that his actions of hatred have caused immense pain, suffering and damage in the lives of:

- Joseph and
- Jacob

In the story, the famine has come to the land of Israel – the leaders of the tribes of Jacob have gone to Egypt for grain. Joseph has hatched a plan to have Benjamin, his brother, stay on as a slave. The tables have been turned on the family.

Suddenly Judah **steps up** to the challenge.

Judah draws “**near**”.

Hebrew “*nagash*” Strong's 5066

- **Nun** – son or an heir
- **Gimil** – a man walking
- **Shin** – ascending flame of fire

This picture reveals the following – a son walking in the flames of God’s Holy presence.

“**Nagash**” – means to draw very near to someone – i.e. to be intimate.

In the same way that the king in the story of Esther lifts his scepter – so Joseph also does.

At that moment Judah does not know if he would live or not.

Then he tells Joseph:

- My father has lost one of two brothers and it has broken his heart.
- I will take the place of my brother Benjamin.
- I will be forever be your slave.

Genesis 44:20-34 “20 And we said to my lord, We have a father—an old man— and a young [brother, the] child of his old age; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother’s [offspring], and his father loves him. 21 And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him. 22 And we said to my lord, The lad cannot leave his father; for if he should do so, his father would die. 23 And you told your servants, Unless your youngest brother comes with you, you shall not see my face again. 24 And when we went back to your servant my father, we told him what my lord had said. 25 And our father said, Go again and buy us a little food. 26 But we said, We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we may not see the man’s face except our youngest brother is with us. 27 And your servant my father said to us, You know that [Rachel] **my wife bore me two sons**: 28 And **the one went out from me**, and I said, Surely he is torn to pieces, and I have never seen him since. 29 And **if you take this son also** from me, and harm or accident **should befall him**, you will bring down **my gray hairs with sorrow** and evil to Sheol (the place of the dead). 30 Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad’s life and his soul knit with the lad’s soul, 31 When he sees that the lad is not with us, he will die; and your servants will be responsible for his death and will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. 32 For your servant became security for the lad to my father, saying, If I do not bring him to you, then I will bear the blame to my father forever. 33 Now therefore, **I pray you, let your servant remain instead of the youth [to be] a slave to my lord, and let the young man go home with his [half] brothers.** 34 **For how can I go up to my father if the lad is not with me?—lest I witness the woe and the evil that will come upon my father.**

You **draw close** ("*nagash*") when you **want** someone's blessing.

Judah makes a choice to return to God's path and in the process he moves to restore the family relationship.

His act of sacrifice, on behalf of another brother is a partial fulfillment of a prophecy that Messiah will come and make the final Sacrifice for all mankind.

Somewhere along the way there is a change from willful sin and rebellion to one of walking God's path. In the Book of Judges it is recorded that **Judah is the only tribe that utterly destroyed the enemy.**

Judges 1:17 *"17 And [the tribe of] Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath and utterly destroyed it. So the city was called Hormah [destruction]. 18 Also Judah took Gaza, Askelon, and Ekron—each with its territory."*

Judah who had come to know how to hurt others immensely now comes to offer himself.

No event in the Old Testament is without a prophetic future.

This act of reconciliation is once again prophesized by **Ezekiel** when he paints the picture of the **two sticks** that become **one** in the valley of dry bones.

Ezekiel 37:15-16 *"15 The word of the Lord came again to me, saying, 16 Son of man, take a stick and write on it, For Judah and the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and all the house of Israel his companions;"*

THE LIFE OF LOT

We are using these examples to highlight the **Principles of Cause and Effect** and the resultant generational curse. We are not saying that these men are bad or eternally lost. In fact it is particularly important to take note of Lot's spiritual status.

2 Peter 2:6-8 *"6 And He condemned to ruin and extinction the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, reducing them to ashes [and thus] set them forth as an example to those who would be ungodly; 7 And He rescued righteous Lot, greatly worn out and distressed by the wanton ways of the*

ungodly and lawless—8 For that just man, living [there] among them, tortured his righteous soul every day with what he saw and heard of [their] unlawful and wicked deeds—“

There are very few believers today that can say with real conviction that they can identify an angel – we see that Lot could!!

When the angels came to Sodom, Lot saw them, rose up to greet them and **bowed down** before them.

Genesis 19:1 *“1 IT WAS evening when the two angels came to Sodom. Lot was sitting at Sodom’s [city] gate. **Seeing them**, Lot rose up **to meet them and bowed to the ground**.*

We know that Lot came away from Ur with his uncle Abraham. They spent many years together traveling the length and the breadth of Canaan. Lot sat under the role-model of Abraham.

We don’t really have much detail to work from in order to understand Lot’s story. We do know however that he experienced blessing by being **with** Abraham.

We see that they all come to one of the altars that Abraham had built.

Genesis 13:1 *“1 SO ABRAM went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and **Lot** with him, into the South [country of Judah, the Negeb].*

Lot does not have control over his herdsman and it appears as if he also suffers from the problem of chasing after wealth and possessions. After the dispute between his herdsman and those of Abraham, he gets the opportunity to choose which land he wants.

He chose that which looked good to the eye of man.

Genesis 13:11 *“11 Then Lot chose **for himself** all the Jordan Valley and [he] traveled east. So they separated.*

He moved to the city of Sodom. Here we find that lust for material and physical things are paramount in his life.

Lot’s Life Journey

He is taken into captivity.

Captive by foreign king

Division of land

Soon after the division of the grazing rights, Lot is captured by pagan kings.

It would seem that Lot's relationship with God is still important **to God**.
Notwithstanding Lot's focus on Mammon, God still cares for him.

He allows him to be taken into captivity. This form of hardship is more often than not sufficient for most men to repent.

Genesis 14:11 *"11 [The victors] took all the wealth of Sodom and Gomorrah and all the supply of provisions and departed.*

12 And they also took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods away with them.

But God allows Abraham to come to his rescue.

Genesis 14:16 *"16 And he brought back all the goods and also brought back his kinsman Lot and his possessions, the women also and the people.*

This is Lot's time to chart a new course in his life's journey. But greed, his wealth and lifestyle are **more important** to him, and he chooses to stay in this city of depravity and sin, until the angels come to pay him a visit.

Lot's Life Journey

Division of land

Slave to foreign king

Visitation of angel

Lot greets them, and literally forces them to stay in his house. He offers a meal (not the calf of Abraham) but only "*matzah*" bread.

How different is Lot's hospitality when compared with that of Abraham!

A day or two earlier Abraham met the same “men”. He also recognized these “men” as representatives of God and look at the extent of his hospitality:

Genesis 18:3-8 “3 And said, My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant, I beg of you. 4 Let **a little water** be brought, and you may wash your feet and recline and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 And I will bring **a morsel** (mouthful) of bread to refresh and sustain your hearts before you go on further—for that is why you have come to your servant. And they replied, Do as you have said. 6 So Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, **Quickly get ready three measures of fine meal, knead it, and bake cakes.** 7 And Abraham ran to the herd and brought a calf tender and good and gave it to the young man [to butcher]; then he [Abraham] hastened to prepare it. 8 And **he took curds and milk and the calf which he had made ready**, and set it before [the men]; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.”

We learn from our father Abraham that hospitality is very important in God’s sight!

Back to Lot’s house....

The angels were not safe in Lot’s house. We see that **everyone** in the town was consumed with lust and perversion.

Genesis 19:4 “4 But before they lay down, the **men** of the city of Sodom, **both young and old**, all the men from every quarter, surrounded the house. 5 And they called to Lot and said, Where are the men who came to you tonight? **Bring them out to us**, that we may know (be intimate with) them.”

How could a man who has lived so long under God’s blessing and who continued to have an understanding and revelation of the spiritual realm, stay in the midst of all of this evil?

Until now we seem to think that Lot had some degree of moral good inside of him. It soon transpires that this is not so.

What father would sacrifice his daughters to a town of depraved men?

Genesis 19:8 “8 Look now, **I have two daughters who are virgins**; let me, I beg of you, bring them out to you, and you can do as you please with them. But only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.”

What man would throw away the value and virtue of daughter?

Lot's Life Journey

Division of land

Slave to foreign king

Visitation of angel

Offers his daughters

Lot is told in no uncertain terms of the judgment on Sodom.

Early **in the morning** they are told to go.

But Lot can't go – he can't leave his wealth behind. And so the angels come to him as "he lingers" and they **take** him out of the city.

Genesis 19:15 *"15 When morning came, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, **Arise, take your wife and two daughters who are here [and be off], lest you [too] be consumed and swept away in the iniquity and punishment of the city.***

*16 But while **he lingered**, the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, for the Lord was merciful to him; and they brought him forth and set him outside the city and left him there."*

We see that Lot's life is one of **compromise and rebellion**. He is told to go to the mountains (**Gen 19: 19**) but chooses to ask to go to a small city close by – **Zoar**.

He keeps telling God – *"I want to do it my way"*!

Please see the level of God's grace – He makes sure that Lot is safe **before** the brimstone falls.

Genesis 19:24 *"24 Then the Lord rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah **brimstone and fire** from the Lord out of the heavens.*

25 He overthrew, destroyed, and ended those cities, and all the valley and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground."

But Lot's level of righteousness (**2 Peter 2:6-8**) does not lead to the blessedness of **Shalom – peace**. He is distressed in his soul because his commitment to God is overridden by his commitment to wealth.

It seems strange that a believer can be “righteous” while failing to **keep** the blessing of joy, hope, peace and sound family relationships.

Finally in desperation, Lot goes to the mountains where he was supposed to be.

What could have happened If he had gone there in the first place – maybe, like Elijah, they would have been fed supernaturally – who knows.

Now, however, Lot and his daughters are alone.

Division of land

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Incest - illegitimacy He had earlier rejected the daughter's worth – How could he have imparted Godly value to them?

While they stay in the cave, we see that Lot and his daughters have **no** idea of their mission and purpose in life.

Genesis 19:31 “31 The elder said to the younger, Our father is aging, and there is not a man on earth to live with us in the customary way.

32 Come, let us make our father drunk with wine, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring (our race) through our father.

33 And they made their father drunk with wine that night, and the older went in and lay with her father; and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.

35 And they made their father drunk with wine again that night, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.”

Your world must be very small if you believe that just because they had lost everything in Sodom and Gomorrah – that there was nothing left for them now.

Genesis 19:31 “31 The elder said to the younger, Our father is aging, and there is not a man on earth to live with us in the customary way.

We can clearly see that the daughters had **no relationship** with God at all.

The real challenge that we see in Lot's story is **his abdication** of his father's role.

Fathers are called to teach their children about the Living God – even though Lot is called “righteous” he **fails dismally** in his purpose of father.

Why does God choose Abraham as Father of the Nations?

Genesis 18:19 *“19 For I have known (chosen, acknowledged) him [as My own], so that he may teach and command his children and the sons of his house after him to keep the way of the Lord and to do what is just and righteous, so that the Lord may bring Abraham what He has promised him.”*

Due to the moral failure by this family, two tribes (**the illegitimate Moabites and Ammonites**) will come forth and will make war against the Israelites time and time again.

THE LIFE OF JACOB'S GENERATIONAL CURSE LINEAGE

As we study the stories of the Torah leaders we see that notwithstanding the fact that they loved God, and followed Him, circumstances still occurred:

- where the impact of their parents on their value system
- where their own lack of sensitivity to the Holy Spirit
- where their own self was not always submitted unto God caused them to do horrendous wrongs – the consequences of which would be seen in the generations to come.

The story of Jacob is an interesting one – and I would suggest one that has been quoted for generations of Bible teachings with a specific emphasis of showing Jacob as a devious individual. I would suggest that there is much evidence for a radically different view of this man of God.

The consequence for Jacob when he takes control of his own destiny

We have an amazing revelation of God's plan for Jacob – He carries the mantle / birthright to be one of the leaders of a nation.

Just after conception, as soon as the babies were big enough to fight for a space in the womb, God sends a **word** to Rebecca.

He made this proclamation over Jacob's life:

- each son would be a government on their own
- but the younger one (Jacob) would rule over the elder (Esau).

Genesis 25:23 *"23 The Lord said to her, [The founders of] two nations are in your womb, and the separation of two peoples has begun in your body; the one people shall be stronger than the other, and the elder shall serve the younger."*

We know that **Isaac** was a man of God, that he was blessed with an ability to see the revelation of Heaven, and that his faith in God's faithfulness could not be swayed.

We know that **Rebecca received a direct Word** from God about His choice of birthright succession in the "Body of Messiah".

- Why do they not wait to hear from God?
- Why is Isaac's spiritual eyes blinded by Esau?

Let's make a statement of fact – Jacob took part in a **man-made plan** to deceive Isaac – he lied to him: *"Are you Esau my son?"* – Jacob answered: *"I am"*.

But, the question we have to ask is whether or not it was Esau who in fact was the true **deceiver**?

One of the reasons why we struggle to see the magnitude of Esau's role is the translations presented to us.

Genesis 25:27 *"27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a cunning and skilled hunter, a man of the outdoors;"*

The "**Living Torah**" describes Esau as follows:

*"... he became a skilled trapper or "ish yodea tzayid", a man who **knew entrapment** Stapker (tzayid) a man of the field."*

Genesis 25:27 *"27 When the boys grew up, **Jacob was a plain and quiet man, dwelling in tents."***

Jacob in the "**Living Torah**" is described as follows:

Jacob was a scholarly (this word can also be translated as faultless, whole, unblemished, innocent, pious or honest) man who remained in the tents.

“ish tam yosha oharlam” – a man of integrity who dwell in the tent.

One must take note that this is the same word used to describe Noah.

Genesis 6:9 *“9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.”*

The twist in the story is that Esau somehow was able to **entrap** the mind, emotion and will of Isaac. We need to keep in mind the fact that God had spoken to Isaac, had confirmed the blessing and the promise of a multitude of descendants that would follow God with all of their hearts – this is all about birthright.

· Isaac knows how much care Abraham took to **make sure that he married the “right” woman** – someone from their culture / thinking / value (Rebecca)

Yet Esau marries two Hittite women:

Genesis 26:34 *“34 Now Esau was 40 years old when he took as wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the **Hittite**, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the **Hittite**.*

“35 And they made life bitter and a grief of mind and spirit for Isaac and Rebekah [their parents-inlaw].”

· Isaac knew that the one who followed in his footsteps must have a **living relationship** with God. After all he of all people knew the cost of the sacrifice.

o Yet all Esau wants to do is go hunting.

· Isaac knows that the successor must **have high ethical standards**.

o Yet Esau “sells” a birthright that their family knows does not belong to him.

So it would seem as if Jacob, the one living in integrity in the tents, had reason to fear that his father Isaac would do the wrong thing.

What about Rebecca's part in the story? After all, she knew that she had received a clear word of prophecy over the lives of her two sons.

Could it be that this had impacted her to such an extent that she showed love to one son and not the other – she clearly made Jacob a favorite.

Irrespective of the:

- prophetic word that Rebecca and Jacob had
- righteousness of Jacob's lifestyle up until then
- fact that God "seemed" to be running out of time with Isaac's approaching death

They had no right to implement a man-made plan to give effect to God's plans.

As a result of Jacob's complexity in this act of deceit we see **the pattern** that followed his family in the generations that came.

The Torah is very subtly telling us something further more about the two brothers.

In Genesis 1 God starts with "*Bereshit*" – "*in the beginning*".

This Hebrew word contains the concept of "**in a house**". We find that Jacob is in the **tent / house** but Esau is in the **field**.

Jacob's deceit:

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Are you Esau my son?"

Path of righteousness

The generational consequences for Jacob are:

- Permanent / perpetual enmity with Esau. Esau, who later most people believe became Rome, remains to this day the enemy of Israel.
- He experiences the same form of deceit when Laban
 - o cheats him with his wife,
 - o cheats him with his reward for labor.

Reuben's deceit

Commits incest with Bilhah

Path of righteousness

Genesis 35:22 *"22 When Israel dwelt there, Reuben [his eldest son] went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard about it. Now Jacob's sons were twelve.*

We see the pattern of deceit when Jacob's eldest son dishonors him by sleeping with Bilhah.

All the sons' deceit

All the sons' band together to cause Jacob to believe that the firstborn, Joseph, of his firstlove wife, Rachel, is dead.

Path of righteousness

It is important to see **the pattern of consequences** as a result of **deceit**.

- Jacob has to flee his home and stays with Laban in exile for approximately twenty years before he is able to come home.
- Joseph, his son, carries the same burden as his father. Although he had not been guilty of any deceit, he experiences the same period of banishment as Jacob.

Jacob experiences a further twenty year period of pain when he is separated from his family. (The length of time that Joseph was away in Egypt was also 20 years).

Does the Torah endorse man's efforts of lies / cheating / deceit for the sake of Heaven?

It is patently clear that man is not required to "do things" in order to effect the Will of God.

How does Jacob deal with this generational curse in his own life?

He wrestles with the angel of God until the **blessing** promised by Isaac is **exchanged** for a blessing pronounced by God – it cost him.

Genesis 32:24-29 “24 And Jacob was left alone, and a Man *wrestled* with him until daybreak.
25 And when [the Man] saw that He did not prevail against [Jacob], He touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob’s thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him.
26 Then He said, Let Me go, for day is breaking. But [Jacob] said, **I will not let You go unless You declare a blessing upon me.**
27 [The Man] asked him, What is your name? And [in shock of realization, whispering] he said, Jacob [supplanter, schemer, trickster, swindler]!
28 And He said, **Your name shall be called** no more Jacob [supplanter], but **Israel** [contender with God]; for you have contended and **have power** with God and with men and have prevailed.
29 Then Jacob asked Him, Tell me, I pray You, what [in contrast] is Your name? But He said, Why is it that you ask My name? And [the Angel of God declared] a blessing on [Jacob] there.

Jacob never seemed to really feel his father Isaac’s love and acceptance.

In an attempt to finally make sure that he got the **blessing** any son deserves, he turned to deceit.

Finally after wrestling with God, he obtains the blessing of a son from the King of all Kings.

Summary

The purpose of this chapter is not to do an in-depth study of the principles of **generational curses**, but to show some “real” life examples for us to understand how this “**force**” is put **into** operation.

When God made the Covenant with Abraham (and this principle applies to each succeeding Covenant as well) two things happened:

1. **God spoke creatively** (He puts the necessary gifts and talents into each man in order to accomplish that which he is called to do)
2. **God spoke prophetically** (He defined man’s purpose at the time of conception and set in place the Covenant (Space) and the Godly Timelines within which he would be able to accomplish this).

Mankind is called (because we are created by God’s Word) to go forth and be fruitful.

Isaiah 50:10 “10 *Who is among you who [reverently] fears the Lord, who obeys the voice of His Servant, yet who walks in darkness and deep trouble and has no shining splendor [in his heart]? Let him rely on, trust in, and be confident in the name of the Lord, and let him lean upon and be supported by his God.*”

However, we see that earthly fathers and other leadership figures more often than not, role-model / portray a very skew image of who God really is.

Instead of being catapulted out on my journey of purpose as if aimed at the target, I float through life searching for meaning.

Every lost soul who cries out and searches for meaning to their lives is “physical” evidence of a generational curse in operation.

A generational curse is a self-made fire.

*Isaiah 50:11 “11 Behold, all you [enemies of your own selves] who attempt to kindle **your own fires** [and work out your own plans of salvation], who surround and gird yourselves with momentary sparks, darts, and firebrands that you set aflame!—walk by the light of **your self-made fire** and of the sparks that you have kindled [for yourself, if you will]! But this shall you have from My hand: you shall lie down in grief and in torment.”*

A HEBRAIC PERSPECTIVE OF A CURSE

The modern day world has impressed upon man the concept of a curse as the act by an individual either in anger or with occultic magic powers “putting” a curse on someone else.

This form of one-sided / indiscriminate ability to cause harm to someone else, almost at ease, has caused many of the current believers to “throw away” the concept of curses “because” God is fair / just.

This is true!

We have the **wrong understanding of this principle of curses.**

The “curse” is in reality a **limitation** or a **restriction** on our ability to reach our goals.

The “cause” of the implementation of the curse is also very clear – it is not based on a willy-nilly decision.

The conditions are clear:

- If you **do not listen** to God’s Voice;

- If you **do not observe** the Commandments and statutes **then we well experience** the consequences.

Deuteronomy 28:15 *"15 But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day, then all these **curses** shall come upon you and overtake you"*

Deuteronomy 29:18-19 *"18 Beware lest there should be among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose [mind and] heart **turns away** this day from the Lord our God to go and **serve the gods** of these nations; lest there should be among you a [poisonous] root that bears gall and wormwood, 19 And lest, when he hears the words of this **curse and oath**, he flatters and congratulates himself in his [mind and] heart, saying, I shall have peace and safety, though I walk in the stubbornness of my [mind and] heart [bringing down a hurricane of destruction] and sweep away the watered land with the dry."*

Let's look at some of these **consequences**.

1. *"Dehber"* - Strong's 1698

- A pestilence / plague

We can see the image of slow death. In today's terms we can identify the levels of depression and loneliness in people's lives to see that this curse is very active in our times.

In fact the "church", in its drive to grow in size, has often failed to look after the lost and lonely.

Deuteronomy 28:21, 28 *"21 The Lord will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land into which you go to possess. 28 The Lord will smite you with madness and blindness and dismay of [mind and] heart."*

2. *"qaudachath"* - Strong's 6920

- an inflammation, burning fever

In today's terms we can see that levels of anger and tension are also visible elements of the curse reflected in terrorism / road rage, etc.

Very real evidence that this principle is operating today is that innocent people get hurt by people who want to remain unseen, as is the case with most terrorist activities..

Psalm 10:2 *"2 The wicked in pride and arrogance hotly pursue and persecute mthe poor; let them be taken in the schemes which they have devised."*

Psalm 7:13 *"13 He has also prepared for him deadly weapons; He makes His arrows fiery shafts."*

Deuteronomy 28:22 *"22 The Lord will smite you with **consumption, with fever and inflammation, fiery heat, sword and drought, blasting and mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.**"*

3. *"shachepeth"* – Strong's 7829

- emancipating to waste away

We see people literally waste away – diseases such as HIV / TB are to be found everywhere.

Deuteronomy 28:21 *"21 The Lord will make the pestilence cling to you until He has **consumed** you from the land into which you go to possess."*

4. *"charchur"* – Strong's 2746

- an extreme burning – the principle to innate a passion to hate;

In today's terms: abuse of women and children, rape of women has reached unprecedented levels. Violent crimes / use of weapons with deadly consequences are recorded daily.

Deuteronomy 28:22 *"22 The Lord will smite you with consumption, with fever and inflammation, **fiery heat, sword and drought, blasting and mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.**"*

5. *"chereb"* – Strong's 2719

- Drought / cutting instrument
- Sword

Although we still see the physical “sword” of war in operation, the Body of Messiah will experience the sword **of the tongue** / slander, gossip as a far more effective instrument to cut others to pieces, worse than any physical pain, mental pain and is easily spread by the wind of people’s voices.

Deuteronomy 28:24 *“24 The Lord shall make the rain of your **land powdered soil and dust**; from the heavens it shall come down upon you until you are destroyed.”*

6. “**yeragon**” – Strong’s 3420

- paleness
- mildew

Visible signs today are the millions of people who live in fear from dictators – people who have the “freedom” to vote but are scared of the consequences.

Deuteronomy 28:22 *“22 The Lord will smite you with consumption, with fever and inflammation, fiery heat, sword and drought, **blasting and mildew**; they shall pursue you until you perish.”*

Amos 4:9 *“9 I smote you with blight [from the poisonous east wind] and with mildew; **I laid waste** the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards; your fig trees and your olive trees the **palmerworm** [a form of locust] devoured; yet you did not return to Me, says the Lord.”*

7. “**N’chosheth**” – Strong’s 5178

- Copper / brass
- Fetter or chain

Today’s reflection of this word is the fact that many cannot “hear” from God, their prayers remain unanswered, and their attempts at life (business / relationships etc) all fail.

Deuteronomy 28:23 *“23 The heavens over your head **shall be brass** and the earth under you **shall be iron.**”*

The message is clear: these “curses” are still very **much alive and well** and many believers fail to understand why they struggle and therefore fail to take the remedial action.

Ancient Path of Blessing (HOW TO DO IT)

ADOPTION AND GENERATIONAL BLESSINGS

It is important to also know that we can pass on generational blessings to our **spiritual seed as well as our biological seed.**

(For example: Elijah and Elisha.)

Adoption is a sign of God's special plan.

Look at the life of Jesus:

Looking at the gospels of **Matthew** and **Luke** you see two separate genealogies - one through **Mary** and one through **Joseph**. Both of them going back to king David and both of them are presented in Scripture and in the Israelite Mosaic Law as giving Jesus Christ legal right to the throne of David.

The two stood with equal legal right - the one was through adoption and the other was through the genetic bloodline of Mary.

We see a principle here:

When a person is **legally adopted** they receive / inherit the generational blessings and curses from their **adoptive family line as well as from their bloodline.**

Why did Jesus Christ go through adoption?

It was not necessary for His conception – the simple part was being a single mom. Mary could easily have raised Jesus as a single mom and we would have had a vast number of great sermons to be preached on how to be a single mom according to the model that Mary gave us!

But God did not do that. After the conception when it was no longer biologically necessary, He brought Joseph into the picture with a legal adoption.

What was it like for Jesus to be fully God and fully man?

In order for Jesus to carry out the task that God had called Him to do, in His humanity, the generational blessings coming from Mary's family line, were not sufficient.

God then very carefully selected another family line and through Joseph released to Jesus in the adoption another set of generational blessings to enrich His life so that He could in His humanity, accomplish what God had called Him to do.

This means that for each one of us who have been adopted, we may feel a **sense of deprivation / there has been a loss** – in one sense there has been a loss that can never be directly made up.

But we need to understand that **God selected us for adoption – not as a curse** – not as an inferior thing. But as a **superior thing** because God wanted to give you **double the resources** of generational blessings than others have.

You have four family lines to draw from – not two!

You have your birth mother and father, and you have your adoptive mother and father. God has carefully **hand-picked** all four of those generational lines to give you a blend / mix / cross-pollination of generational blessings that is far greater than what the rest of us have.

This is so that you can do great things in your life and that you can impart to your children twice as great a generational blessing heritage as those who are not adopted.

We also realize that you **inherited twice as many toxic generational deposits** but that can be dealt with by doing generational deliverance and the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and you are left with a double portion of generational blessings.

Adoption is nothing to be looked upon with shame – it is God's method of **positioning you for greater authority, greater success, more blessings chasing** you down, pursuing you, jumping on your back, and wrestling you to the ground, forcing themselves upon you and upon your seed after you.

Releasing Our Children

We have seen what the three-fold process is that God implements as a Principle for mankind to follow **in releasing their children** into purpose and destiny.

Empowerment 1

In the first place we see that the father must bless i.e. **empower to prosper**.

Empowerment 2

In the second place we see that the father must **establish the mandate** to subdue and take dominion – i.e. he must help the child find their occupation in life.

Empowerment 3

In the third place we see that the father must **establish a Godly lifestyle** and role-model so that the child can obtain the **legacy of generational** blessing.

God's cycle of time in a persons' life is measured in years but more importantly in **seasons**. We need to revert to this cycle to understand a "father's" mandate.

Remember in this case we are also including the role played in respect of spiritual children.

MILESTONE NO. 1

At conception and the Nine Months in the Womb We know that God has determined when each one of us will be born and will die. He has "written" out the purpose of our lives – the ideals that He has for each one of us.

At the very moment that the sperm and the ovum come together at conception, God **proclaims** your life's destiny. Every needed talent and gifting which you will require is embedded in you so that you are able to:

- see God's vision,
- plan how to get there,
- Execute a disciplined, obedient lifestyle of worship to God.

Since the fetus is in reality made from the very same essence as God's Spirit, we (the fathers) have the unique job of:

- recognizing this gift of God,
- Continuously praising and thanking God for His goodness,
- Continuously proclaiming that this baby's spirit is welcome in this world.

This phase and time in your life as father to welcome the child spirit forms part of **empowerment no 1**.

MINISTERING TO BABIES IN THE WOMB:

Being parents of a Godly child is an act of warfare.

Christian midwives have found that Christian mothers have more difficulty in pregnancy, labour and delivery than non-Christians. They attribute it to the fact that these children that are being born with generational blessings in their family line are an overt threat to the powers of darkness and consequently the enemy tries to take them out.

Speaking to many spiritual giants, you hear stories of them coming through a very difficult pregnancy and the majority of them almost died before they were five years old.

The enemy very strategically targets those that God has called for great purposes and he tries to kill them before they do damage to his kingdom.

Children that are blessed in the womb have a definite advantage over those that are not blessed.

These differences were noted:

1. The babies that are blessed in the womb are born with a **hunger and thirst for the Word of God**. They do not have to be coaxed to listen to God's Word – they would rather listen to a bedtime story read from God's Word than from the latest video or movie or children's books that the rest of us grew up with.
2. There is a much **higher moral compass**. These children set their own moral standard higher than the standard the parents set for them. Most of these children react very vigorously to movies and things on television or videos that other children watch with no concern. These children do not want to see violence or pain. They refuse to watch things that are not true.

They react strongly to make-belief, enchantments and witchcraft. They even understand right and wrong where their parents don't understand it. Even if the child does not understand cognitively what is going on, the child's spirit is so sensitive that it knows something somewhere is wrong.

It was found that it was much easier to build a moral compass into the child in the womb than it is to build it outside of the womb.

Many of us were raised by our parents who taught us the Word of God; taught us high moral standards; held us to high moral standards but we fell away from that when we left home; we went into sin – part of it because of generational curses that were pursuing us, compelling us – and partly because a moral standard after birth is not nearly as strong as before birth.

3. A high level of **spiritual discernment**.

The Ability to Hear the Voice of God

John 10:27 *"27 The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me."*

We have as part of our Christian birthright the ability to hear God.

When we bless our children in the womb – when as early as possible we speak into that spirit-brain connection and strengthen it and enlarge it, then our children are born with a hunger and thirst for God and a simplicity and ease of communication like Samuel of old had.

That is God's desire for us and our children and we can get there through taking up our birthright and blessing the children in the womb.

For example:

The mother walks into a demonic shop with her baby and the child starts to scream until the mother leaves the shop.

Or certain people who want to pick up the baby who are not spiritually clean – the child again screams and do not want to be held by them.

4. **Intercessors**

Most of these children are intercessors – they do not pray on demand or when it is time to pray – they pray when the Spirit of God quickens them.

The child will be moved in his spirit and will know exactly what to pray for and how. The Spirit of Intercession gives the child the ability to hear the Heart of the Father.

5. There is a **deep bonding** between the parents and the child. The strong bond between especially the father and child protects them from many schemes of the enemy.

6. These children are very **strong-willed children**. Strong-willed children are not a curse and they are not necessarily rebellious or disobedient.

God is raising up a generation of young people that would be willing to stand alone; they would be willing to say what needs to be said; people like John the Baptist who will have the courage to say publicly what others are not willing to say.

This generation has been silenced but the next generation is going to confront in an honest, righteous, upright way.

So, being strong-willed is a gift from God – strong-willed children that can stand alone in a crooked and perverse generation and speak forth the will of God, live out the will of God in their lives. They are not subject to peer pressure – they lead the team.

Blessing in the Womb

If we start to bless babies, to sanctify them in the womb, they will be born with a greater hunger and thirst for God than those children that are not blessed.

We are literally changing the quality of their spirit so that children are born with a yearning for God and they find it easier to come into the presence of God.

Blessing the spirit of the child after conception and before birth is more effective than teaching the child after birth.

In our study of Generational curses, we learnt that our forefathers have left us quite a heritage:

So we have in our lives and in the lives of our children both generational blessings and generational curses.

The incredible part of the deal for us is that because of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ we have the opportunity to cleanse ourselves of all of the toxic waste dump – to allow the Lord to deal with the generational curses and the generational demonic packages that come down the through the family line while we retain and benefit from and appropriate the incredible blessings that come from our forefathers.

This teaching is focused on dealing with the curses in the womb to give the baby the advantage of starting life with a lot less baggage than those whose Christian parents do not know that this is possible.

With babies in the womb we have very little abilities to be precise but listen to the Lord – He could give you very specific blessings to speak over a specific child.

What is generally asked is for the Lord to release the blessings that are necessary for the pregnancy and for the next two years of life be released into the baby.

There are foundations that have to be laid from conception and two years old.

Without knowing the details of what to ask for we ask for the Lord to open the Books of the family generational line and to release to the baby in the womb who has gone through the deliverance together with the mother.

Ask God to release the blessings that are necessary to fill every place that the enemy has vacated and to equip the child to grow in the ways that God desires the child to grow in that period of time.

Stages of Development:

God's Spirit and Man's Spirit:

What is the connection between the Spirit of God, the spirit of man and the mind?

There are some people who **can very easily come into the presence of God** – they can move very easily from the natural to the spiritual.

There are people who are used of God, who love God and who are Spirit-filled who have no spiritual feeling.

- they don't feel the anointing,
- they don't feel the presence of God,
- they don't discern demons,
- they don't feel the Holy Spirit,
- they cannot see into the spiritual realm
- they don't feel anything!

In ways we do not understand, the **Spirit of God** is connected to the **spirit of man**; and the **spirit of man** is connected to the **mind** which is an inorganic/lifeless thing; and the **mind** is connected to the **brain** which is matter.

Spirit of God

Spirit of man

Mind

Brain

There is a specific point of connectedness; a specific point where the brain cells/that matter/that area that electricity runs through interacts with the intangibles of mind, soul and spirit – whatever those things are in the Spirit of the Living God.

Connecting the Baby's Spirit to God's Spirit:

What is the best point in time during the pregnancy of a woman for that spirit-mind connection to be stimulated, to be nurtured, to be stirred up, to be strengthened?

It is much easier to bring children into the presence of God and to stir up that spiritual sensitivity than what it is to bring a 50 year old into God's presence.

Samson and John the Baptist

Samson:

Judges 13:5 *"5 For behold, you shall become pregnant and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from birth, and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hands of the Philistines."*

John the Baptist:

Luke 1:13-15 *"13 But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zachariah, because your petition was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you must call his name John [God is favorable].*

14 And you shall have joy and exultant delight, and many will rejoice over his birth,

15 For he will be great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord. And he must drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit even in and from his mother's womb."

God wanted to produce an immense, incredible connection between the Spirit of God and the mind of man. **He started at the moment of conception.**

The Spirit was upon those children in the womb at the moment of conception.

Jesus

We don't know exactly when Mary conceived – the assumption is that it was very soon after the angel appeared to her.

It would appear that she was in the presence of Elizabeth within a few days of the conception of Jesus.

When she arrived there, the first thing that Elizabeth did was to bless Mary and to bless the baby.

If Jesus, who was fully God and fully man, needed that blessing at the earliest stages of conception, how much more do our children need those blessings at the very moment of conception?

Three people are recorded that blessed Jesus:

1. Elizabeth
2. Anna – after the birth of Jesus in the temple.
3. Simeon – after the birth of Jesus in the temple

All three were:

- quite elderly
- radically righteous
- walked in a high level of faith

These are the calibre of people that Almighty God hand-picked to bless Jesus Christ.

When a baby is conceived:

What we learn from this is that when a couple conceive, they should identify in their circle of influence a Godly older believer – somebody who is extremely righteous and somebody who has walked by faith – prepare them – have that person be looking in the Word of God seeking God's heart for what blessings are to be spoken over the child.

As soon as they know they are pregnant, go to that individual – have them speak blessings over the mother and over the child in the womb and then sustain that in various forms - the father, grandfather, and/or pastor on an ongoing basis during the pregnancy.

The First Ninety Days

Mary remained with Elizabeth for that period of time – three months.

God kept this developing child in that safe place for those first three months. After being covered by those initial blessings by Elizabeth for three months, Mary returned to her hometown Nazareth.

We can assume that her pregnancy was not welcomed in Nazareth. Who would believe that she was a virgin when she conceived?

We can assume that most people rejected her and that there were even those who overtly cursed the child for bringing shame on the family line and upon the community.

Jesus was not accepted, affirmed, and validated like a normal pregnancy. He was not in the same safe and secure place like He was with Elizabeth.

By looking at the life of Jesus, we have learned that there is a timing issue in terms of speaking blessings to the children in the womb.

THE FIRST TOOL FOR NURTURING A CHILD'S SPIRIT

1. Acceptance

Foundational to any healthy pregnancy and any healthy relationship is acceptance of the baby by the parent.

Child birth and the mother's emotional condition:

Doctors tell us that when a mother rejects a baby there are chemicals that are released into the blood stream that go through the placenta and the child has a chemical knowledge of rejection by the mother.

If the mother did not want the pregnancy for some or other reason, there is an increase of complications during the pregnancy – premature babies, low birth weight babies, extreme difficulties in delivery, and emotionally disturbed babies.

On the other hand, when mothers are **very excited** about the child, they are **able to express that excitement** to others and to the child; those children have the highest rate of health at birth.

Labour and Delivery:

It was also found that it is not just the mother that affects the labour and delivery process but two other very important people:

1. There is a profound statistical correlation between a woman's relationship with her **husband** and
2. a woman's relationship with **her mother** and the condition of labour and delivery.

Generally, when the woman wants the baby and she has a good relationship with her husband and a good relationship with her mother, and the husband and the mother also want the baby, then labour and delivery is much, much smoother.

When the mother wants the child but the husband does not and the grandmother doesn't, there is a marked increase and difficulties in labour and delivery.

Acceptance of the Baby:

So, the acceptance that the mother brings to the table – the passion that the mother has to have about this baby, significantly affects the spirit, soul and body of the child.

The statistical studies that have been done have only tracked the physical and emotional well being of children.

The church have done much less formal studies in terms of the spiritual development give exactly the same results – the spirit is crippled when the mother is emotionally neutral or negative about the pregnancy.

Child birth and the father's emotional condition:

The other side of the coin however is the FATHER.

The father obviously does not have a biological connection and yet there is a **huge soul and spiritual connection** that affects the child.

A study was done on young boys between the ages of 5-10 years of age who could not bond with their fathers. They just could not enter into any kind of close emotional relationship no matter how hard the fathers tried.

Many cases did not have any overt trauma early on in their lives – the father never abandoned the family – the father never beat the child – there was no molestation. There was a seemingly healthy, normal, vibrant father-love for the child which the child absolutely could not receive.

The results of the study showed three different kinds of situations that caused the child to reject the father before the child was even born. What was found is that the father rejected the child first.

Why does the father reject the child?

1. An unwanted pregnancy:

- Illegitimacy
- Timing is wrong

When the father blatantly for a season had not wanted the child and expressed his disapproval of the pregnancy – that struck deep within the child – particularly if it took place within the first 90 days.

When the child is 6 weeks old in the womb and the father finds out that the mother is pregnant – if there is profound rejection there – that will many times sever the emotional tie between father and child and the child will not want to bond with the father later.

An Unwed Mother

The results will be:

- Late term babies – they are overdue – they are not born on time – many of them have to be induced.

- It appears to be that the babies know that they are somewhat unwanted.
- The babies know that the world is an unsafe place.
- The babies know that somebody had wanted and tried to kill them.

Speaking Acceptance to the child in the Womb

It is important to speak to the baby in the womb knowing that his spirit can understand the things that your spirit is communicating even though the child is preverbal and does not have the words – it is a spirit to spirit communication.

Call the child's spirit to attention in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth and tell the child to listen to what you are saying.

You are not speaking about the child, you are not praying to God about the child – **you are speaking to the child – your spirit to his spirit.**

- Tell the child that he is beautiful. That he was designed by God and that he did not have to be conceived. Everyday there are millions of cases of physical intimacy that do not result in conception.
- Tell the child that he was conceived by the predetermined will of God – a sovereign God designed him and chose every molecule of his DNA.

God chose:

- His physical characteristics
- His emotional characteristics

That God picked out:

- His spiritual DNA
- His redemptive gift

God picked out his generational blessings that were his lot
God over-saw everything

God enjoyed designing him, God celebrated his existence!
God celebrated his beauty!
God has a plan for him.

- Tell him that he is also loved by his parents and that there is room for him in the world.

- He is not only wanted, not only is there room for him, but he is also NEEDED.
- The design that God has built into him is so important and he brings something into this world that nobody else has ever brought in.
- He is a unique package of gifts from the Hand of the Creator God to us and as such we profoundly value him for the gifts that he represents.
- Tell the child all of this:

Maybe it is a late-term baby that needs to feel safe to be born.

Or a child that the mother has just received the news that she is pregnant.

- Speak to the child directly into his spirit and communicate an extravagant level of acceptance.

Beyond that initial blessing the parents must develop a **lifestyle to communicate that acceptance**, that excitement about the child.

Acceptance and excitement by both father and mother should be a lifestyle. The father should speak to the child on a regular basis – the father should reach out and touch his wife's tummy and let the child know his touch and know his voice to establish that bonding.

Acceptance is THE fundamental tool for nurturing the child in the womb.

THE SECOND TOOL FOR NURTURING A CHILD'S SPIRIT

2. Read Scripture to the child in the womb

Is 55:8 "8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.** 10 For as the **rain and snow** come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but **water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout**, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, [II Cor. 9:10.] 11 **So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void** [without producing any effect, useless], **but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.** 12 For you shall go out [from the spiritual exile caused by sin and evil into the homeland] with joy and be led forth [by your

Leader, the Lord Himself, and His word] with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into."

God's ways of doing things are very different to our ways!

We think in terms of cognitive exchange – that we can only start to minister to a child when he is able to talk back to us.

His Word is like **rain and snow** and His Word will not return to Him empty but will accomplish what He desires and achieve the purpose for which He sent it.

Rain and snow are both supposed to water the earth and cause it to bud and flourish. Rain waters the earth immediately; snow does not.

Snow can sit on the earth for 10 minutes, for 10 hours, for 10 years, for 10 centuries and never water the earth. But it does not go anywhere – it does not leave or disappear until it does water the earth. That happens when some heat is applied and it melts and it waters the earth – only then it can disappear into the earth or evaporate into the atmosphere.

There is the Word of God that we hear – that is alive and quick – that immediately ministers to us – we call it a Rhema Word.

You listen to a sermon and there is one sentence, one phrase, one verse that just grabs you and touches you – that is the rain that immediately waters a dry spot in your soul and spirit.

However, much of what we hear in the Word of God is just snow. It just sits there and does not produce an immediate change.

God says when His Word goes into our mind it is like rain and snow – some of it is immediately applied but some of it builds a snow bank.

Ideally it is the father that reads the Word to the child in the womb – he must read the Word with regularity – a regular schedule building into his child the snow bank of the Word of God before he is born.

There are times that the father will read an extended passage – reading entire Books of the Bible to the child.

God can even lead you to read the same chapter from the Word over and over until He releases you to read other Scriptures.

Trust God in whatever way He leads.

Secular research confirms the ability of the human mind to learn.

A musician said that music was in his life before he was even born. As a youngster just starting out with music he continuously was surprised that there were certain songs that he knew even though he had never heard them before.

As he got older and learned to play the Chellos he learned that there were certain songs that he already knew how the Chellos part went even before he turned the page.

When he went back to check with his mother he found out that she played those exact same songs on the Chellos when he was in the womb.

A child absorbs whatever the parent (especially the mother) was involved in **during the pregnancy** – the child absorbs it passively in the womb and bringing that imprint forward into his life – not just a knowledge but an emotional love and excitement for whatever the parent did – in the above example it was the Chellos.

Another amazing advantage of the father reading the Word to the child produces a bonding experience as well as a high level of authority between the father and the child.

The discipline of connecting with the child's spiritually – saying to the child: ***"In the Name of Jesus I call your spirit to attention. This is your father and I am going to read the Word of God to you. You must listen and pay attention."***

That discipline creates a very, very strong bond between the father and the child – a bond that can be exercised in authority before the child is born.

There are children, that when the mother goes into labour, the child is in the breach position. This requires surgery to then remove the baby with a caesarean section.

However, many fathers whose babies were in a **breach position** and had read their Bibles to the child in the womb, who had established the parental authority structure, are able to speak to their child after the mother is in labour, and say:

"Child, this is your father speaking to you. It is time for you to be born but you are in the wrong position. I need you to turn around and put your head down here and your bum up here."

Some babies obeyed within an hour!

Our own Testimony as family: 36 weeks pregnant daughter

Our own granddaughter was lying on the right side in the womb and the midwife said it is better for the birth if she lay on the left side. We all spoke to her and within the next week she had turned and was in the correct position for birth!

There is that level of authority that a father establishes with his child by partnering with Almighty God in communicating the Spirit of God to the spirit of the child through the Word of God.

Imagine how little turmoil there is in the **teenage years** when there is that level of bonding and that level of authority over the child when it is established in the womb.

If the father is not spiritually engaged in the family the mother can certainly read Scripture to the child in the womb.

Likewise a grandparent, pastor, deacon, a close friend can read the Word; whoever it is that invests spiritually in the nurture of the child's spirit is going to have a disproportionate bond to that child after birth.

Sanctifying Time

We have learned that not only do objects and people attract curses but you can have a particular season of time that is cursed.

Parents can have a **specific time of the day** when they minister to the baby in the womb – this is the time of the day that they usher the child into the presence of the Lord.

Then parents can also have a **specific time once a week** to sanctify the time and to minister to the baby in the womb. (Shabbat time)

God designed us not to just have the curses off of time but also to have **sanctified days in our year.**

For Israel there were the three primary feasts of the Jews. The men were to go up to Jerusalem on **Passover, Pentecost and The Feast of Tabernacles** and they were to use two years out of three an entire year's tithe to celebrate before God. Obviously those

were emotional high times. They did not go out of duty, they did not go to be solemn, they did not go to be sour – they needed to celebrate and spend all their money!

Building A Joy Base

Joy is supposed to be the base line emotion for the human being. It is supposed to be the foundation / corner stone / the home that we return to any time we are gone from there.

There are many other emotions in our life time that we will have to visit :

For example:

- Pain
- Grief
- Abandonment
- Disappointment
- Shame
- Guilt
- Etc.

We are made as emotional creatures. When we do visit those emotions, how long does it take for us to get back from those emotions to the base camp?

Is your home-base JOY??

There are people whose home base is:

- Anger
- Shame
- Many other emotions.

These home-bases are aberrations that should not be.

God has designed JOY to be our home base and the objective is to develop very wide neurological paths to make it easy to get back to JOY.

The Brain:

There are a set of cells allocated for different purposes. There is a generous allotment of cells allocated for JOY to be developed in the brain – to be a major home-base if we will connect those cells. But those cells have to be connected at a particular time.

Not only is it a question of having a very broad neurological path from any of the other emotions back to JOY but there is also the question of the size of JOY when we get there.

There are adults that have a very limited spectrum of emotions. It is not that they are depressed, they are not angry, they are not bitter; it is just that they do not have the capacity to express great levels of positive emotions particularly JOY.

They are like a **trumpet** with a human voice that can do 1½ or 2 octaves at best.

Then you have people that have an **emotional base like a piano** – 88 notes! They are capable of experiencing profound hurt, profound pain and also delirious JOY. That is because their home-base / base camp is very large and that is how it should be.

If you have a family that traditionally is reserved, emotionless, dysfunctional – (don't talk, trust, or feel) – that emotional wound needs to be healed in the womb.

The child needs to have his capacity for JOY dramatically enlarged because generationally he is apt to be born as an emotional non-feeler and not able to have much of a joy base.

So build a huge capacity for JOY into the child in the womb.

The Emotional Pathway in the Brain

There are adults that have a very small path back to JOY. Basically they can not get back to JOY in a day or even longer!

How are those cells in the brain connected?

Joy can only be developed in a human being as a reaction to somebody else's JOY – specifically somebody else enjoying you.

When a mother has left her baby for awhile to go shopping, she comes back and she greets her child with excitement and she spends those 5 minutes talking baby-language to the child – expressing how much she has missed the child – how glad she is to see him – that is literally connecting one brain cell to another to another in the mind to enable the child to have a bigger component / a bigger base-camp / home-base of JOY.

That is why the “cool” mothers – those who have a very small JOY base in themselves and are not able to enjoy the pregnancy – those mothers have children that are emotionally flat / lethargic / have no will to live because JOY is contagious.

Climbing Joy Mountain

A Joyful Identity

A Small Joyful Identity

A Weak Joyful Identity

A bucket full of holes

Inability to hold much joy

BUILDING EMOTIONAL CAPACITY:

From 12 – 18 months a child begins processing negative emotional states.

By 18 months the brain can complete a neurological “ring of joy”. If the “ring of joy” is completed, a person can find their way back to joy from any negative emotion in 90 seconds and experience a unified identity. We do not “forget” who we are while in a negative emotional state.

If the “ring of joy” is not completed

- _ It will take longer to go back to “joy”
- _ The child (and later the adult) will have a harder time “acting like themselves” while in a negative emotional state.
- _ Capacity to handle negative emotional states will be impaired.

When other human beings express pleasure in us, it creates that JOY.

Wounded is the child who grows up with rejection – without his peers or parents expressing any pleasure or JOY in him.

A child is made by God to be enjoyed.

Psalm 127:3 *“3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.”*

Parents have a responsibility to rejoice over the gift – to celebrate – to be excited over how the child is made.

· God the Father has such JOY over finally incarnating the plan that He devised before

the foundation of the world.

- Everyday ordained for that child was written in God's Book before one of them came to be.
- God wrote all these stories before the foundation of the world and now they are being played out.
- Finally this chapter of the story is being opened and read by God and as He re-visits that which He wrote 1000's of years ago, there is pleasure and JOY in the Heart of the Father!

As human beings – as the extended cultural group of the Church family celebrates the pregnancy, it builds that home-base of JOY into the child.

According to scientific secular studies it appears that JOY is most time-sensitive from 3 months of pregnancy up until 18 months of age.

That two year period is when the child is most responsive to JOY – more brain cells are connected more rapidly – there is more of a transformation – more of a change in the child's life.

That is why God has built into mothers that capacity to enjoy their children – to “coo” over them – to play with them – to express to the infant in arms how loved they are and how much the mother has missed seeing the child in the last hour.

This is central to the nurture and development of the JOY-base within the child.

That is not to say that those 24 months are the only time that one can grow the JOY-base.

- Any time when somebody else is expressing JOY over you –
- any time when somebody's tone of voice changes when you call them up and \ they recognize your voice on the phone –
- any time when somebody's face brightens up when you walk into the room –
- any time when another human being expresses approval over your presence, your involvement in their life, excitement over who you are – that is nurturing and building that home-base of JOY that is central and foundational to good mental hygiene.

Psalm 16:11 *“11 You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.”*

The ultimate JOY that a human being can experience is the JOY that God feels in who they are and not in what they have done.

God enjoys you! He celebrates the way you were made! You must be able to RECEIVE the JOY that God feels for who you are!!

SUMMARY

We communicate **acceptance** to children in the womb to set the stage for them to receive acceptance from God because if they shut us off early on in their lives, they are going to be very unwilling to receive communication from God about who they are.

So we are the first to connect – we have to express our acceptance of them to open up their spirit.

Then we bring the **Word of God** to bear on them so that they can more easily **enlarge their spirit** – there is more room in their spirit to receive the pleasure of the Father ultimately, and for them to be in line with the truth of who the Father says they are and with who the Father says He is.

Scripture brings that **moral compass** in line to where they can resonate to the truth of God.

Then **we bless our children**. We bless them specifically with that capacity to know God, to hear God, to receive the truth of who God is.

We **sanctify very specific times** to make certain times of the day or of the week or of the year prime times for them to have an open Heaven for them to be able to come into the presence of God because it is there in the presence of God that they will experience the fullness of JOY.

They will be able to be enriched and nurtured in their spirit; the very basis of their mental health lies in knowing that **God likes them and He enjoys them and He enjoys doing things with them!**

This is basically the highest point of worship – this is what Adam and Eve had in the Garden.

In the Garden of Eden:

- there was no religious day,

- there was no religious place,
- there was no religious ceremony,
- there was no religious sacrifice,
- there was no Holy Book
- There was no worship music
- There were no worship instruments
- There was no worship posture
- There were no worship clothes
- There was no worship liturgy
- There was no worship leadership

All there was was God Almighty enjoying Adam and Eve and them enjoying Him as they sat around and discussed earth worms and pruning trees and crop rotation.

In the presence of God, apart from any religious activity, was the highest form of JOY for humanity and the highest form of worship.

By ministering to the children in the womb, by doing these exercises of communicating acceptance, of reading the Word of God to them, of blessing them, of sanctifying the time and finally of building their JOY-base, we are **positioning them to be able to come into the presence of God and to enjoy His presence.**

MILESTONE NO. 2 – AT BIRTH

On a very special day a mother gives birth to a child – but it's more than this. She is giving birth to an integral part of God's plan. Each child's spirit has been created with one goal: to prepare this world so that God can return to dwell here.

Each child that receives this revelation and successfully pushes on to run the full race is one of the final pieces of God's plan.

At this time the father has three responsibilities.

- (a) To hear from God what the **child's name** will be. Each name carries a **meaning** and becomes a **prophetic declaration** of intent and purpose.

When this name is proclaimed and is witnessed by the Body of Messiah we are starting the **journey of purpose and blessing.**

- (b) In the Old Testament we read of an act of circumcision – this has wrongly been taken to mean that this act equals salvation. This is not the case.

Moses tells us that God has required the firstborn to be separated unto Him.

Numbers 3:42-45 *“42 So Moses numbered, as the Lord commanded him, all the firstborn Israelites.*

43 But all the firstborn males from a month old and upward as numbered were 22,273 [273 more than the Levites].

44 And the Lord said to Moses,

45 Take the Levites [for Me] instead of all the firstborn Israelites, and the Levites’ cattle instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be Mine. I am the Lord.

Parent would come to the temple, redeem the child, with an offering, and at the same time make the commitment to raise the child in the ways of God.

The illustration given to us was in respect of a dedication to priesthood but the principle remains valid for each child.

- (c) The father initiates a process of mentoring when he declares a **blessing** over the baby, activating the child’s heart, eyes and ears to be connected to God. This role-modeling process takes the next thirteen years of a father’s life as he prepares the child for adulthood.

This forms part of **empowerment no 1 and 3**.

MILESTONE NO. 3 – FROM BABY AND ADULthood

This is that more fantastic but also most **critical** time of the role-model’s life. We teach the child to **love** the Torah.

I do not mean that they learn to repeat the Word like a parrot – I mean that they come to have an intimate relationship with God.

As fathers we make it easy to understand, and a light yoke to take on because we see that God is good.

We teach the Principle of following God and keeping His Commandments **because we love Him** for His steadfastness, His faithfulness in keeping His Covenant with us.

And so we focus on:

- values – purity, honesty;
- business principles and integrity;
- family relationships;
- Understanding the concept of commitment to others.

And we teach them fundamentals such as:

- there is only One God;
- we must love our neighbour;
- All men are equal before God.

A father therefore teaches his child to accept adult responsibilities and its privileges with dignity. He blesses the child with an understanding **of freedom on one hand and a willingness to surrender** to God in obedience on the other.

A child that is following in the empowerment of generational blessing will have the following attributes:

- They will be able to **lift up their face** with the sure knowledge that God will shine His Light on them. (Num 6).
They will **know** the greatness of the God of Israel.

Psalm 18:46 *“46 The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted,*

Psalm 41:13 *“13 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting and to everlasting [from this age to the next, and forever]! Amen and Amen (so be it).*

- They will be steadfast and without fear in all circumstances. They will know that God, as **senior Covenantal Partner**, will always protect them.

Job 8:18 *“18 But if [God] snatches him from his property, [then having passed into the hands of others] it [his property] will forget and deny him, [saying,] I have never seen you [before, as if ashamed of him—like his former friends].*

19 See, this is the joy of going the way [of the ungodly]! And from the dust others will spring up [to take his place].

· they will have **absolute confidence** that their prayer, intercession and petitions will be answered. The Altar of Incense in their in their hearts will be intimately **connected** to the Ark of the Covenant and the mercy seat.

Psalm 28:6 *“6 Blessed be the Lord, because He has heard the voice of my supplications.*

Psalm 66:19 *“19 But certainly God has heard me; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.*

· They will reveal God’s presence on earth not only in the power manifestation, but in **the love for their neighbours**.

Psalm 135:21 *“21 Blessed out of Zion be the Lord, Who dwells [with us] at Jerusalem! Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)*

Psalm 68:35 *“35 O God, awe-inspiring, profoundly impressive, and terrible are You out of Your holy places; the God of Israel Himself gives strength and fullness of might to His people. Blessed be God!*

Psalm 31:21 *“21 Blessed be the Lord! For He has shown me His marvelous loving favor when I was beset as in a besieged city.*

The phase forms part of **empowerment 1 and 3**.

TRAINING UP THE SPIRIT OF THE CHILD

Our religious and secular culture has equipped us to train the “soul” of our children, i.e. where our mind, will and emotions reside. We have not been taught how to train their “spirit” man.

Uncontrolled, unmanaged, reckless, free will is a terrible thing in the hands of your children unless we have taught our children the **principle of cause and effect**.

God has designed parents not to combat their will but rather to **go beyond their will and to train their spirit**. When their spirit is in alignment, their spirit will govern their soul which will govern their body. We will truly be spirit-soul-body.

1 Thess. 5:23 *“23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and **may***

your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)."

As parents we need to develop / enlarge the spirit of the child. To do that we first need to deal with all the **blockages** on the child's spirit.

BLOCKAGES ON THE CHILD'S SPIRIT:

1. DEMONIC COVENANTS:

Deal with the **demonic covenants** that have been attached to the family line. Most covenants are attached to a person's spirit.

Is 28:15 "15 Because you have said, *We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol (the place of the dead) we have an agreement—when the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter.*

All people fall into one of the following three categories:

1. People who do the slightest wrong thing and get exposed.
2. People that live a normal life, behave well and have things go well.
3. People that are defiantly evil, sinful, never seem to get exposed and get away with it year after year.

There is a reason why these sinful / defiantly evil people never get exposed and that is because they have a form of protection.

We also understand that these people have a whole lot of demons that are "protected" surrounding them. We can't seem to deal with them and we can't get justice to be executed on the demon. That is usually because the demon is protected by a covenant which gives the demon the legal right to be there.

Example:

Anybody who enters into covenant with the enemy realizes that this choice automatically makes him **an enemy of God** and causes him to come under a sentence of death from God.

It therefore only makes sense to enter into a covenant with the devil and to make God your enemy, if the devil extends protection from the wrath of God to you.

In this demonic covenant, you receive benefits and protection from the devil so that the judgment of God does not come upon you.

Any such person and their children will have **demons attached** to them that **are protected** on the basis of a **covenant** and until you break the covenant, the demons won't leave.

An indication of such a covenant of protection that gives the demonic legal right to come in even though they are under your covenant of protection as well is evident if your children have faced **night terrors**.

Many people who have exercised the choice to come under the covenant with Yeshua Ha'Mashiach is also still in covenant with / surrounded by demons – these demons are being protected by **the covenant set up by the forefathers**.

How to annul the covenant with death that one of your forefathers brought your family line into.

Isaiah 28:15-20 *"15 Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol (the place of the dead) we have an agreement—when the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter.*

16 Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tested Stone, a precious Cornerstone of sure foundation; he who believes (trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone) will not be ashamed or give way or hasten away [in sudden panic].

17 I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plummet; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the hiding place (the shelter).

18 And your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol (the place of the dead) shall not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through, then you will be trodden down by it.

19 As often as it passes through, it [the enemy's scourge] will take you; for morning by morning will it pass through, by day and by night. And it will be utter terror merely to hear and comprehend the report and the message of it [but only hard treatment and dispersion will make you understand God's instruction].

God declares that it is illegal for your forefathers to put any descendants in slavery to the devil in any way, shape or form, the contract stands until you go to “court” and you petition for it to be nullified.

However, if they break this commandment and do this, I go before God and say:

“Righteous Judge of the Universe, I come to present a petition. I have a legal right because I am in Blood covenant relationship with Yeshua Ha'Mashiach and that gives me legal right in this court to present a petition.

Father I am not asking for mercy, I am not asking for grace, I am asking for justice because You have said ‘You’ll know the truth and the truth will set you free. When the Son makes you free, you are free indeed.’ I have a legal right according to my covenant with you to be free from the demonic covenants.

Father, I ask You to open the books and every branch of my generations past and identify every single covenant that my forefathers entered into on my behalf that is giving the demonic protection around me.

Now Father, look at the terms of those contracts and if anyone of those covenants is not absolutely just and absolutely righteous according to the Law of the Universe, I ask You to annul them and to release the overwhelming scourge on the demonic that has been attached to me and my children.”

God has promised to not just annul the covenant but that there will be disciplinary damages – when the overwhelming scourge sweeps by, the demons will be beaten down as often as it comes – it will carry them away morning after morning – by day and by night it will sweep through and the understanding of this message will bring sheer terror to the demonic realm!

Each one of us need to go before the Lord for our children and our unborn children and as time goes on, if you see specific areas where there is a demonic stronghold – where there is some area that is resisting all other ministry – go back to the Heavenly Court and say:

“Father, it looks as though there is a covenant of protection for this demon. The demon should have been long gone – he must have a covenant of protection.”

As we remove the covenant so too we get rid of the demon by calling forth the retaliatory damages that God has promised.

Release your children's spirit from the power of covenants that quench their spirit.

It is very difficult to nurture a child's spirit in the presence of demonic torment.

A child's spirit is normally not a warrior spirit. A child's spirit is timid – it will retreat – will turn inward – it will cower and hide in the face of constant presence of the demonic.

- If your child is having **night terrors**,
- if your child sees things moving in the spirit,
- if your child has invisible friends,

If you experience any of the above range of defilements – **know that the spirit is probably cowering and turning away from the Face of God and you must make it a safe environment before you can draw the spirit back around and cause the spirit to look up and become acquainted with it's Father.**

Any covenant can be annulled by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

- We very simply acknowledge that the enemy has legal right.
- We acknowledge that our forefathers have entered into this kind of a covenant.
- We acknowledge that it is iniquity.
- We acknowledge that there are curses that have been invoked in the family line because of the commercial exchange between man and demons.

VERY IMPORTANT

When a covenant is entered into, **man receives something from a demonic entity and man gives up something from his heritage** – most people choose to give up **future generations** rather than give up something in the own generation. So they are **bargaining future generations away** in order to receive something in the **present**.

There is a second level of curses – the curses that come from the Hand of God.

Whenever somebody enters into covenant with the enemy, there are curses that are automatically triggered by **God's judicial system**.

So we have the curses that our forefathers voluntarily enter into in sacrificing future generations for their well being and there are the curses that come from the Hand of God.

- So we acknowledge all of those curses.
- We acknowledge all of the ramifications of them.
- We acknowledge their legal control.
- We acknowledge that all the things that are happening in our family line are just and righteous. We deserve them because of the iniquity.

Then we use that GLORIOUS WORD

BUT!!

We inform the demonic realm that:

- Even though that demonic covenant has power
- Even though those curses have power
- Even though there has been iniquity

WE HAVE A HIGHER LEGAL RIGHT BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!!

Yeshua Ha'Mashiach is that Precious Corner Stone.

- And so you apply the proclamation of your lips, your legal authority from being in the family line to that covenant.
- You sever the agreements that people have entered into among themselves.
- You sever every agreement that mankind has entered into with the demonic realm.
- You annul the covenants – you cancel them.
- You remove / renounce the protection.
- You renounce the exchange of power for future generations.

Then you can go ahead and confess all the secondary sins and iniquity that was involved in the covenant. Typically you are dealing with GREED, IMMORALITY, SEEKING POWER, INJUSTICE, COVER UP, IDOLATRY, TEMPLE PROSTITUTION, ETC.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE ALL THESE THINGS ARE?

There are many different deliverance techniques. This is not a unique way of doing deliverance but it is just a TOOL to use in deliverance.

Dealing with generational issues is more a legal encounter than a power encounter.

Conclusion:

Get rid of the covenants and the darkness that is protected by the covenants so that your children can then walk in a measure of victory.

1 For a complete study on dealing with generational curses, please see *Cleansing our Generations* available from Kanaan Ministries.

1.2 CUTTING TIES WITH THE DEAD

Nobody must make or keep a soul tie with any dead person.

When we cut soul ties with all of our forefathers, we also cut ties with their **names**.

Many times (in the occultic community) generational curses are attached to names.

It is therefore important to sever all ties the covenants pertaining to the names of your forefathers:

- all the known names
- all the secret names
- the mystic names
- titles that they received in any secret organisation or from any demonic entities.

In the same way you must sever yourself from **demonic symbolism** that could be passed on, or their jewellery, signet rings, broaches, necklaces, etc.

- Cut the ties **with the land where they were buried** and
- even with the **symbolism that was on their casket**

because so many funeral ceremonies of more than 200 years ago included a great deal of witchcraft in the ceremony itself.

This process of severing soul ties with those from the past has been freeing up many people from nagging bondage.

1.3 REMOVE SPIRITUAL LABELS

We “read” other people’s spirits without realizing that we are doing so. Many times our spirit carries a label that somebody else’s spirit can identify.

Examples:

- a) If you cannot find a **marriage partner** – check for a label that keeps you from getting married – remove it in Jesus Name. Declare that it is good and acceptable for you to be married – that you will make a good wife.
- b) When you look at your children and see results that are hugely disproportionate to their actions – when you see **weird stuff** happening to them – it may be a label that is causing other people to react to them in a strange way.

Take the spiritual labels off your children's spirits:

Num 6: 22-27 *"22 And the Lord said to Moses,
23 Say to Aaron and his sons, **This is the way you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them,**
24 The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you;
25 The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you;
26 The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).
27 And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."*

The fathers, acting as a priest, **shall put God's Name on the children** instead of the label of "slaves" that they are carrying.

You need to overtly bless your child's spirit and place the Name of God on his spirit and not the label of the ancestors of the past.

Examples of labels:

If you were part of a family where there was a social stigma placed on you that excluded you from every form of society.

Many of us and our children are facing rejection by society and we do not know why – we need to look for these types of sins on our bloodlines.

Then we need to remove those labels and bless our spirits and the spirits of our children with God's Name.

2 See Petition book for Petition against Delayed Marriage-Related Curses and Petition for Marriage Partner available from Kanaan Ministries

RE-DIG THE WELLS OF BLESSINGS IN YOUR FAMILY:

Many of us despise our family line and we can not imagine that there can be any blessings in our families.

No matter what your forefathers have done, it does not matter even if you are the first believer in twenty generations – there are generational blessings that have been held in reserve for you and for your children!

Generational curses typically run for three to ten generations, but **Exodus 20:6** tells us that Generational blessings run a thousand generations!

Exodus 20:6 *“6 But showing mercy and steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”*

I am what I am because of my SPIRIT and not my soul.

2. PRAYING FOR A PLACE IN SOCIETY:

If you begin praying now for that place in society – 20/30/40 years down the road when your new-born child is going to need to fit into the culture, God will make a place – God will bring all the pieces together.

There is a place where your son / daughter is supposed to be –

- a school,
- a mentor,
- apprenticeship,
- a place of establishment,
- a place for a career.

If satan can not derail your child from his / her calling and purpose, he will try to see to it that there is no place in society for your child.

There can also be a **curse over a people-group** or even a **region** where they just do not have a place in society.

Pray and prepare a place for your children even if you do not know what it is. Our God will manoeuvre an entire culture of millions in order to make a right place for one individual.

Step into your position of faith in a passionate way, pray for your children so that God's place will be ready for them.

Examples of generational curses that need to be dealt with3:

Freemasonry:

Looking at generational curses, the largest package of them comes from those whose forefathers have been involved in **Freemasonry** because there were so many generational curses that are uttered against the future generations by those that are in the Masonic lodge.

Druids and Celts:

There is a significant amount of iniquity that entered the family line through Druidic practices – witchcraft that was done by the Druids many thousand years ago have affected many family lines today.

Age sensitive curses

Some generational curses are age sensitive - entire family lines that don't live **past the age of fifty**.

Or there are family lines that thrive until the **age of thirty** and then cannot prosper beyond that.

Gender sensitive curses:

The **sons** or the **daughters** in a family line are cursed – not the other gender.

Birth-Order sensitive curses:

The **first child** or the **first son** or **daughter**; or the **middle child** is cursed; or the later child in the birth order is cursed.

Many Prayers of Renunciation are available from Kanaan Ministries.

A Pandora's Box of Generational Demons:

We are each born with a “Pandora’s box” – a package of generational curses and generational demons that are assigned to us because of the iniquity of our forefathers. It appears as though those curses and those generational demonic attachments are still until they are activated by the first sin.

For Example:

You have two boys.

Fred comes from a family with a whole lot of immoral iniquity.

Sam comes from a family that is relatively morally clean.

They both stumble across some **pornography** and they both spend **30 minutes** looking at it.

The actions they have committed are **identical**.

The boy that comes from a **clean family line can walk away**, confess the sin and be **relatively untouched** – not completely – but relatively untouched by that time of sin.

Fred on the other-hand, by that one action, experiences a **huge stirring up of lust within him** and he has a **battle** that will not cease no matter how much he confesses. It is because he had a “Pandora box” of iniquity and committing some sin in that brand, activated this **disproportionate reaction**.

Even the secular psychologists admit that when a child of less than 10 years old is acting out sexual stuff there is a drive / force within him that far transcends any external stimulus or any hormonal drive from inside.

It is a generational spirit of moral perversion that has been activated.

So, any time we act out a sin in the same way as the iniquity of our forefathers, that small sin produces disproportionate reactions in our life of activating the demonic jump.

This is why it is so important for us to take our children through deliverance in the womb before they are even born so that they do not have to battle with all of these things that many of us have had to battle with.

Extend the Cleansing to the Spouse:

When you get to the present, extend the cleansing to the **spouse** – they get the generational blessings and the curses from the spouse.

Extend the Cleansing to the Children – physical and spiritual:

Then **extend it forward to the children** – the one in womb and all those already born by name.

Then forward the **cleansing to your physical and spiritual seed to a thousand generations!**

Once you have brought the cleansing forward – the legal work – you have covered all the iniquity with the Blood then you can go back very briefly to the three or four main demonic entities – like DEATH, LUST, GREED, be gone in the Name of Jesus go to the Feet of Jesus and do not return!!

Many times the demonic has already left or leaves very quickly once you give that command – there are very rarely manifestations. We are not looking for manifestations – we want it as clean and simple as possible.

It is the renunciation that removes the legal power. There is no iniquity that can not be covered by the Blood of Christ.

A CHRISTIAN WIFE AND AN UNBELIEVING HUSBAND AND VISA VERSA

1 Cor 7:14 *“For the unbelieving husband is set apart (separated, withdrawn from heathen contamination, and affiliated with the Christian people) by union with his consecrated (set-apart) wife, and the unbelieving wife is set apart and separated through union with her consecrated husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean (unblessed heathen, outside the Christian covenant), but as it is they are prepared for God [pure and clean].”*

This scripture gives us good Christian grounds for us to be able to cleanse generational defilement from off of our children especially in the womb⁴.

⁴ See Prayers for the Womb in book Curses on Motherhood available from Kanaan Ministries.

MILESTONE NO. 4 – PRIESTHOOD

The stage which has received the least attention is **this time from teenhood +- 13 until the age of 30.**

The father's responsibility is to walk alongside his child, leading by example in day-to-day life in the community, understanding the child specific attributes and talents i.e. what his area of vocation will be.

A wise father will not only identify the talents but also the gifting of **Romans 12** so that he can, through real life lessons, build his child's confidence, and ability to succeed in the world whether it be business, sport or ministry.

A father needs to teach his child to subdue **with compassion** and care and to take dominion over his area of responsibility **with grace**.

A father will use the physical blessing that he has accumulated to empower his children to start off in life at a level / place far higher than he did.

Part of the father's job is to entrench into the child the principle of commitment to community and to the principle of always building a **legacy**.

The combination of:

- the Torah as basis for manhood / womanhood
- the full utilization of my gifts or talents

in line with the generational blessing of my father will cause me to experience exponential generational blessing of my destiny.

Interestingly, whether I use or fail to use my gifts and talents does not directly bring a curse.

In Deuteronomy we see:

- if we don't listen to God's Voice
- if we don't keep His Commandments
- if we do not serve the Lord with joy
- if we backslide and become wicked we will be cursed.

A curse is when the generational blessing is changed into a generational limitation / restriction.

Deuteronomy 28:45 *"45 All these curses shall come upon you and shall pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.*

This phase of blessing and role-modeling impacts on **empowerment no 2**.

Application of this principle: Initiating your children into adulthood⁵.

It is here that we use this principle and do impartation of generational blessings.

Do an examination of the child's life up until that point and declare that she has been a good steward of the resources that she has received so far.
(Testimonies from teachers, pastors, parents.)

Look at your family line and draw out all the things that are clear strengths in your family line – generational blessings that went generation after generation.

Look at the life of your child and put together all the:

- Letters that have been written to them confirming their anointing
- **Testimonies** from school and friends about their character and strengths
- **Prophecies** that have been spoken over the child since conception.

⁵ We teach how important this celebration is for our children in the book: Initiation into Adulthood available from Kanaan Ministries – Receiving the Yoke of the Kingdom.

At the celebration party, gather the spiritual leadership around your child.

Lay hands on the child and ask God to bring the **specific anointing** and apply them to **specific stewardship needs** in the child's life based on what God has prophetically shown you as leadership for the next five years.

It is very important to understand that the blessings you speak over the child is not just a good-wish-list but it is a **proper study** done of the gifts that were identified in the family line – it is presented in the context of good **stewardship**.

The child has been called to a specific task in the Kingdom of God and she will need the resources identified as generational blessings to be released in her life to do the work.

How do the Blessings come in the first place?

What can I do in my generation to widen and deepen the stream of generational blessings so that my children and my grandchildren have more to draw from than I had in my past generations?

Widening the stream of Generational Blessings: The Life of David

What we learn from this story is that this is God's way of dealing with His children – the issue that provides man generational blessings is when a man seeks to **honour** God – **not just obey God** but to **honour** God in everything and in every way!!

Obedience is a minimum pre-requisite – lack of obedience brings curses. But we have wide open panoramas where we can go far above and beyond obedience in honouring God.

We must learn to live a lifestyle of **honouring** God – use our creativity, our time and energy and find new ways to **honour** God above and beyond our obedience.

In our day-to-day walk the accumulated affects of our seeking to **honour** God and not just obey

God will produce accumulative flow of generational blessings.

It is very possible for our children after us to have a vast supply of generational blessings.

It is possible for us to walk through life in a way that will accrue more generational blessings than that which we came in with.

It all depends on our focus on God and our focus on the next generation.

Tragic Story! Hezekiah lacked a heart for the Generations

In **Isaiah 39** we read about king Hezekiah – God says he was the most obedient king in all of Israel's history.

After he was healed supernaturally, Isaiah came to rebuke him:

Is 39:5 *"Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord of hosts:*

*6 Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which **your predecessors** have stored up till this day, **shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the Lord.***

*7 And some of your own sons who are born to you shall be taken away, and they shall be **eunuchs** in the palace of the king of Babylon.*

*8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good. And he added, **For there will be peace and faithfulness [to His promises to us] in my days.**"*

He had received a prophetic word from God that he was going to die. He prayed profusely and God reversed His Word and added 15 years to his life.

This man who had that degree of passion; he loved life to that intensity; who saw the nation and what he could do for the nation; BUT he could not spare one single tear or one single prayer for his descendents. He did not have a generational God view.

When the prophetic word came to say that his children were going to suffer horribly and that his family line was going to be cut off, he said: *"That's fine, as long as I can die in peace"*.

How tragic that the most obedient king that Israel ever had did not have a generational vision!

Today we have a generation that are so absorbed and consumed with themselves – the adults come first and what is available and what is left goes to the children.

Please look at your heart and see if that sin is there:

- do you habitually put yourselves as parents ahead of ministry to the children
- have you thought about your ministry and not the next generation
- have you been focused on getting ahead in your generation and not their generation

THAT IS SIN AND IT IS NOT THE HEART OF THE FATHER!!

God desires us to take the things that we are already doing – take our lifestyle – take our ministry – and to study those things to see how we can do them in such a way that will honour God more and not just be obedient and fruitful.

It is in the **honouring** of God that generational blessings accrue for the next generation.

It should be our passion and heart's desire as parents to see our children (physical and spiritual)
transcend anything that we have done.

We should be known as the father / mother of a spiritual giant than to be known as a spiritual giant.

Honour God every day with a fresh sacrifice for the sake of the next generation and the lives that they will touch.

Let your generational blessings be the greatest heritage that you leave behind – not your teaching ministry – not your big bank account – but that the river of blessing that flows forth from you would be the greatest change-agent – the world will be different in subsequent generations because you have learned to honour God in your generation!!

A generational blessing, by definition, transcends the righteousness of the living generations. **A generational blessing brings benefits from a **past generation** to apply to somebody who does not deserve it in **this generation**.**

God

Commits child's
priesthood
spirit to God

Creates an
understanding
of relationship
and intimacy

Helps define purpose /

Empowerment no 1 + 2

Empowerment no 3

Empowerment no 4

Child

Father

Birthright

Multiplied from the father's purpose mixed with His own becomes the generational blessing to the thousandth degree.

Note:

- the act of blessing is doing ("*asah*") all 4 stages

- the application of these principles in stage 4 reflects the degree of success with the mandate of dominion
- birthright can only pass on that which has been manifested in the physical.

**THE BIRTHRIGHT IS THEREFORE OUR SUCCESSION
TO A LINE OF GENERATIONAL BLESSING THAT HAS
THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPONENTIAL GROWTH**

Let's look at a few examples to highlight this principle

1. **Ishmael** is blessed by his father Abraham, became wealthy and increased in number i.e. subdues and takes dominion, but **does not** have the succession **birthright**.
2. **Esau** is blessed by his father Isaac, he becomes wealthy and rules over many nations but **does not have the succession** birthright.

Paul tells us that we the redeemed i.e. who have walked in obedience to God's pattern of empowerment will be one of two categories:

- If your family line does not have a generational blessing but your father has chosen to stand in the gap, repent and close all ungodly openings, to re-dig the wells of provision and blessing, then **as son / daughter you will reap a harvest**.
- If your family comes from a Godly line with evidence of generational blessing, and your father "teaches" you to have a heart, ears and eyes for God, then you will see an **exponential generational blessing**.

Paul tells us that by faith we become sons of Abraham. I have to identify with and submit to the **pattern of lifestyle** set out in the Old Testament.

Galatians 3:7 *"7 Know and understand that it is [really] the people [who live] by faith who are [the true] sons of Abraham.*

We have the "Spirit" of Messiah in our hearts.

These who have this Spirit **will do what they see Yeshua doing** – i.e. they see opportunity and trials from God's perspective.

Galatians 4:6 *“6 And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!*

John gives the revelation that we have become “sons of the light”.

John 12:36 *“36 While you have the Light, believe in the Light [have faith in it, hold to it, rely on it], that you may become sons of the Light and be filled with Light. Jesus said these things, and then He went away and hid Himself from them [was lost to their view].*

Sons of God / Light are those who are flowing in the River of God where their feet no longer touch the ground.

GENERATIONAL BLESSING

We are all interested in understanding how this principle is applied in our lives.

In Genesis, at the time of the Creation Story, we see that God sets an order in place.

Genesis 1:28 *“28 And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.*

It is important not to follow the Greco- Roman mindset of man. God speaks a Creative Word of Life but we need (Sh'ma) **to see and understand** (Sh'mar) and **do** (asah) the order.

If God determines that this is the order then we who are living in this Holy Space (Covenant) and His Holy Time (seasons) need to realign our minds to come in step with God.

Step One:

God (someone in spiritual authority) **blesses**

Step Two

God declares that we have a **birthright** (fruitful and multiply).

Step Three

God declares that we have a mandate (subdue and take dominion).

We see that there are two different (but seemingly similar) things spoken of here. It is of utmost importance that we understand the difference between

- **blessing** – *b'racha*
- **birthright** – *b-charah*

If we don't clearly define these concepts we will land up in hot water as far too many people think that birthright = blessing.

B'racha / blessing is the **physical things** that a son of God will accumulate and will be able to pass on as an **inheritance** to his children.

B'chorah / birthright is the **spiritual legacy** that is passed from one person to another.

One important fact is the principle that God, as the Senior Partner in our Covenant, has the final say over this succession.

Birthright is therefore the protocol of determining **who has the Covenantal Right** to continue with these spiritual blessings. We see the "church" using this principle from time to time (they usurp God's authority) when they lay hands on someone else and "pass on" the anointing of let's say healing / prophecy, double portions, etc.

Man often has the concept that the **first born** will be the family successor in this type of role.

- We have quite a few examples where God clearly determines that the second son, Jacob, David etc. is the son who must take on the legacy.

Before we now jump to the conclusion that the birthright is **only for some**, let's deal with that type of theology.

1. **Every man should be blessed** – God blesses us with gifts (**Rom 12: 6-8**) as well as many talents.

Most importantly we need to open our understanding to the type of gifts that God gives us – I am certainly not referring to the power gifts but rather to a transformed soul.

Deuteronomy 29:3-5 “3 The great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders.

4 Yet the Lord has not given you a [mind and] **heart to understand** and **eyes to see** and **ears to hear**, to this day.

5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out upon you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.

These are the gifts of God’s Heart:

- *Lev, l’da’at* – a **heart that is open to receive** God’s perspective on life through a personal, intimate relationship with Him.

Do you have a **heart to follow God** anywhere?

- *Eynayim lir’ot* – **eyes that are open to see** the people that live and work all around you through the Eyes of God – i.e. to see the need from God’s perspective.

Do your **eyes have a clear vision** of your calling?

- *Oznayim lish’moa* – **ears that are willing to listen** and hear what God says and then to do it.

Do your ears strain to hear God call your name?

2. Everyone get a **mandate to take dominion** – i.e. to make a place of intimacy where God can dwell.

3. Everyone has a **birthright** that is passed on. God does not make anyone without a purpose.

Your birthright is product of the role-model of your father and your own free will choice to follow God or not.

A Godly father will give his descendents a place of position;

- will teach his children to follow God

- circumcise the child’s heart and make sure that the child has a heart after God

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 “4 Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord [the only Lord]. 5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might. 6 And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in

your [own] minds and hearts; [then] 7 You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes. 9 And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Fathers make this choice, but often fail to do a good job. Sometimes a father is an unbeliever and draws the child further away.

God determines if the **birthright** will pass to the child. Sometimes God has grace to "pass over" one generation of curse to see whether the family will change for the better.

Godly attributes that have been cultivated are passed on and the child experiences exponential generational blessings in these areas of their lives.

Let's illustrate this with the story of the twins **Jacob and Esau**.

We find the crux of this illustration in this verse.

Genesis 25:22-23 *"22 [Two] children struggled together within her; and she said, If it is so [that the Lord has heard our prayer], why am I like this? And she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 The Lord said to her, [The founders of] two nations are in your womb, and the separation of two peoples has begun in your body; the one people shall be stronger than the other, and the elder shall serve the younger.*

We need to make sure that this one **fact** registers in our minds. God **determines** that Jacob would be the one that carries the **birthright of leadership**.

The Torah records a story which is under a subtitle "**Esau sells his birthright**".

Let's be clear, God determines the right to succession (in this example in the physical but also in the spiritual).

Jacob could therefore not buy the birthright. Isaac could not give the birthright to the wrong son. Esau could not sell what he did not have!!

Esau did not want the birthright – those who take on the birthright will commit to teach and raise their children in the ways of God.

Esau only wanted his part of the blessing – the silver and gold and cattle and sheep!! Even his threat to kill Jacob is quieted by “things”.

A FATHER’S CALLING TO BLESS

It is clear that in order for everyone who is a physical or even a spiritual father to bless and empower, we must first come into a position of spirit authority.

Again it is wise to reconsider a previous statement, when it comes to the **exponential blessing of generations** or even the negative restriction and limitation of causes, it is God who decides.

God shows us clearly that His criteria are different to that of this world.

The **Greco-Roman mindset** looks at:

- education
- physical looks and strength
- charisma
- gift of speech

God’s criteria are simple.

- Do you submit to My Will and My Commandments?
- Will you serve Me as I see fit?

What a difference!!

Most importantly we must always remember that the Bride of Messiah **belongs** to Yeshua – we have no rights of ownership and therefore have no right to control or dominate.

We need to come to terms with God’s idea of a father / leader. We are not to have a rod of authority but to be prepared to wash the feet of those who follow.

Matthew 20:25-28 “25 And Jesus called them to Him and said, You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men hold them in subjection [tyrannizing over them].

26 Not so shall it be among you; but **whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,**

27 And whoever desires to be first among you must be your slave—

28 Just as the Son of Man came not to be waited on but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many [the price paid to set them free].

Let's look at some practical applications

Aaron has two sons, **Elazar** and **Itamar**. A study of the meaning of their names reveals a very interesting description of our role in the Bride of Messiah.

Elazar – God is my help – speaks of humility – this one seeks at all time to give God the glory.

Itamar – oasis – speaks of a place of Living water, a place to obtain food (dates) and a place of rest and restoration.

A man who seeks to bless others must therefore:

- have the heart of a servant
- be prepared to stand alongside others and **release** them to go on to greater heights
- Be prepared to be a source of life to others.

This type of role-modeling releases children into their callings and gifts. Only a child whose heart, eyes and ears have been tuned onto God will be able to take their gifts (ruler, mercy, etc.) and use them wisely for the Kingdom of God.

These two sons have been given the gift of Rulership / administration. Please note:

- they are not just available
- they are not just willing

They are **born** for a time and job such as this!!

They do not see their calling as a job, nor boring, nor insignificant – they understand that whatever **God has designed them to be is a blessing**.

And so we have to go out to take dominion over the

- powers of darkness in our city
- wrong attitudes and things that we have imbedded in us
- Mindsets of choice before we have come before God.

A father will:

- *Sh'ma* – communicate with God and with his family
- *Sh'mar* – make the commitment to walk in Covenantal relationship
- *Asha* – built the home as the smallest unit of the Bride of Messiah.

It is important that we make this concept of blessedness easy to understand.

How do I know who is blessed or not?

All you have to do is look for these attributes:

1. Men who live Godly lives.

Psalm 1:1 *"1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather.*

Psalm 106:3 *"3 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who observe justice [treating others fairly] and who do right and are in right standing with God at all times.*

Isaiah 56:2 *"2 Blessed, happy, and fortunate is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold of it and binds himself fast to it, who keeps sacred the Sabbath so as not to profane it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.*

2. Men who put their trust in God.

Psalm 2:12 *"12 Kiss the Son [pay homage to Him in purity], lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for soon shall His wrath be kindled. O blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are all those who seek refuge and put their trust in Him!*

Psalm 40:4 *"4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who makes the Lord his refuge and trust, and turns not to the proud or to followers of false gods.*

3. Men who help the poor.

Psalm 41:1 *"1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is he who considers the weak and the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of evil and trouble."*

4. Men who live in God's House.

Psalm 84:4 *"4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who dwell in Your house and Your presence; they will be singing Your praises all the day long. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"*

Psalm 84:5 *"5 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion."*

Psalm 89:15 *"15 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are the people who know the joyful sound [who understand and appreciate the spiritual blessings symbolized by the feasts]; they walk, O Lord, in the light and favor of Your countenance!"*

Proverbs 8:32 *"32 Now therefore listen to me, O you sons; for blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who keep my ways.*

34 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors."

5. Men who obey God.

Psalm 119:2 *"2 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies, and who seek, inquire for and of Him and crave Him with the whole heart."*

6. Men who fear God.

Psalm 112:1 *"1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who fears (reveres and worships) the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments.*

Psalm 128:1 *"1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who fears, reveres, and worships the Lord, who walks in His ways and lives according to His commandments.*

ILLUSTRATION OF A FAMILY OF GENERATIONAL BLESSING

Abraham has a revelation of the reality of God as the Creator of the Universe. No record is made of this time in Abraham's life.

This "face to face" experience is powerful enough to start this man and his family on a journey of faith.

1. **Abraham's spirit is supernaturally connected to God's Spirit.** We must also realize that somehow during this interaction with God, that God taught Abraham the principle of his lifestyle for the rest of his days.

In some supernatural way these principles of the Torah are **circumcised** into Abraham's **heart**. Abraham starts this journey of faith – he travels to the land of Canaan.

2. But we see that **he starts with a blessing**. God blesses Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-4 *"1 NOW [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives 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 [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].

3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].

4 So Abram departed, as the Lord had directed him; and Lot [his nephew] went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran."

Genesis 13:2 *"2 Now Abram was extremely rich in livestock and in silver and in gold."*

3. Abraham goes forth, walks the length and the breadth of the land **building altars and takes dominion**.

Genesis 12:7 *"7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your posterity. So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, Who had appeared to him."*

Genesis 13:14-18 *"14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had left him, Lift up now your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;*

15 For all the land which you see I will give to you and to your posterity forever.

16 And I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth, so that if a man could count the dust of the earth, then could your descendants also be counted.

17 Arise, walk through the land, the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to you.

18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt among the oaks or terebinths of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and built there an altar to the Lord.

What we see in this short illustration (and please note Abraham made a few mistakes which would impact the generations to come) we see that Abraham has **followed** the **pattern** set out by God in the Creation Story.

However, at this stage – Abraham does not have a son – and can therefore not have a birthright succession – someone who would continue to claim the “land” for God.

And so he pleads for the fulfilling of the promise. God comes again to show that Isaac is the one whose heart, eyes and ears will be connected to God.

Genesis 18:14 *“14 Is anything too hard or too wonderful for the Lord? At the appointed time, when the season [for her delivery] comes around, I will return to you and Sarah shall have borne a son.*

Now that he has the son, Isaac, he sets off (even though he is starting fatherhood at 100 years of age) to follow the pattern of blessing and birthright.

- He **connects Isaac’s spirit** with God by the act of circumcision.

Genesis 21:4 *“4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.*

- He **teaches** Isaac about **the Principle of the Torah** and ensures that Isaac’s heart is connected in **intimacy in a personal** relationship with God.

Genesis 22:1-3 *“1 AFTER THESE events, God tested and proved Abraham and said to him, Abraham! And he said, Here I am.*

2 [God] said, Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I will tell you.

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and then began the trip to the place of which God had told him.

Genesis 22:6 *“6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on [the shoulders of] Isaac his son, and he took the fire (the firepot) in his own hand, and a knife; and the two of them went on together.*

Genesis 22:8 *“8 Abraham said, My son, God Himself will provide a lamb for the burnt offering. So the two went on together.*

- He spends time with Isaac **role-modeling** a life with purpose and destiny – he makes sure that Isaac has a **clear vision of what he is to do**. Even when his bride, Rebecca, is on the way, he remains focused on his calling.

Genesis 24:63 *“63 And Isaac went out to meditate and bow down [in prayer] in the open country in the evening; and he looked up and saw that, behold, the camels were coming.*

Isaac goes on to become the son of promise. He also makes some mistakes that will flow through as generational curses but overall he grows into his destiny.

Given the blessing (Gen 22: 17, 18) he fulfills this calling – he remains inside the **borders of Canaan** his entire life.

Gen 22: 17, 18 *“17 In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies,
18 And in your Seed [Christ] shall all the nations of the earth be blessed and [by Him] bless themselves, because you have heard and obeyed My voice.*

Because he claimed the territory in the physical and obtained the victory at a personal level, he is able to pass on a **birthright** (albeit under strange circumstances) to the God-chosen son, Jacob, whose descendents truly reflected the end result of their grandfather’s generational blessing.

The twelve tribes took the land of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua many years later.

JACOB’S GENERATIONAL BLESSING / BIRTHRIGHT

There is no doubt that Jacob made some strange / wrong choices – which left damaging marks of generational curses on his own life and that of his family.

But – Jacob is the **son chosen to be the birthright successor** of Abraham and Isaac.

Abraham’s promise from God is that his descendents will be as the stars in the heavens – i.e. many.

At the time of Creation, God tells us of the Principle of the seed.

Genesis 1:11 “11 And God said, Let the earth put forth [tender] vegetation: **plants yielding seed and fruit trees yielding fruit whose seed is in itself, each according to its kind, upon the earth.** And it was so.

Genesis 1:21 “21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good (suitable, admirable) and He approved it.

- We see that every living thing has a seed.
- The seed contains the exact image of its kind.
- The fruit of everything has a seed that produces after its own kind.

Now God’s promise is that there would be many “seeds” that look **like him**. (Abraham). Not all children of mankind wants to choose to walk with God and can therefore never get the **birthright** to generational everlasting life.

The “seed” of Abraham will be:

- totally submitted to God
- righteous / honorable
- hospitable
- ready to speak on behalf of sinners
- worshipper of the One True God JHWH
- ready to follow the purposes set out by God
- Prepared to take dominion of the land that God gave him and to bring forth a seed of descendents that thought / acted / worshipped God like he did.

This is meant to be **illustrative not exhaustive**. The question is: do you really look like a seed of Abraham?

1. We know that God’s prophetic Word of direction over Jacob had been made **before** he was born.

2. We know that he is described as a man of **integrity** that dwells in the tents.

3. We know that he made a **detour** in the wilderness to work out the consequences of his wrong action.

20 years of wandering

At this stage it is critical to go back to Isaac's "time of blessing of his two sons". Let's study these two blessings. Note, Isaac blessed Esau **with the same two blessings** that he gave to Jacob – the only difference is that **the order is reversed**.

Esau's blessing:

Genesis 27:34 *"34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with a great and bitter cry and said to his father, **Bless me, even me also, O my father!***

Genesis 27:39-40 *"39 Then Isaac his father answered, Your [blessing and] dwelling shall all come from the **fruitfulness of the earth and from the dew of the heavens above**; 40 By your sword you shall live and serve your brother. But [the time shall come] when you will grow restive and break loose, and you shall tear his yoke from off your neck."*

1. the fat places of the earth – i.e. the prosperity of this world, and **then** (if he was interested)

2. The dew from heaven.

Jacob's blessing was in the correct order or relationship.

1. the dew of Heaven – the concerns over the impact that he would have in the world to come / eternity, **and then** if he was interested

2. The fat places of the earth.

Genesis 27:27-29 *"27 So he came near and kissed him; and [Isaac] smelled his clothing and blessed him and said, The scent of my son is as the odor of a field which the Lord has blessed. 28 And may God give **you of the dew of the heavens and of the fatness of the earth** and abundance of grain and [new] wine; 29 Let peoples serve you and nations bow down to you; be master over your brothers, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Let everyone be cursed who curses you and favored with blessings who blesses you."*

How soon is it that we see that this **blessing** come to pass.

Esau becomes a very rich man – one who does not **need** a gift from Jacob.

But he shows no desire to seek the "dew of Heaven" – even as Jacob goes back to the family to seek a wife.

Esau goes on to take his third wife, one of the descendents from Ishmael.

At no stage did he even show any inclination to take up God's purpose of becoming truly a fruit after the likeness of the seed of Abraham.

Jacob on the other hand is on the run to a place of **exile**.

Before he leaves the Promised Land however he lays down to sleep.

A man:

- who know Gods call on his life

Genesis 28:1-5 "1 SO ISAAC called Jacob and blessed him and commanded him, You **shall not marry one of the women of Canaan**.

2 Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take from there as a wife one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3 May **God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you** until you become a **group of peoples**.

4 May He give the blessing [He gave to] Abraham to you and your descendants with you, that you may **inherit the land** He gave to Abraham, in which you are a sojourner.

5 Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. He went to Padan-aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob and Esau's mother."

- know God's Word / Torah

BUT

- not knowing the love / warmth / appreciation of his father, needs a revelation from God to sustain him on his journey.

He makes a bed in the fields and takes a stone for a pillow

AND

dreams of a connectedness with God via a ladder of angels.

When we consider where it is that Jacob lay down to sleep (still in the Promised Land) and where he was going to be staying soon (in Paran) we can visualize that the vision of the ladder meant a few things to Jacob:

1. that God's Presence and promise was in respect of the Promised Land – **he would be coming back**,
2. that God wanted him to know that he was **connected to Heaven** – i.e. that God's love for him was secure,
3. That the **angels would be accompanying him** wherever he went – even in the wilderness. (The sages believe that "other" angels would accompany Jacob because those who had been assigned to Israel, would stay with the people of Israel.)
4. that **God's promise of the blessing** and proclamation of purpose that "Jacob would have descendents" (seed)

" – as many as the dust of the earth" obviously referred

- firstly to **physical** seed i.e. family, and
- Secondly, to the seed of the promise of Messiah.

Here we would see a multitude of people who by faith and adoption become children of **Abraham** through the redemptive work of Yeshua the Messiah as they transform their lives so that they look, act, speak like the seed of Abraham.

Galatians 3:16 *"16 Now the promises (covenants, agreements) were decreed and made to Abraham and his Seed (his Offspring, his Heir). He [God] does not say, And to seeds (descendants, heirs), as if referring to many persons, but, And to your Seed (your Descendant, your Heir), obviously referring to one individual, Who is [none other than] Christ (the Messiah).*

Genesis 15:15 *"15 And you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old (hoary) age."*

Genesis 17:17 *"17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said in his heart, Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a son?"*

Genesis 22:17 *"17 In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies,"*

Genesis 26:25 *"25 And [Isaac] built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants were digging a well."*

Genesis 28:14 *"14 And your offspring shall be as [countless as] the dust or sand of the ground, and you shall spread abroad to the west and the east and the north and the south; and by you and your Offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed and bless themselves."*

When Jacob wakes up he realizes that he was in the Presence of God.

He now understands that the word of his father Isaac are a true statement from a man who have regained his spiritual eyesight – Isaac now realized that Jacob needed to **hear** (*sh'ma*) the Covenant promise and **do** (*asah*) what God desired.

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2 Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take from there as a wife one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3 May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you until you become a group of peoples.

4 May He give the blessing [He gave to] Abraham to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land He gave to Abraham, in which you are a sojourner. "

Jacob's Revelation

a) That God had chosen to work through him.

Any feelings of fear, uncertainty, sadness due to rejection and lack of fatherly love are replaced by:

- fear of God (he is afraid of this place)
- awe

Jacob then, standing in the physical domain, makes two statements of prophetic **significance** by faith.

1. *"mah nora ha – makom hazeh"* - How **awesome** is this place?

2. *"ein zeh ki im-bet Elohim v'zeh sha'ar ha-shamayin"* - This is none other than the **gate to heaven**.

Genesis 28:17 *"17 He was afraid and said, How to be feared and revered is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway to heaven!"*

Jacob establishes in the physical the **birthright** of all of those who would **come after** the seed of Abraham, **followers** of the Messiah.

He takes the stone pillow and transforms it into a monument, anoints it with oil and calls the place – **the House of God – Bet-El**.

Yeshua, at the very beginning of His ministry, is on the lookout for disciples while He is in Galilee.

Philip, after choosing to follow Yeshua, goes to see Nathaniel. They tell him that they have found *“Him of whom Moses spoke about in the Law”*.

Nathaniel replies: *“Can any good come out of Galilee?”*

When Yeshua meets him, He greets him with the statement:

“An Israelite in whom there is no deceit” – after coming to the realization that Yeshua has chosen him before they had physically met, he proclaims Yeshua as the Son of God.

At this point in time Yeshua reveals that He is the Spiritual Manifestation of Jacobs’s Ladder dream – *He is the ladder of the Lord!*

Yeshua tells us He is The Way to Heaven

Genesis 28:17 *“17 He was afraid and said, How to be feared and revered is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway to heaven!”*

John 14:6 *“6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.”*

- that we will see angels moving on the “Ladder” which is called Yeshua.
He came down so that we could see Him and believe in God

John 1:51 *“51 Then He said to him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you all, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man!”*

Daniel 1:13 *“13 Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat of the king’s [rich] dainties be observed and compared by you, and deal with us your servants according to what you see.”*

Matthew 26:24 *"24 The Son of Man is going just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better (more profitable and wholesome) for that man if he had never been born!"*

He is, as Jacob saw, standing on the ground.

Genesis 28:12 *"12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!"*

· that He is the True Temple or House of God

Matthew 21:42 *"42 Jesus asked them, Have you never read in the Scriptures: The very Stone which the builders rejected and threw away has become the Cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"*

John 1:14 *"14 And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.*

Genesis 28:17 *"17 He was afraid and said, How to be feared and revered is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway to heaven!"*

Genesis 28:19 *"19 And he named that place Bethel [the house of God]; but the name of that city was Luz at first.*

When we accept Yeshua as Messiah – we become Living Stones in a New Temple where Yeshua is the Headstone / Chief Corner Stone.

We need to make one more connection between the study of Jacob's ladder and Yeshua The Ladder as The Way to Heaven.

We make this point as we study Jacob's vow to God.

Genesis 28:20-22 *"20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me food to eat and clothing to wear,
21 So that I may come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God;
22 And this stone which I have set up as a pillar (monument) shall be God's house [a sacred place to me], and of all [the increase of possessions] that You give me I will give the tenth to You."*

We find that Jacob includes, as part of God's promise, these words:

"and if I return to my father's house in peace then I will dedicate myself totally to you".

Yeshua's sacrifice on the Cross at Calvary and His subsequent resurrection had one goal only, and that was to make a way that there would be *"peace in my Father's House"*.

Jacob's meeting with God at Bethel was virtually the opening of the door – the way to God so that each one of us can claim a birthright, as a son of Abraham to the fullness of the promise.

Yeshua is our Ladder or Bridge Builder that allows us to transform our lives until we look / act and speak like sons of God.

Summary

Again I want to stress, that the blessing that God proclaimed and which spiritual fathers follow, has a number of stages / goals:

1. connectedness with God
2. intimacy / personal relationship with God
3. purpose / destiny, my priesthood

BUT

My **birthright** is that attribute or calling which I inherit from a Godly earthly father. I am destined to take this and create the exponential growth by my obedience to God's Voice and promptings.

The **moment that I become a father** I have to transition into the role-model of preparing the smooth transfer of an **increased birthright to the next generation**.

CLEARING SOME MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT CURSES AND BLESSINGS:

The First Misconception

An individual that has been blessed by God can not be the recipient of any curses.

The verse that is quoted is the one where Balak hired Balaam to curse the Israelites.

Num 23: 8, 10 *"8 How can I curse those God has not cursed? Or how can I [violently] denounce those the Lord has not denounced?*

10 Who can count the dust (the descendants) of Jacob and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous [those who are upright and in right standing with God], and let my last end be like theirs!"

Num. 23:12 *"12 And Balaam answered, Must I not be obedient and speak what the Lord has put in my mouth?"*

Some people interpret this scripture to mean that because we have all received blessings from God, it means that no curse can attach.

Num. 23:20 *"20 You see, I have received His command to bless Israel. He has blessed, and I cannot reverse or qualify it."*

Balaam, as a prophet **in this situation** did not have a right to curse when God wanted to bless. This does not mean that individuals cannot have blessings and curses operative simultaneously.

Levi as an individual and as a tribe:

Levi and Simeon entered into a peace treaty with the residents of Sechem because Hamor, the son of Sechem, wanted to marry their sister Dinah.

Three days after the circumcision, when the men were in the most pain, Levi and Simeon went into the city and destroyed everyone there. They killed all the people with whom they had a peace treaty.

The net result of that we see in **Genesis 49**. Jacob was on his death bed and he cursed those two sons. He said they would be scattered in Israel – they would not have a designated territorial area that was recognised for them in their tribe.

In **Exodus 32** we find the incident of the golden calf and when Moses came down from the mountain after spending 40 days in the presence of God.

Ex 32:25 *"25 And when Moses saw that the people were unruly and unrestrained (for Aaron had let them get out of control, so that they were a derision and object of shame among their enemies),*

*26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoever is on the Lord's side, let him come to me. **And all the Levites [the priestly tribe] gathered together to him.***

27 And he said to them, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Every man put his sword on his side and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.

28 And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about 3000 men.

*29 And Moses said [to the Levites, By your obedience to God's command] you have consecrated yourselves today [as priests] to the Lord, each man [at the cost of being] against his own son and his own brother, that the Lord may restore and **bestow His blessing upon you this day.**"*

We believe that this is the time when the tribe of Levi was set aside to be the priestly tribe in Israel. God's Heart was for the whole nation to be kings and priests for Him, serving their priestly function to all the nations of the world. To have one tribe to be singled out to be a priestly tribe to the other tribes in the nation, was not God's original plan.

We now have a tribe here that is both cursed and blessed even though they had performed this heroic deed, they thought they had received a permanent generational blessing from the Hand of God via the mouth of Moses, they were still under the original curse.

When the division of the land came, the Levites were indeed scattered all over Israel. They were given a number of Levitical towns but each town was disconnected from the other Levitical town – they were scattered throughout Israel.

The curse was largely diluted because of the blessing. The curse lost a great deal of its sting as they were given prime property – some of the best cities in the land to be Levitical cities. **The fact remains that you had a tribe that was cursed and blessed simultaneously.**

God did not remove the curse just because there was a blessing given to them.

In Malachai 2 God is speaking to the **Levitical priestly group.**

Mal 2:2-3 *"2 If you will not hear and if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to My name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yes, I have already turned them to curses because you do not lay it to heart.*

3 Behold, I will rebuke your seed [grain—which will prevent due harvest], and I will spread the dung from the festival offerings upon your faces, and you shall be taken away with it."

This again proves the fact that a person can have a curse and a blessing operating simultaneously.

Just as God did not remove the curse when He blessed Levi, so He did not remove the blessing when He cursed Levi.

There was legal ground for the curse and legal ground for the blessing.

God just added more curses to the blessings to completely dilute the power of the blessings.

This is also our experience in life: **walking with curses and blessings simultaneously.**

Depending on your family line, **some people have a larger deposit of blessings; others have a larger deposit of curses.**

Many people can go through life without giving any thought whatsoever to their deposit of generational curses because their generational blessings are so substantial that they are not even aware that the curses are there.

There are other people that have such a monumental presence of generational curses that even though there are substantial blessings in their line, they don't see those blessings and their benefits – those blessings are enough to just keep them alive in the face of the curses that have pursued them.

Israel, the priestly section of the Levitical tribe, had both blessings and curses operating at the same time.

The Second Misconception

Ex. 20:5 *"5 You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the **iniquity** of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,"*

This is one of the most familiar passages dealing with generational curses.

Ex 34: 7 *"7 Keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving **iniquity and transgression and sin**, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the **iniquity** of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation."*

Sin, Rebellion and Iniquity

Sin: Missing the mark, failing to do what you were supposed to do. Disobedience.

Rebellion: Disobedience that is pre-meditated with one of two considerations:

1. Some rebellion is done with the expectation that you can get away with the sin and not get caught; you won't have to pay the consequences.
2. Another kind of rebellion which says the joy of the misbehaviour, the pleasure of the sin is going to be so great that it more than compensates for the consequences of the sin.

Iniquity

Iniquity is in a completely different class than either sin or rebellion. The root word of iniquity means to twist, to warp. It refers to individuals who either deny:

- a) the existence of God's absolutes
- b) or they attempt to completely reverse, negate, contradict, the truth in God's absolutes.

Is 5:20 *"20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"*

This is iniquity - the overt, intentional reversal of God's absolutes.

For example:

1. **Abortion** is always sin and in the vast majority of cases abortion is rebellion. There could be the theoretical individual who truly does not understand. But in the vast majority of cases it is rebellion.

However, iniquity is that which is committed by the prochoice movement. Iniquity is when an individual says there's no life, there are no moral consequences, there are no

emotional consequences, and there are no spiritual consequences, no social consequences.

Iniquity is when pro-choice says that a woman's right to her body is greater than her responsibilities before God for the life that she carries.

That is iniquity because it is an absolute total complete reversal and denial of God's absolutes.

2. **Homosexuality** is by-enlarging a pathology – it is a result of woundedness - either overt woundedness in childhood or deficiencies in the parenting.

It is always sin and almost invariably rebellion.

However the gay rights movement that proclaims that God made people with homosexual cravings and desires, that proclaim that man should not ever be held responsible for his sexual behaviour; that claims that there is no damage done in the sexual assaulting of young boys; all of these things are iniquity.

It is an overt, intentional, defiant, denial and reversal of God's absolutes.

3. **Witchcraft** is another form of iniquity.

- Witchcraft proclaims that whatever demon you are serving is more powerful than God;
- witchcraft denies the command that we are to worship one God only;
- Witchcraft proclaims that their demon or their god has the power to protect from the wrath of a true and holy God.

This is iniquity.

It is an overt, absolute intentional defiant rebellion against God's absolutes or a denial or a perversion of God's absolutes.

In the Hebrew, the word in **Exodus 20:5** is iniquity.

*"...punishing the children for the **iniquity** of the fathers."*

It is not every little sin floating along in the generational lines that are going to bring a corruption into the family line – rather, it is overt intentional defiant iniquity.

One of the principles of scripture is that the first mention of any passage / topic is very significant.

The story of Cain:

1. The sacrifice he brought was definitely sin – he failed to offer the sacrifice that God required and so he became upset.

Gen. 4:6-7 *“6 And the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? And why do you look sad and depressed and dejected?*

7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

Shortly thereafter Cain killed his brother and then we find this dialogue between Cain and God.

Gen 4: land of Nod east of Eden

There were several judgments that the Lord put on Cain.

1. There was a judgement on Cain’s relationship with God. It says he went out from the presence of the Lord.

2. There was a judgment on Cain’s relationship with the land. The land was already under a curse because of Adam. Now there was a second curse – a deeper layer of curse put on whatever land Cain would try to farm.

3. There was a curse placed on his social relationships – people would know that he was different – they would know who he was and there would be limits to what kind of social relationships he could have.

4. God put a permanent mark on the body of Cain so there was a curse on relationship even to his own body.

In that context there is the word “iniquity”.

Cain said to the Lord: “My punishment is more than I can bear.”

“Punishment” is normally translated “iniquity”.

The root meaning of the word is “**to warp and to twist.**”

Cain was actually saying:

“My twisting, my warping is more than I can bear. You have warped my relationship with:

- You,*
- the land,*
- people*
- my own body*

This is a classical picture of the word iniquity.

When a man intentionally, defiantly, attempts to warp God’s absolutes – when he intentionally defiantly violates the Law of God in the extreme, God responds by warping His family line.

Generational curses, generational demonic packages enter the family line – not casually – not easily – not flippantly. They enter because of serious, profound overt iniquity where somebody attempted to deny or warp God’s absolutes.

The Third Misconception

There is a third misconception that stems from **Exodus 20** and that is the fact that is says:

“I am a jealous God, punishing the children for the iniquity of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

There are those that feel that this verse indicates only the third and fourth generation are subject to curses. Anything that happened further back than that simply does not apply to us.

If that were the only verse in scripture that dealt with the issue, then we would have reason to believe that.

However, there are different levels of generational curses:

For example:

Deut 23:2 *“2 A person begotten out of wedlock shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord; even to his **tenth generation** shall his descendants not enter into the congregation of the Lord.”*

Here we have two ten generational curses:

1. For illegitimacy
2. For incest related sin (the Ammonites and the Moabites were conceived out of incest)

It is not unusual for a man to feel uncomfortable in church.

He can't explain why he is uncomfortable – many Christian men who love the Lord have a decent devotional walk – they can meet the Lord in a lot of different places but when they are inside the church building, they just feel uncomfortable.

These are the people, that when the last “amen” is said, they are in a hurry to get outside of the church, and they will stand outside and visit for hours if necessary or desired – but they are uncomfortable in church.

Typically this means there has been a generational curse of illegitimacy. To go back 10 generations in a family line speaks of an awful lot of people to take into account and the probability is that almost all of us have some illegitimacy in our family line within the last 10 generations.

Likewise with incest – where there has been incest and there has been conception – that too will bring a curse of exclusion from the House of worship to where people do not feel comfortable being in the presence of God, even though they can worship God in other contexts.

An Example of a Curse that has no limit:

Naaham and Elisha

2 Kings 5:24-27 *“24 When he came to the hill, he took them from their hands and put them in the house; and he sent the men away, and they left.*

25 He went in and stood before his master. Elisha said, Where have you been, Gehazi? He said, Your servant went nowhere.

26 Elisha said to him, Did not my spirit go with you when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money, garments, olive orchards, vineyards, sheep, oxen, menservants, and maidservants?

*27 Therefore the **leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you and to your offspring forever.** And Gehazi went from his presence a leper as white as snow.”*

This is a generational curse that **goes beyond the 10 generations** – it goes on forever.

Gehazi's descendents are presumably still in the world today and some of them still have leprosy. There are curses that have no generational time limit as God determines.

This is not a specific predictable cause-and-effect; there is not a point in the Law that says if you disobey a prophet and take money, you are going to have an eternal curse on your life.

God sovereignly determines specific judgements for specific times and any family line can have an endless generational curse on health or on finances or on anything else if our forefathers have defied the True and Living God and God has sovereignly placed an extra-Biblical curse upon a family line. Praise God for Jesus!! Only through His Blood can we be set free from a curse that was supposed to last forever throughout all generations in certain families!

The Fourth Misconception:

Ezekiel 18 has been wrongly translated that God no longer deals with generational curses.

Ezek 18:2 *"2 What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?"*

This passage needs to be put in the context of **sin, rebellion and iniquity** as well as the **historical moment** in which this word was given.

Ezek 18:19 *"Yet do you say, Why does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right and has kept all My statutes and has done them, he shall surely live.*

20 The soul that sins, it [is the one that] shall die. The son shall not bear and be punished for the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear and be punished for the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him only, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon the wicked only.

21 But if the wicked man turns from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all My statutes and does that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

22 None of his transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; for his righteousness which he has executed [for his moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation], he shall live.

23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the Lord, and not rather that he should turn from his evil way and return [to his God] and live?

This is the basic principle that applies to all generational curses as well as all current curses.

There is nothing current or generational that can not be brought under the Blood of Christ.

Even if a man changes midstream from a life of iniquity to a life of holiness, the iniquity that he has committed in his life can be covered by the Blood of Christ and the power of that iniquity can be broken off of him in the same way that an individual son can break the power of the generational curses coming from his iniquitous father.

In this passage we are dealing with the judgment of **Israel collectively**. This was spoken by the prophet Ezekiel who was ministering to people who were **in exile in Babylon**.

There had been a **national judgment** upon Judah and the nation as a **whole** had been taken **into captivity** because of a **national curse**.

You had **extremely righteous people like Daniel and Ezekiel who were taken into captivity**. They had **no sin in their own life or no generational iniquity that caused them to be carried into captivity but because they were under a national curse / a collective curse that affected a large group of people, they were taken into captivity**.

God differentiates between a generational collective judgment and an individual judgment.

He said **collectively generationally a lot of people died** – in the war, in the trek across the desert, and some people died after they arrived in Babylon.

Collectively everybody is under judgment and collectively the children are being judged for the iniquities of the fathers.

In the **historical context** He then goes on to **say now that you are here, each one of you individually has an opportunity to be different**.

Each one of **you individually** can sin and **individually reap the consequences** for sin or you can be **righteous and individually reap the consequences of being righteous**.

So God is **differentiating** between the **collective judgment** where indeed, no matter how much the people repented they were not going to be able to go back to the land of Israel for 70 years.

That generational curse did affect innocent people. The fathers did eat sour grapes i.e. Commit iniquity and the children's teeth were set on edge.

Innocent people suffered because of the collective iniquity of the nation.

But now that they were transported to Babylon, each person had to write the script for his own life by how he behaved or misbehaved.

Part 2

THE ART OF BLESSING

Every Blessing That We Want For Our Loved Ones is Conditional to Our Obedience

Hebrews 3:6 *"6 But Christ (the Messiah) was faithful over His [own Father's] house as a Son [and Master of it]. And it is we who are [now members] of this house, if we hold fast and firm to the end our joyful and exultant confidence and sense of triumph in our hope [in Christ]."*

Hebrews 6:11 *"11 But we do [strongly and earnestly] desire for each of you to show the same diligence and sincerity [all the way through] in realizing and enjoying the full assurance and development of [your] hope until the end,"*

This section is focused on highlighting the power of our creative words. We are told in Genesis that everything that God created was done by the power of His Tongue / The Word.

Mankind is made in the Image of God. This implies that we function in the same way as God. In fact, Yeshua tells us **to do** what we see **Him doing**, because He does what the Father tells **Him to do**.

This is shown to us no more clearly than the example where God as Father chooses to speak these words:

"This is My Son in whom I am well pleased." over Yeshua.

Clearly there is power in the tongue – in fact we can see the path of freedom of choice.

Words of encouragement Words of negativity

We are in fact called to circumcise our hearts.

Someone whose heart has the Torah / Law / Word engraved on it, will have their mind renewed to focus on God's Principles and will have their will conformed to react to every situation in the same way that God would. I have to make a choice:

- Do I use my tongue to **bless**
- or;
- Do I use my tongue as a dagger with which I hurt, maim and kill.

We need to realize that the creative ability in our tongue can very easily be used to create words of hate. Yeshua makes us understand that this is one area where we need to really focus on in order to conform to God's purpose.

James 1:26 *"26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile,barren).*

James 3:8 *"8 But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison.*

Psalms 31:20 *"20 In the secret place of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You keep them secretly in Your pavilion from the strife of tongues.*

WHY IS BLESSING SUCH A BIG DEAL?

From different cultures we get different perspectives:

- In **English** – just words.
- In **Greek** – philosophy
- In **Hebrew** – those words contain the Creative and Prophetic Power of God.

Definition:

B'racha – Strong 1293 pronounced "*ber-aw-kaw*"

Bless = **barach**

Strong's 1288 pronounced "**bawrahk**".

To understand the full meaning of blessing, we need to study the **FIRST** time that this word is used in the Torah.

God "barach" / blesses:

1) The **fowls and fish:**

Gen. 1:22 *"22 And God **blessed** them, saying, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl multiply in the earth."*

2) The **man and woman** He created:

Gen. 1:28 *"28 And God **blessed** them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth."*

3) The **Seventh Day**, making it holy:

Gen. 2:3 *"3 And God **blessed** (spoke good of) the seventh day, set it apart as His own, and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all His work which He had created and done."*

So to understand what the **essence** of "barach" or "to bless" is, we must study the **common** attributes of each of these three stories.

Attributes:

1) God speaks in an **intimate** conversation (He is **close to**, **hovering over**, and **jealously protecting** what He has made.)

2) Each of the parts of creation were an **inanimate** / substance with no form/ purpose or destiny.

When God's "b'racha" / blessing is released, they **are infused** with something of God's Essence:

- They receive purpose and destiny.
- They are **enabled** to actively participate in God's Plan.
- They receive, by the b'racha, the capacity **to reflect** God's Glory.

Intimacy and Closeness + Prayer of Blessing

Spoken:

☺☺face to face;

☺☺eye to eye;

☺☺heart to heart;

☺☺spirit to spirit.

Transforms man!!!

The Effect of Blessing:

1) God proclaims His Name!

When Moses is "hiding" in the rock we see how **HaShem descended** in the cloud and stood with him there, **and proclaimed the Name of HaShem.**

Ex. 34:5-7 "And HaShem passed before him and **proclaimed**, "HaShem, HaShem is God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin ..."

2) God tells Moses to instruct the "**Kohanim**" (the priests) to **say** it:

Num. 6:22-23 "22 And the **Lord said** to Moses,

23 Say to Aaron and his sons, This is the way you shall bless the Israelites. **Say to them...**"

A critical element of our understanding of the power of blessing is the realization that this is a **Commandment** from God.

V'yomer HaShem el-Moshe

And then spoke HaShem to Moshe,

emor el ha-kohanim b'nei Aharon...

saying “**Speak** to the priests, the sons of Aharon...”

Take careful note:

- These are not just any words,
- this is not an order / instruction
- these are not nice to know facts

BUT the most powerful, Creative Word of God.

Remember:

- God’s Word **NEVER** returns void;
- God’s Word **causes things to change**;
- God’s Word **raises us up to another spiritual level**.

The first use of the word *emor* (Strong’s Hebrew Word 559) is in:

Gen. 1:3 “3 And Hashem said,
Yehi-ohr! [Light BE!] --
and light was.”

God speaks to bring about a transition in our lives, from one spiritual level to another – from meaningless existence into purpose and destiny-fulfilling living.

The word “**Emor**” means more than “speak”, “say”, or “tell”.

It means:

- to deliver, with conviction and power, a Creative Word from God.
- to prophesy,
- to passionately declare,
- to directly confront,
- to clearly announce,
- to boldly challenge, and
- to **release a life-giving force over someone** in order to raise them from one spiritual level to another,
- more responsible level,
- closer to fulfillment of purpose.

3) God says that His Name is **placed** on us.

Num. 6:27 “27 And they shall **put** [**place**] My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.” The Hebrew word for **place** is “*samu*” from the root verb “*suwn*”.

It means: “to put something or someone in a pre-determined and prepared, receptacle, strategic location.”

God **places** Adam in the Garden of Eden.

Gen. 2:8 “8 And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden [delight]; and there He **put** the man whom He had formed (framed, constituted).”

Thus, when God puts His Name in a prepared receptacle or strategic location, i.e. on man (Israel) then that Name **enters** the spirit of the person, resides there and transforms the surroundings.

It becomes **part of your DNA**.

4) God pours out His Fire / Glory and consumes our offering.

We see evidence of this when Aaron raises his hand “toward the people”.

Lev. 9:22 “22 Then Aaron **lifted his hands toward the people** and blessed them

Moses and Aaron blesses the people with the following blessing:

Num. 6:24-26

“Y’varechecha Adonai

[May HaShem bless you]

v’yish ‘merecha

[and zealously cherish and keep watch over you]

Ya’er Adonai panav elecha

[May HaShem’s Face shine upon you]

v’chuneka

[and shower you with grace]

Yisa Adonai panav elecha

[May HaShem lift up His countenance upon you]

v’yasem lecha shalom

[and may He give you wholeness, wellness, security, abundant provision, and peace.]”

And God **responds**:

Lev. 9:24 *24 Then there came a fire out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces."*

When a father / priest releases words of blessing – God releases Glory and Fire.

5) Every time that we speak this blessing we open **the Portal to God** so that He can put His Name on the individual being blessed:

Numbers 6:27 *"27 And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.*

"The Name" contains the dominant characters or the Essence of the Person, in this case, the God Creator of the Universe.

God tells us that:

- it will have a profound / spiritual effect.
- we will be changed, empowered, enabled.
- we now have a part of His characteristics.
- we have been released from all restrictions to actively participate in relationship and life according to a Divine plan. (We are no longer alone, aimless / purposeless.)

Father as Priest

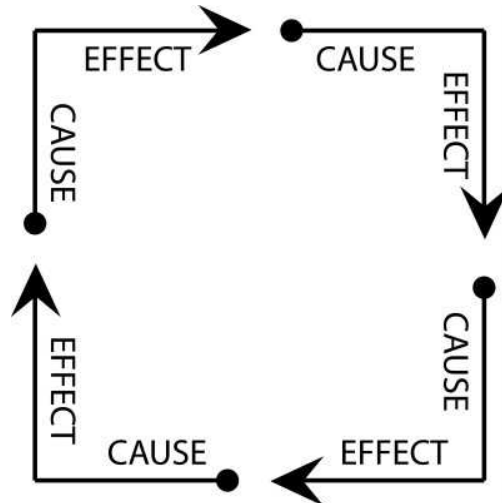
GOD SENDS FIRE

NUM 6:24-26

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OBEDIENCE (SH'MA) AND BLESSING

God has established spiritual principles which operate here on earth.

One of these is the principle of "**cause and effect**".



(a) Cause:

God tells us that “if” ...

In Hebrew this is “*Ki*” meaning:

- ☹☹when
- ☹☹on the heels of,
- ☹☹or as a consequence of,
- ☹☹or following on.

(b) It shall come to pass:

- ☹☹when you **listen** [Hebrew *sh'ma*] to these commandments
- ☹☹and **keep** [Hebrew *sh'mar*]
- ☹☹and **do** / implement [Hebrew *asah*] them,

that HaShem your God will keep [Hebrew *sh'mar*] with you the covenant and the loving kindness which He swore to your fathers.

(God will look to see how we handle ordinary situations that we are faced with daily to see if we are flowing in the way He wants us to.)

So what does God want us to be doing?

1) **Sh'ma** translated as “hear”, “listen”, and “obey”. It means to respond to the words of God in a positive way, letting those words change your way of thinking, speaking, and acting, and your relationships, in a way consistent with the words God spoke.

2) **Sh'mar** (Strong's 8104) translated as “keep”. It means, however, to consider something valuable enough to protect and defend, and to therefore carefully guard and protect and cling to and cherish and keep watch over something.

3) **Asah** (Strong's 6313) translated as “do”. It means to interact with raw materials creatively, the way a potter interacts with clay, working with it, molding and forming it, until it gradually becomes something useful, valuable, and beautiful.

This is not a case of “doing” because you **have to** – i.e. forced obedience.

If we operate at this level we are busy with self-effort - what we can get from the situation – this would amount to legalism.

What we need is a heart-felt response towards the God Whom we trust and who will lead us through the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

We are talking about a **Covenant response**, something we do because we are in a loving relationship with Him. We have surrendered to God totally and therefore we do as He speaks and leads.

Very often a personal relationship with God is not total surrender or true love and so when we don't “get” what we expect or demand then it becomes a very easy choice to **disobey** God or to seek some form of **justification** for our lifestyle choice.

Now that we have laid the Biblical foundation to explain the “Cause” action, let us put this into context in the “father – child” relationship.

The Cause

Fathers are called to “bless”.

We have seen that God “said” for the priest to “**say**”.

We have seen that God's “**saying**” has the Life-giving Force to **announce**, **boldly challenge**, and **release** God Life-giving Force over someone else.

What must I do?

God just wants you (the father) **to do it!**

I speak:

1) Words of **Prophetic life / direction** and purpose over each child.

I proclaim the gifts and talents and take action to develop these.

Romans 12:6-8 *"6 Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy, [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith;*

7 [He whose gift is] practical service, let him give himself to serving; he who teaches, to his teaching;

8 He who exhorts (encourages), to his exhortation; he who contributes, let him do it in simplicity and liberality; he who gives aid and superintends, with zeal and singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness."

2) Words of **God's faithfulness, grace, mercy, love** to each child. I declare His goodness and the greatness / value of the **gift** that each child is from God.

Deuteronomy 6:7,8 *"7 You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.*

8 And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes."

3) Words of a **lifestyle** of obedience to God's word and give evidence of this relation by the "works" of the fruit of the spirit towards my neighbour.

Galatians 5:23 *"23 Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]*

25 If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]"

It is very important to make sure that my child sees that what I say, I also do.

Matthew 23:1-3 *"1 THEN JESUS said to the multitudes and to His disciples,*

2 *The scribes and Pharisees sit on Moses' seat [of authority].*

3 *So observe and practice all they tell you; but do not do what they do, for they preach, but do not practice".*

The Effect

God says that He:

Deuteronomy 7:13 *"13 And He will love you [1], bless you [2], and multiply [3] you; He will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your land, your grain, your new wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock in the land which He swore to your fathers to give you."*

1) Loves us

Strong's Hebrew word #157, pronounced *aw-hawb*.

To *ahav* means to:

- consciously choose as a favorite,
- have communication / fellowship and constant interaction with,
- to thereby bond with someone, preferring that person's company, ways, opinions, and values over any other.

2) Blesses us

Strong's Hebrew word #1288, pronounced *baw-rahk*.

Barach means that God will:

- release us from restrictions and,
- infuse us with unlimited potential and empower us to live a victorious life!!

3) Multiplies us

Strong's Hebrew word #7235, pronounced *raw-baw*.

This verb means:

- To become many,
- To become numerous,
- To multiply.

This verb is also, like *barach*, a part of the promise God made to Abraham:

Genesis 16:10 “*I will multiply (rabah) your seed exceedingly*”

Genesis 17:2 “*I will make you fruitful and multiply (rabah) you.*”

The *rabah* empowerment means that God will see to it that our numbers will grow exponentially, no matter what famines, plagues, persecutions, etc, satan hurls at us.

Evidence of blessedness – Deut 7

Blessed shall you be *ba’ir* (in the city),
and blessed shall you be *b’sadeh* (in the field).

Blessed shall be the fruit of your body,
and the fruit of your ground,
and the fruit of your animals, the increase of your cattle,
and the young of your flock.

Blessed shall be *tan’acha* (your basket),
Umish’arteche (and your kneading-trough).

Blessed shall you be *b’vo’echa* (when you come in,
and blessed shall you be *b’tsetecha* (when you go out).

HaShem will establish you for an *am k’dosh* (a holy people to himself,
as he has sworn to you;

if you shall keep (Hebrew *sh’mar*) the mitzvot of HaShem your God,
and walk in His ways.

HaShem will make you plenteous for good,
in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle,
and in the fruit of your ground,
in the land which HaShem swore to your fathers to give you.

HaShem will open to you *et-otsaro ha-tov* (His good treasure) in the sky,
to give *metar-ar'tzecha* (the rain of your land) in its season,
and to bless *kol-ma'aseh yadecha* (all the work of your hand),
and you shall lend to many nations, and you shall not borrow.

HaShem will make you the head, and not the tail;
and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath;
if you shall listen to (Hebrew *sh'ma*) the mitzvoth of HaShem your God,
which I command you this day,
to observe (Hebrew *sh'mar*) and to do (Hebrew *asah*) (them).

CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIP

Often the result or outcome of something done now is only seen or felt much later.

This is true of the Principle of Blessing – we don't always see the result or consequence of our actions.

Moses however makes it very clear that our physical action of speaking and doing (Sh'ma) God's Commandments (mitzvoth) will release either blessing or curses depending on **what** we do.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 “26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse—

27 The blessing **if you obey** the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day;

28 And the curse **if you will not obey** the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you this day to go after other gods, which you have not known.

Only if we have taken God's Word to heart made it an absolute part of ourselves so that we conform our soul to do / speak / live whatever God says will we release the blessing.

James confirms this Principle of doing:

James 1:26 “26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile, barren).

We see here very clearly the Principle that the tongue can be a blessing or if untamed can be a curse.

Let's define some of the foundational stones in the life of a man who blesses:

I will **surrender** my will and independence and cleave to God's Word.

I will trust in God's direction or His promptings even though the circumstances do not seem clear.

I will accept the role of the Bride of Messiah i.e. I will let God lead the way in all circumstances.

I will acknowledge God as the Stronger Partner in this Covenant Relationship.

I will guard against the tendency:

- to want to take control of things,
- to allow myself effort to take over,
- to act and believe that we can make a difference,
- to try to take on God's role of fixing things.

I recognise that every time I move from the position of Bride to the position of Bridegroom I will be reflecting an anti-God behaviour and all of my "words" will produce polluted and cursed water.

May your works and words be a Light that shines forth and glorifies God in Heaven.

Matthew 5:15 *"15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven."

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A MAN WHO CAN BLESS

The concept of blessing, i.e. of empowering someone else, of removing life's restrictions from someone can only come about by someone who themselves have reached a place where they have been blessed.

Since blessings are Godly Words of direction and life, it seems a foregone conclusion that such a man will have built up a **foundation of truth**.

A man who blesses:

1. Will hearken diligently to God's Words

We have seen already that the concept of "hearken" or listen includes the commitment to do that which God says.

No more clearly do we see this Principle than:

Deuteronomy 28:1 *"1 IF YOU will **listen diligently to the voice** of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.*

*2 And all these blessings shall **come upon** you and **overtake** you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God.*

*9 The Lord will **establish you** as a people holy to Himself, as He has sworn to you, **if you keep the commandments** of the Lord your God and walk in His ways.*

13 And the Lord shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day and are watchful to do them.

15 But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you."

This means that our day to day lifewalk must reflect the character and attributes of God.

Psalms 1:1 *"1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather."*

Psalms 106:3 *"3 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who observe justice [treating others fairly] and who do right and are in right standing with God at all times."*

Isaiah 58:1-2 *"2 Blessed, happy, and fortunate is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold of it and binds himself fast to it, who keeps sacred the Sabbath so as not to profane it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."*

2. Will observe and do all of God's Commandments

The focus here is the level of **willingness to submit** to His will.

It is easy to do something if:

- it does not cost anything;
- it is in line with your principles or values;
- you understand fully why you are doing it.

The level of submission that God requires is far more than this. It means that we will be obedient especially when we do not understand why, if we do not really want to, if we think that logically it won't work.

Deuteronomy 28:15 *"15 But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you:*

This level of commitment says:

- I fear the Lord our God;
- I love Him with all my soul;
- I serve Him with all my heart.

Deuteronomy 10:12 *"12 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you but [reverently] to fear the Lord your God, [that is] to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being, 13 To keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?"*

We make up God's House here on earth and because we sanctify the "House" of God, His Presence is seen.

Psalms 84:1-4 *"1 HOW LOVELY are Your tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!*

2 My soul yearns, yes, even pines and is homesick for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out and sing for joy to the living God.

3 Yes, the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young—even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who dwell in Your house and Your presence; they will be singing Your praises all the day long. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"

3. Will walk in His ways

The art of walking in God's ways, is not so much about you keeping the Commandment i.e. your relationship with God, but is more about:

1. The fact that you are seen to be identified with God – there is a separation between your lifestyle and that of the world.

Many tribe / nations / religions find a way to identify themselves in the physical or natural.

This varies from a mark on the body, the use of distinctive clothes, or the sign of some adherence to a set of norms / rules.

God declares that all men / women are equal – there is no classification based on any of these criteria.

Instead God wants us to submit to a circumcision of the heart, to have the “ark of the covenant” with His word and authority imprinted there.

The separateness is therefore someone who rejects the Greco-Roman system of performance and success and submits to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

2. The fact that the world (pagans) will come to see that you are called / identified / marked as a son of God.

Deuteronomy 28:9-10 “9 The Lord will establish you as a people holy to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. 10 And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name [and in the presence of] the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.”

This is how we show the world that we walk in His ways:

- we are part of the living

“Tabernacle” that chooses to **worship** God as a lifestyle – i.e. all day long we reflect God's countenance.

We are seen to walk in the strength of the Lord and do not rely on our own physical strength.

Psalm 89:15-18 “15 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are the people *who know* the joyful sound [who understand and appreciate the spiritual blessings symbolized by the feasts]; *they walk*, O Lord, in the light and favor of Your countenance!

16 In Your name *they rejoice all the day*, and in Your righteousness they are exalted.

17 For You are the glory of their strength [their proud adornment], and by Your favor our horn is exalted and we walk with uplifted faces!

18 For our shield belongs to the Lord, and our king to the Holy One of Israel.

We wait on God. We know that this lifecycle is always pushing us to make a decision **now**, to move now with the threat that the opportunity could be lost.

We choose to wait for God’s timing in every situation.

Isaiah 30:18 “18 And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. **Blessed** (happy, fortunate, to be envied) *are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him*, who expect and look and long for Him [for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]!

This is how we do this:

Psalm 128:1 “1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who fears, reveres, and worships the Lord, who *walks in His ways and lives according to His commandments*.

Psalm 119:2 “2 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies, and *who seek, inquire for and of Him and crave Him* with the whole heart.

Deuteronomy 6:17-20, 24-25 “17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God and His exhortations and His statutes which He commanded you.

18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may go well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers,

19 To cast out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.

20 When your *son asks you in time to come*, What is the meaning of the testimonies and statutes and precepts which the Lord our God has commanded you?

24 And the Lord **commanded us to do** all these statutes, to [reverently] fear the Lord our God for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

25 And it will be **accounted as righteousness** (conformity to God’s will in word, thought, and action) for us if we are watchful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.

Deuteronomy 32:47 *"47 For it is not an empty and worthless trifle for you; it is your [very] life. By it you shall live long in the land which you are going over the Jordan to possess.*

4. Will neither turn to the left or the right of God's purpose and destiny

This characteristic of a man who is able to bless is reflected in his:

- steadfastness
- commitment to the vision
- endurance – as Paul says we do not look back at the things that might have been but we look forward to our hope and salvation in Yeshua.

This is a man who has put on the full armour of God, takes up his position and stands on his faith.

Deuteronomy 28:14 *"14 And you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.*

Such a man has learnt to identify the voice of the Holy Spirit and moves when told.

Isaiah 30:21 *"21 And your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, **This is the way; walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left.***

Such a man has a fire in His heart for God. This fire burns to eradicate every idol that is raised up against God both in the physical.

Isaiah 30:22 *"22 Then you will defile your carved images overlaid with silver and your molten images plated with gold; you will cast them away as a filthy bloodstained cloth, and you will say to them, Be gone!"*

As well as the idols of self effort that we build up as strengthened in our lives.

Many times we hold onto hurts / wounds as a means of extracting vengeance until this becomes an invisible idol without which we cannot survive.

Another indication of this man's inner strength is revealed in the fact that he does not tolerate defilement of any sort in his life.

Psalm 119:1-3 *"1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) are the undefiled (the upright, truly sincere, and blameless) in the way [of the revealed will of God], who walk (order their conduct and conversation) in the law of the Lord (the whole of God's revealed will).*

2 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies, and who seek, inquire for and of Him and crave Him with the whole heart.

3 Yes, they do no unrighteousness [no willful wandering from His precepts]; they walk in His ways."

And finally the man who has the capacity to bless others with conviction will also be able to bless those who curse them.

They know that God's Name is written on their body, soul and spirit and that nothing will come of this curse.

They chose to move in the opposite spirit by releasing and blessings.

Matthew 5:44 *"44 But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*

Romans 12:14 *"14 Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude toward you]; bless and do not curse them.*

1 Corinthians 4:12 *"12 And we still toil unto weariness [for our living], working hard with our own hands. When men revile us [wound us with an accursed sting], we bless them. When we are persecuted, we take it patiently and endure it.*

The Capacity to Bless

Many people are quick to speak – feel that it is good that they proclaim words of encouragement.

We should never attempt to stop this – however we need to understand that:

- Only a man who has developed the quality / characteristics listed above will have the strength of character to bless with integrity
- Only a man who has been released into manhood and who has been blessed himself will bless with confidence.

We should never let our physical ability i.e. my lack of insight with respect to language, my fear of speaking in the public, etc, put me off.

The humble-spirited man's words, spoken with faith are all that God needs to open doors.

THE POTENTIAL OF THE BLESSING OF GOD

Numbers 6:22 *"22 And the Lord said to Moses,
27 And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."*

1. God blesses us

The Hebrew word in Strong's #1288

You can experience what it is like **to be released** from restrictions and limitations, **to be infused** with the blessing with unlimited potential and empowerment.

Psalm 128:1-6 *1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who fears, reveres, and worships the Lord, who walks in His ways and lives according to His commandments.
2 For you shall eat [the fruit] of the labor of your hands; happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) shall you be, and it shall be well with you.
3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the innermost parts of your house; your children shall be like olive plants round about your table.
4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who reverently and worshipfully fears the Lord.
5 May the Lord bless you out of Zion [His sanctuary], and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life;
6 Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!*

Psalm 1:1-3 *"1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather. 2 But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night. 3 And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity]."*

2. God keep us

The Hebrew word in Strong's # 8104

You can experience what it is like to be:

- cherished,
- treasured,
- nurtured,
- ☺☺to be carefully guarded and kept watch over, and to stay with, dwell in, and make your Divine Destiny your highest priority.

Psalm 17:8,13 “8 *Keep and guard me as the pupil of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings*

13 *Arise, O Lord! Confront and forestall them, cast them down! Deliver my life from the wicked by Your sword ...*”

1 Samuel 2:9 “9 *He will guard the feet of His godly ones, but the wicked shall be silenced and perish in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.*”

3. God makes His Face to shine upon you

The Hebrew word in Strong's # 215

Ohr as rays of light is **energy**.

Energy acts upon matter.

The *ohr* of God's Countenance (i.e. *Panev* – God's Face is a reflection of His innermost being and essence) acts upon you – impacting your body, soul, and spirit.

The *ohr* of God's Face warms, heals, restores, renews, and empowers. In this way we are transformed from glory to glory.

We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of HaShem, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Ruach of HaShem

2 Corinthians 3:18 “18 *And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.*”

Psalm 31:16 16 *Let Your face shine on Your servant; save me for Your mercy's sake and in Your loving-kindness.*

Psalm 44:3 “3 For they got not the land [of Canaan] in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but Your right hand and Your arm and the **light of Your countenance** [did it], because You were favorable **toward and did delight in them.**”

Psalm 80:3 “3 **Restore us again**, O God; and **cause Your face to shine** [in pleasure and approval on us], and we shall be saved!”

Psalm 119:135 “135 Make Your face shine [with pleasure] upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.

4. God is gracious to us

The Hebrew word in Strong's #2603

You can experience that God, the **stronger Partner in the Covenant**, commits to give to you, the weaker partner, and enable you to reach your full potential and enjoy your covenantal benefits.

Chanan is “whatever it takes”. God gives you **whatever it takes** to bring you to the point of full Covenant participation and enjoyment, and to the fulfillment of your destiny.

Psalm 119:29-32 “29 **Remove from me** the way of falsehood and unfaithfulness [to You], and graciously impart Your law to me. 30 I have **chosen the way of truth** and faithfulness; Your ordinances have I set before me. 31 I **cleave to Your testimonies**; O Lord, put me not to shame! 32 I will [not merely walk, but] **run the way** of Your commandments, when You give me a heart that is willing.”

Colossians 3:12-14 “12 **Clothe yourselves** therefore, as God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives), [who are] purified and holy and wellbeloved [by God Himself, by **putting on behavior** marked by] tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience [which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper].

13 Be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive].

14 And above all these [put on] love and enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness [which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony].

5. God “lifts up” His Countenance on you

The Hebrew word for “lift up” Strong’s #5375

We see this word (lift up) used in **Num 4:21-22**

V’yedaber Adonai el-Moshe l’emor

HaShem spoke to Moshe, saying:

Naso et-rosh b’nei Gershon

Lift up the head of Gershon’s descendants

gam-hem l’veyt avotam l’mishpechotam

by families, following the paternal line.

Naso Strong’s Hebrew word #5375,

A derivative form of the Hebrew verb *nasa* (naw-saw), meaning:

- *elevate;*
- *fetch;*
- *cause to arise;*
- *cause to advance;*
- *bring forward;*
- *cause to step up,*
- *give attention to,*
- *give regard to,*
- *give respect to.*

Every Hebrew letter forms a hieroglyphic picture.

The word *nasa* and *naso* made up of the letters *nun* (which makes the “n” sound), *shin* (which, in this case, makes the “s” sound), and *alef* (which makes the “o” sound in *naso* and the ah sound in *nasa*).

The letter *nun* is a picture representing a son or heir.

The *shin* represents a picture of ascending tongues of fire (flames), (Moses saw flames coming from the bush on Sinai).

The *alef*, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, represents God. The combination of these letters presents a picture “of a son or heir entering ascending flames and appearing before HaShem”.

Naso et-rosh literally means:

- ⊙⊙“appear before the Sh’kinah,
- ⊙⊙look through the ascending flames of fire,
- ⊙⊙focus upon God, and
- ⊙⊙have confidence.

This same perspective is used by Yeshua

Luk 21:28 “ ... *when these things begin to happen, look up, and lift up the head (in Hebrew, this would be naso et-rosh) because your redemption is near.*”

The word and role model of blessing over your life is meant to have the effect that our lives are totally **transformed**.

God calls you to “lift up your head” - we are called to:

“make our lives count / to make a difference”

Psalm 24:7 “*7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you age-abiding doors, that the King of glory may come in.*”

Psalm 25:1 “*1 UNTO YOU, O Lord, do I bring my life.*”

Psalm 63:4 “*4 So will I bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.*”

Psalm 121:1-3 “*1 I WILL lift up my eyes to the hills [around Jerusalem, to sacred Mount Zion and Mount Moriah]—From whence shall my help come?*

2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not allow your foot to slip or to be moved; He Who keeps you will not slumber.

Psalm 143:8 “*8 Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, for on You do I lean and in You do I trust. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my inner self to You.*”

6. God will give us peace (Shalom)

The Hebrew word for “give” is Strong’s #7760

This is translated as “place us inside” in the same way Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden – i.e. its not something that comes and goes – **its all around us.**

Shalom is wholeness, wellness, completion, purposeful living, joy, abundant provision, harmony, safety, security, and covenant enjoyment.

Philippians 4:6-7 “6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

7 **And God’s peace [shall be yours,** that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 “16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself **grant you His peace** (the peace of His kingdom) at all times and in all ways [under all circumstances and conditions, whatever comes]. The Lord [be] with you all.

Colossians 3:15 “15 And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ’s] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].

MANY BELIEVERS DO NOT KNOW THEIR PURPOSE OR DESTINY

Joshua and Caleb knew what their destiny was. Even when it seemed that all was lost and they were forced to turn away from the covenant land, to wander in the desert for years, seemingly without purpose, they continued to know what the game plan was and hold on until the time was right for fulfillment.

Deuteronomy 1:36 “36 Except [Joshua, of course, and] Caleb son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his children I will give the land upon which he has walked, because **he has wholly followed the Lord.**”

Deuteronomy 1:39 “39 Moreover, your little ones whom you said would become a prey, and your children who at this time cannot discern between good and evil, they shall enter Canaan, and to them I will give it and they shall possess it.”

Joshua and Caleb had to wait, weep, mourn and stay focused on God’s promise.

Those who did not know what their purpose and destiny was:

1. Did evil

Deuteronomy 1:34-35 *"34 And the Lord heard your words, and was angered and He swore, 35 Not one of these men of **this evil generation** shall see that good land which I swore to give to your fathers,*

2. Rebelled against God

Deuteronomy 1:43 *"43 So I spoke to you, and you would not hear, but **rebelled against the commandment of the Lord**, and were presumptuous and went up into the hill country.*

Moses calls the tribes together, its time to go into the land of Canaan – He (Moses) won't be going with but:

- He repeats the stories of the 40 years of wandering – the times of tribulation for a reason.

We need to understand – we must not **make the same mistake again**.

The fact that **you** and **I were not blessed**, released into manhood, helped to discover our purpose and destiny does not mean that we must make the same mistakes.

That is why it is so important to role model / speak God's Word into those who you have been called to shepherd or else we begin another cycle of sowing wrong principles.

SIX WRONG PRINCIPLES TO WATCH OUT FOR

1. *"..... you did not trust your God"*

The Hebrew word for **trust** is Strong's 539 "**aman**" from which we also get "Amen".

Deut 1:32 *"He (Abraham) believed in (Hebrew aman) HaShem: and he reckoned it to him for righteousness."*

Gen 15:6 *"....as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, (even) to them that believed (Hebrew aman) on His Name.*

John 1: 12 “12 But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name —

- The **first** consonant, *alef*, is the symbolic representation of God, the “Alef and the Tav”.
- The **second** consonant, *mem*, is the symbolic representation of a **flowing wave**, that which represents **movement** (as a wave carries an object to the shore).
- The **third** consonant, *nun sofit* represents the final, ultimate Son or Heir of God – the Messiah.

“Anan” means “becoming pregnant with, and carrying to full term, and delivering, the Messiah”.

It means to totally yield oneself to be impregnated with the Messiah and carry Him to term, and deliver Him into the world.

Moses tells us that the generation who accepted the report of the spies did not acknowledge, accept and agree with, and become pregnant with, carry to full term, and deliver, Gods statements of truth.

2. We don't always:

Deut 1:36 “he followed God whole-heartedly”

The word translated as “whole-heartedly” in Strong's Hebrew is #4390, “male”, meaning:

- to the fullest,
- to the utmost,

Therefore meaning without distraction, without hesitancy, without doubt, and without regret, single-minded, whole-hearted devotion and steadfastness.

Moses teaches us that this is a God-filled lifestyle:

Deut 6:5

Váhavta et Adonai elohacha

Love HaShem your God

b'chol levav'cha
with all your heart

u'b'chol nefesh'cha
and with all your soul

u'b'chol m'odecha
and with all your mind.

3. We don't take:

Deut 1:39 *"They will have possession of (the land of Canaan which was promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob))*

The Hebrew verb "have possession" is Strong's #3423, *yarash*, meaning:

- to inherit and enjoy the benefits of something which one did not acquire by labor or purchase.

4. We do things in the flesh

Deut 1:43 *"You wouldn't sh'ma! Instead, you rebelled against Adonai's order, took matters into your own hands, and went up into the hill country"*

The Hebrew word for the phrase "**took matters in your own hands**" or "**were presumptuous**", is Strong's word #2102, *zwud*, meaning:

- "to cook – to make a meal", by implication, to try to create something by oneself, to act defiantly and arrogantly, in a show of self-sufficiency.

5. We don't learn from the lessons

Deut 2:3 *"You have been **going around** this mountain long enough!"*

The Hebrew word "**going around**" is Strong's word #5437, *savav*, meaning:

- to move in a circle, or repeat a cycle numerous times, making no progress.

6. We don't always have faith in Gods faithfulness

Moses reminds us that God remains faithful to His Covenant every step of our journey – even in the midst of both our most sins and our rejection of Him.

Moses describes what it means to have a Covenant with God.

Deut 2:7

*HaShem your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand;
He has known your walking through this great wilderness; these forty years HaShem your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.*

Let us make a decision today – to turn towards a life of blessing and reach out to obtain God's favour.

In today's words:

**God will kneel before you presenting you with gifts
And will guard you with a hedge of protection
God will cause His Light of His Being to shine on you and beautify you
God will lift up the fullness of His Creative Being towards you so that you can be
restored, rejuvenated, and completed.**

BLESSING WITH AN END-TIME PERSPECTIVE

When Moses goes up the Mountain to get the "Ketubah" – the written evidence of the marriage or the Tablets of the Ten Commandments, we are told that he is shown the Tabernacle in Heaven.

We are told that Moses is instructed to build the Tabernacle on earth **after the pattern** of the one in Heaven.

Paul confirms this Principle when he tells us that Yeshua went to put His Blood on the altar in Heaven so that it is valid forever.

Hebrews 8:4 *"4 If then He were still living on earth, He would not be a priest at all, for there are [already priests] who offer the gifts in accordance with the Law.*

5 [But these offer] service [merely] as a pattern and as a foreshadowing of [what has its true existence and reality in] the heavenly sanctuary. For when Moses was about to erect the

tabernacle, he was warned by God, saying, See to it that you make it all [exactly] according to the copy (the model) which was shown to you on the mountain."

Hebrews 9:11 *"11 But [that appointed time came] when Christ (the Messiah) appeared as a High Priest of the better things that have come and are to come. [Then] through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with [human] hands, that is, not a part of this material creation,*

12 He went once for all into the [Holy of] Holies [of heaven], not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves [by which to make reconciliation between God and man], but His own blood, having found and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us)."

Paul defines this Principle for us clearly when he tells us that the physical (our daily walk and sacrifice on earth) will always **precede** the spiritual equivalent in Heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:48-49 *"48 Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is [the Man] from heaven, so also [are those] who are of heaven (heavenly-minded).*

49 And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven."

We are interested in the transformation of the man of dust / flesh to the Heavenly man.

The natural / physical man, when He starts to live and reflect a role-model of creative-word directions or proclamations starts to transform the living Tabernacle into a Holy place.

As his mind, will and soul conform to God's Will, being the vehicle that releases prophetic blessing, he starts to move towards the Image of the Heavenly Man.

Our words are not only an empowerment for a son / daughter but are also used to form the foundation for the spiritual blessing that will come with the Millennium.

My words should therefore be designed to call forth the following processes:

1. That revival will be manifested over all of the earth so that not only will the Gentiles praise God, but His Name will be lifted high

Joel 2:28-29 *"28 And afterward I will **pour out My Spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.*

29 Even upon the menservants and upon the maidservants in those days will I pour out My Spirit."

Isaiah 2:2-3 "2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be [firmly] established as the highest of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow to it.

3 And many people shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that **He may teach us His ways** and that **we may walk in His paths**. For out of Zion shall go forth the law and instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Isaiah 11:1 "1 AND THERE shall come forth a **Shoot out of the stock of Jesse** [David's father], and a **Branch out of his roots** shall grow and bear fruit."

Isaiah 11:10 "10 And it shall be in that day that the Root of Jesse shall stand as a signal for the peoples; of Him shall the nations inquire and seek knowledge, and His dwelling shall be glory [His rest glorious]!"

Malachi 1:11 "11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting My name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to My name, and indeed a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts."

2. That Yeshua will rule over all of the earth and that we will have Eternal Life

Zechariah 14:9, 16-17, 20-21 "9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day the Lord shall be one [in the recognition and worship of men] and His name one.

16 And everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths.

17 And it shall be that whoso of the families of the earth shall not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain.

20 In that day there shall be [written] upon the [little] bells on the horses, holy to the lord, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be holy to the Lord like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yes, every pot in all the houses of Jerusalem and in Judah shall be dedicated and holy to the Lord of hosts, and all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil their sacrifices in them [and traders in such wares will no longer be seen at the temple].

And in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite [that is, any godless or unclean person, whether Jew or Gentile] in the house of the Lord of hosts.

Jeremiah 33:15 *"15 In those days and at that time will I cause a righteous Branch [the Messiah] to grow up to David; and He shall **execute justice** and righteousness in the land.*

Revelation 20:6 *"6 Blessed (happy, to be envied) and holy (spiritually whole, of unimpaired innocence and proved virtue) is the **person who takes part (shares) in the first resurrection!** Over them the second death exerts no power or authority, but they shall be ministers of God and of Christ (the Messiah), and they shall rule **along with Him** a thousand years."*

3. God creates in the Book of Genesis. Here we find the Principle of the "seed". We are told that a seed will produce after its kind and its fruit will contain the seed.

Genesis 1:11 *"11 And God said, Let the earth put forth [tender] vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees yielding fruit whose seed is in itself, each according to its kind, upon the earth. And it was so.*

We understand that Adam was made in the Image of God; he therefore contained that Seed and should produce the Fruit that goes with that Seed i.e. the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The End-time proclamation records that this "Seed" i.e. those who have the Seed of Messiah in them, will have eternal rulership.

Isaiah 59:20 *"20 He shall come as a Redeemer to Zion and to those in Jacob (Israel) who turn from transgression, says the Lord.*

*21 As for Me, this is My covenant or league with them, says the Lord: My Spirit, **Who is upon you** [and Who writes the law of God inwardly on the heart], and **My words which I have put in your mouth** shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your [true, spiritual] children, or out of the mouths of your children's children, says the Lord, from henceforth and forever."*

Daniel 7:13 *"13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, on the clouds of the heavens came One like a Son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.*

Daniel 7:14 *"14 And there was given Him [the Messiah] dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom is one which shall not be destroyed."*

Luke 1:32 *"32 He will be great (eminent) and will be **called the Son of the Most High**; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His forefather David,*

33 And He will **reign over the house of Jacob** throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end."

Revelation 11:15 "15 The seventh angel then blew [his] trumpet, and there were mighty voices in heaven, shouting, The dominion (kingdom, sovereignty, rule) of the world has now come into the possession and become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (the Messiah), and He shall reign forever and ever (for the eternities of the eternities)!"

4. Both Jew and Messianic believers in Yeshua will worship God together.

Psalms 19:7-11 "7 The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the **testimony of the Lord is sure**, making wise the simple.8 The **precepts of the Lord are right**, rejoicing the heart; the **commandment of the Lord is pure and bright**, enlightening the eyes.9 The [reverent] fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.10 More to be desired are they than gold, even than much fine gold; they are sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb.11 Moreover, by them is Your servant warned (reminded, illuminated, and instructed); and in keeping them there is great reward."

Zechariah 14:16, 21 "16 And everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths.

21 ... And in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite [that is, any godless or unclean person, whether Jew or Gentile] in the house of the Lord of hosts."

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Every time that we "bless" we step into the Portal / connection to the spiritual realm. Here we meet intimately with God to have revealed to our spirit-man the full dimensions of what is possible for us to attain on earth.

PRAYER OF RENUNCIATION

Father, I submit my will, mind and soul to you today. It is with my soul that I have lived my life on earth.

As earthly man I have not obeyed your command to bless. As a result I neither can claim to prolong my days, nor can I say that I have not labored in vain.

Deuteronomy 32:47 *"47 For it is not an empty and worthless trifle for you; it is your [very] life. By it you shall live long in the land which you are going over the Jordan to possess."*

- I acknowledge that I have not stepped up to my position as priest, servant leader and Father of the house.
- I have omitted to take up my responsibility to declare your creative blessing over my family and therefore I have caused a door to be open so that the kingdom of darkness can come in.
- I acknowledge that my lack of diligence has caused another generation to stand up which does not have a clear understanding to the purpose and destiny.
- I repent of my sin omission and ask that you will cancel my seed of destruction, doubt, envy, jealousy, hatred etc that I have sown.
- I ask that you declare a spiritual drought over each and everyone of those crops.
- We ask that this harvest be destroyed by the fire of the Holy Spirit.
- I declare that with immediate effect I will take up my position in the ranks of the army of God.
- I will renew my mind with His word of God and confirm my will and emotions to walk in obedience to your commandments.
- I proclaim that I accept my salvation as a gift from God and that I will see and experience an external home.

Proverbs 28:18 *"18 He who walks uprightly shall be safe, but he who willfully goes in double and wrong ways shall fall in one of them."*

Proverbs 2:21 *"21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the men of integrity, blameless and complete [in God's sight], shall remain in it;"*

Proverbs 11:6 *"6 The righteousness of the upright [their rectitude in every area and relation] shall deliver them, but the treacherous shall be taken in their own iniquity and greedy desire."*

Psalm 15:1-2 *"1 LORD, WHO shall dwell [temporarily] in Your tabernacle?, Who shall dwell [permanently] on Your holy hill?*

2 He who walks and lives uprightly and blamelessly, who works rightness and justice and speaks and thinks the truth in his heart,"

· I proclaim that the manifestation of God's power will flow through my life.

Psalm 18:25 *"25 With the kind and merciful You will show Yourself kind and merciful, with an upright man You will show Yourself upright,"*

Proverbs 11:3 *"3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the willful contrariness and crookedness of the treacherous shall destroy them."*

Proverbs 11:20 *"20 They who are willfully contrary in heart are extremely disgusting and shamefully vile in the eyes of the Lord, but such as are blameless and wholehearted in their ways are His delight!"*

· I proclaim that I will take up my position within the Body of Messiah.

· I will guard and cherish the purpose given to me within the community of believers.

· I will produce the Fruits of God's spirits towards my fellow man.

_ Joy

Psalm 32:11 *"11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you [uncompromisingly] righteous [you who are upright and in right standing with Him]; shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"*

Psalm 97:11 *"11 Light is sown for the [uncompromisingly] righteous and strewn along their pathway, and joy for the upright in heart [the irrepressible joy which comes from consciousness of His favor and protection]."*

_ Loving kindness

Psalm 36:10 *"10 O continue Your loving-kindness to those who know You, Your righteousness (salvation) to the upright in heart."*

_ Justice

Psalm 94:15 *"15 For justice will return to the [uncompromisingly] righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it."*

_ Goodness

Psalm 125:4 *"4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are right [with You and all people] in their hearts."*

Micah 2:7 *"7 O house of Jacob, shall it be said, Is the Spirit of the Lord restricted, impatient, and shortened? Or are these [prophesied plagues] His doings? Do not My words do good to him who walks uprightly?"*

· I will take up the armor of God to do battle with my enemies.

_ You set me on high

Psalm 18:33, 35 *"33 He makes my feet like hinds' feet [able to stand firmly or make progress on the dangerous heights of testing and trouble]; He sets me securely upon my high places.*

35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand has held me up; Your gentleness and condescension have made me great."

_ You help me defeat the enemy

Psalm 18:39 *"39 For You have girded me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me and caused to bow down those who rose up against me.*

49 Therefore will I give thanks and extol You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name."

_ You make me surefooted and a blessing to others

Psalm 18:33 *"33 He makes my feet like hinds' feet [able to stand firmly or make progress on the dangerous heights of testing and trouble]; He sets me securely upon my high places."*

Proverbs 11:11 *"11 By the blessing of the influence of the upright and God's favor [because of them] the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked."*

_ I proclaim that my lifestyle, my attitude, my obedience to all Your Commandments will cause You to delight in me.

Proverbs 11:20 “20 They who are willfully contrary in heart are extremely disgusting and shamefully vile in the eyes of the Lord, but such as are blameless and wholehearted in their ways are His delight!”

_ I accept my birthright to be blessed by God and to bless others. My domain on this earth will be measured by the release of blessing that I am able to do.

Genesis 27:26-40 “26 Then his father Isaac said, Come near and kiss me, my son.

27 So he came near and kissed him; and [Isaac] smelled his clothing and **blessed him and said**, The scent of my son is as the odor of a field which the Lord has blessed.

28 And may God give **you of the dew of the heavens and of the fatness of the earth and abundance** of grain and [new] wine;

29 Let peoples serve you and nations bow down to you; be master over your brothers, and let your mother’s sons bow down to you. Let everyone be cursed who curses you and favored with blessings who blesses you.

33 Then Isaac trembled and shook violently, and he said, Who? Where is he who has hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate of it all before you came and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with a great and bitter cry and said to his father, **Bless me, even me also, O my father!**

35 [Isaac] said, Your brother came with crafty cunning and treacherous deceit and has taken your blessing.

36 [Esau] replied, Is he not rightly named Jacob [the supplanter]? For he has supplanted me these two times: **he took away my birthright, and now he has taken away my blessing!** Have you not still a blessing reserved for me?

38 Esau said to his father, **Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father!** And Esau lifted up [could not control] his voice and wept aloud.

39 Then Isaac his father answered, Your [blessing and] dwelling **shall all come from the fruitfulness of the earth and from the dew of the heavens above;**

40 By your sword you shall live and serve your brother. But [the time shall come] when you will grow restive and break loose, and you shall tear his yoke from off your neck.”

Romans 15:29 “29 And I know that when I do come to you, I shall come in the abundant blessing of the Gospel of Christ.”

Conclusion

The rabbi’s have the following saying:

"God takes the words of fathers and fashions them into a key to unlock a child's destiny."

Does God have some words of creative life, prophetic vision, some prayer of interaction to work with?

God does so much for us. We see the evidence of His blessing from the very small things in life.

In our garden we have for the first time seen a guinea fowl who laid four eggs.

The little chicks have come out and run about in the garden.

This physical manifestation of blessing, new season, a harvest, compares to the new life, new purpose and destiny of other, miracles in our lives of transformation and healing.

May your mouth always be heard declaring:

"Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord"