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Blowing Up with Blessings!

An Introduction

We live in unusually dangerous and explosive times. In our time, terrorists have toppled the Twin Towers. During our days, suicide bombers have routinely detonated their own bodies. In our age, volcanic ash shot through glacial waters creating a cloud that shut down European airways. In our era, oil spewing beneath the Gulf has polluted once pristine shores. We are definitely living in unusually dangerous and explosive times.

Therefore, the very last thing we want to hear about is yet another explosion. That is unless, of course, it is an explosion of something like the blessings of God in our lives! It is difficult to read Deuteronomy 28: 1-14 without being excited about all the rich and choice blessings that God is poised to unleash upon those who obey him.

One by one, the specific blessings come so quickly and abundantly in these few verses that they virtually erupt off the page. Anyone who is willing can find in this chapter the potential of blessings, the promise of blessings, the path of blessings, the process of blessings and the prosperity of blessings.

In fact, what we have here is a formula on how you and I can experience the blessings of God pressed down, shaken together and running over. According to our text, obedience to God is the spark which ignites the fuse that leads to God's explosive blessings.

Breaking Down the Blessing

What is a blessing (barak or barakah)?

A blessing is a good word or a good thing which is said, sent or sensed.

The basic meaning of a blessing, therefore, is the movement of goodness from one source to another.

As has been suggested above, this goodness may be a word that is said, a material gift that is sent or even a state of well being that is sensed as a result of what has been said or sensed.

According to Easton Bible Dictionary:

1. God blesses his people when he bestows on them some gift temporal or spiritual (Genesis 1:22; 24:35; Job 42:12; Psalms 45:2; 104:24, 35).
2. We bless God when we thank him for his mercies (Psalms 103:1,2; 145:1,2).
3. A man blesses himself when he invokes God's blessing (Isaiah 65:16), or rejoices in God's goodness to him (Deuteronomy 29:19; Psalms 49:18).
4. One blesses another when he expresses good wishes or offers prayer to God for his welfare (Genesis 24:60; 31:55; 1 Samuel 2:20). Sometimes blessings were uttered under divine inspiration, as in the case of Noah, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses (Genesis 9:26,27; 27:28,29,40; 48:15-20; 49:1-28; Deuteronomy 33).
5. The priests were divinely authorized to bless the people (Deuteronomy 10:8; Numbers 6:22-27). We have many examples of apostolic benediction (2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 6:23,24; 2th 3:16,18; Hebrews 13:20,21; 1 Peter 5:10,11).

Therefore, given this general definition, it can be understood that blessings can emanate from many sources. They can come from parents to children, from children to parents, from husbands to wives, from friend to friend and especially from God to us.

When we analyze the notion of a blessing we will see that every blessing involves at least three elements. They are:

1. The _____ who actually gives the blessing
2. The _____ which is the blessing itself
3. The _____ which is the recipient of the blessing.

As we study the blessing experience, we will be sure to note each aspect of it and praise the Lord for all of it.

Breaking Through to Blessings

The blessings of God referred to in Deuteronomy 28 are clearly:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

However, there must be some reason why everyone does not freely enjoy them. Perhaps, the reason is that these blessings in Deuteronomy 28 are surrounded by Deuteronomy 27: 14-26 and Deuteronomy 28: 15-68 which are lists of curses! It is almost as if these precious blessings are surrounded by a mine field of curses.

It seems that, on the front end, we must somehow get pass the curses to enter the place of blessing. Once we have been able to get pass the curses to obtain the blessings, then, we have to go through another mine field of curses in order to leave with and hold on to the blessings on the back end.

The only way we can do this is to learn, by the grace of God, how to:

1. _____ the curses.
2. _____ the curses.
3. _____ the curses.

As we shall see in this present series, curses are real. However, even they cannot prevent our lives from blowing up with blessings when we obey God. And, trust me. This type of explosion is nothing to fear. It is something to seek.

Now, that we have broken it down and see how to break through, let's get on to the discussion of how we can blow up with blessings!

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