



Lesson 8

The 7-Fold Blessing

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:13

OBJECTIVE: Describe being blessed, knowing you are chosen by God living life with joy.

INTRODUCTION

Do you recall the phrase: Can you stand to be blessed? I hear people say all the time they want to be blessed, but I don't think that people understand that being blessed is a lifestyle. God, the Blesser, is interested in people loving Him more than the blessings. If you want to be blessed just because you want material blessings, you will not experience the love of the Blesser.

QUESTION: What does it mean for you to be blessed?

LESSON IDEAS

Read: Genesis 12:1-3

The focus of the book of Genesis has shifted from Noah, the righteous one to Abraham, who is considered the father of the Faith.

Abraham is a key figure in the future of God's people. Note:

1. Only two chapters are devoted to the creation
2. One chapter is devoted to the fall of Adam and Eve
3. Thirteen chapters are devoted to Abraham

Once again, God has chosen to start over. He started over with Seth, after the death of Cain, (4:25-26). He started over with Noah, after the wickedness on the earth (9:1). He started over now with Abraham, after the Tower of Babel (11:1-9).

Abraham is a descendant of the line of Seth (5:1-28), Noah, his son Shem. Thus, Abraham is a descendant of men who did the right thing. He falls in a line of faithfulness.

We will learn through Abraham what it means to be blessed through Faith. The key that unlocks the door to being blessed is faith.

I. God's God Call to Leave All and Go to Be a Blessing

Genesis 11:31-12:1- God called Abraham to go look for a new city to live. He did not know where he was going and didn't know whom he would meet. He did not know what he would eat, where he would sleep, or where he would live. God just said go to the place where I will show you.

QUESTION: Has God ever asked you to go or do something that you didn't know anything about? How did you respond?

Hebrews 11:8-9 Tells us how Abraham responded: _____

II. It Takes Faith to Be Blessed

The key to unlocking blessings:

Definition of Faith - Hebrews 11:1

Read Genesis 12:1-3

Abraham simply trusted God and was obedient to His voice and Word.

In other words, Abraham answered the call of God upon His life. God called him to forsake his homeland for a new promise land. The point was to be a blessing.

APPLICATION: Have you answered the call of God upon your life? Has God called you to go somewhere not for your personal gain, but to be a blessing?

Abraham's 7-Fold Blessing

Obedience turns into Promises:

1. I will make you a great nation
2. I will bless you
3. I will make your name great
4. You shall be a blessing
5. I will bless those that bless you
6. I will curse those that curse you
7. All the families of the earth will be blessed

QUESTION: How do you know if you have the faith to be blessed?

III. How Are We Blessed

Read Romans 4:13

- A. We are blessed through the Righteousness of Faith
 1. God takes our wrong and makes our wrong right
 2. We are blessed because God made us right through Jesus Christ - Justification

3. We are justified by faith
4. We believe in Jesus' work and ministry at the cross, and through faith and believing Jesus washes and cleanses us of our sins and makes us right with God.
 - i. Jesus took our incompleteness and make us complete
 - ii. Jesus took our imperfections and turned them into perfection
 - iii. Jesus took our dirty our hands and made them holy so we can lift them to God
5. Being justified is to be blessed - Therefore, we are blessed because of righteousness

APPLICATION: Pursue righteousness

QUESTION: Read Genesis 6:9 – Who and how was he blessed through righteousness?

B. We are blessed through Grace

Read Romans 4:16

Our faith ignites grace. Faith sends grace to a lost soul and to sinners who have sinned against God. Faith sends grace to us when we go through adversity, troubles, and tribulations.

C. We are blessed through the promises

Read Romans 4:16

CONCLUSION

What does this lesson tell us about faith?

1. Faith is not blind
2. Faith is having trust in God
3. Faith in God undergirds His promises
4. God uses faith to underwrite His promises

The other key to God's Blessing is to Bless Others

1. Be delivered from self
2. Be delivered from materialism

When you repent and turn from these sins there is a blessing waiting on the other side.