

The Path of the Blessed

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Part 3

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I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12:2-3

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. Galatians 3:8-9

I. The Roadmap of the Blessed Life

Thus says the Lord: Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16

In choosing Abraham and Sarah, **God reveals a pattern of blessing.**

As with Abraham and Sarah our devotion to God will first cause us to see changes in our **relationship with Him** and then with our relationship with our **wealth**, our **circumstances**, and with **people** in the world around us. **These responses reveal the true character of one who is truly blessed.**

II. The Path and Promise of His Blessing Psalm 112

The psalmist lists not only the **blessings** that are ours, who keep God's commands, but also the **actions** that secure them and the **consequences** we see as a result. Psalm 112 is a portrait of the blessed person.

A. The Blessings. Psalm 112:1-4

B. Our Actions. Psalm 112:4-5

C. The Consequences. Psalm 112:6-10

He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established; He will not be afraid. Ps. 112:7-8

The believer's faith is to be firm and fastened, stable and established, rooted and grounded in the written word of God. The believer's faith is also to be **securely determined and directed aright**, reaching and grabbing hold of the spoken Word of God.

Core Point: The example of Abraham is one of devotion to God that is demonstrated by right priorities and right choices. A life lived by walking out our faith in God places us in a position of being blessed and rewarded like faithful Abraham.

III. Abraham Realized His Divine Favor Genesis 22:16-18

Abraham learned God's destiny for him required God's favor to be embraced and **believed** in his life.

“And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.” James 2:23

The **blessing and favor of God are synonymous**. God's favor is one of the greatest things you can have upon you. **It is the supernatural touch of God upon your life** and work that marks you out, as God's own. This causes you to be lifted up above the ordinary and stand out and excel. **Every relationship we have and everything we do will be affected by our realization of the favor of God being upon us.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace (graciousness, kindness, favor) and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

Understanding the concept of the favor of God is a breakthrough in **thinking right**. Moving from concept to experience is the road many fail to travel in their spiritual lives. We need to lay firm hold on the Divine favor God our Father is offering us!

We all need to begin to affirm His favor in our lives.

- ~ God's favor goes before me and prepares the way.
- ~ God's favor opens doors for me that no man can shut.
- ~ God's favor is something I can believe and count on.

IV. Abraham Realized His Covenant with God (Genesis 15:18)

A covenant is an agreement, the promises of God as conditioned and set forth in the Bible. It means to pledge or bind oneself by an oath. It is a **binding and solemn agreement between two parties.**

Abraham had a covenant with God; we have a better one!

We are given the blessings of every former covenant in the new but without the same requirements.

“God intervened and called this new, permanent priesthood into being with an added promise: God gave his word; he won't take it back: “You're the permanent priest.” This makes Jesus the guarantee of a far better way between us and God - one that really works! A new covenant.”

Hebrews 7:21-22 MESSAGE

He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. Hebrews 8:6

Core Statement: I have found the pathway of blessing by following Christ. I am devoted to God and accept His priorities for my life. I give reverence and honor to God and choose His pathway for my life.