

The Way to Be Blessed Part 2

The Bible is full with verses and passages that teach us the way to live for God and to be blessed by Him, so daily we will be harvesting the blessings of God. We will review here more ways of God to be blessed that we can learn from His Word.

1. ***“17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.” (Genesis 14:17-20 KJV)*** Abram went out to rescue his nephew from the four kings who raided on Sodom and took Lot and all what he had as captives. The Lord blessed Abram with a victory and delivered his enemies into his hands. In response to the goodness of God Abram acted in a faithful way as we read in ***Genesis 14***. When he returned back from defeating the four kings, two kings went out to meet him. The first one was the king of Sodom who represents devil, and the second king was Melchizedek king of Salem who can be a type of Christ and like the Son of God as we can read here, ***“1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; 2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; 3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.” (Hebrew 7:1-3 KJV)*** Abram after he had the victory he did not meet with the king of Sodom, but he came first to the Lord, and was refreshed by the bread and the wine and he gave to the Lord the tenth of all what he had gained, ***“4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.” (Hebrews 7:4 KJV)*** Abram considered carefully that the Lord was with him and the Lord was the one who gave him the victory and all the plunder, therefore after the victory he came and had fellowship with the Lord and tithed his income to God. What can be learned from that situation of how we can receive more blessings from God are as the following:

- When He is blessing you, put God first by coming to Him, come to His church, and meet with the man and the people who represent God.
- When He is blessing you don't go to other people and friends and waste time and your money with them.
- Come to God and thank Him and be grateful for all the victories that He gave you.
- Come to God and be blessed more by taking the fellowship of the bread and the cup.
- Come to God and be blessed more by giving the tenth of all of what you received to God.

What we learn here is the following: When God relieves us, deliver us and help us in times of trouble then we need not to forget God but to show faithfulness to Him. If we do that then more blessings will flow into our lives and that what had happened to Abram as he showed his faithfulness to the Lord, he was blessed more by the Lord. The same is for you, the more you are faithful and grateful to God the more you are blessed by the Lord.

“30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD.” (Leviticus 27:30 KJV) Whatever we receive we need to give a tithe for it. Malachi speaks in more details about giving the tithes: ***“8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. 12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 3:8-12 KJV)***

1. Non giving the tithes considered as robbing God (verses 8-9).
2. We need to bring the whole tithes, or the tithe of everything we receive (verse 10).
3. Bringing the whole tithes will open the windows of Heaven (verse 10) that we have no more place to keep His blessings.
4. Bringing the tithes so that there will be spiritual food in His house (verse 10), that is why we need to bring our tithes to the church that spiritually care for us and feed us with the Word of God, so the work of God to continue.
5. Bringing the tithes will move God to rebuke the devourer from our lives (verse 11). In bringing our tithes God will rebuke and take away sicknesses, extra expenses, fines, accidents, tax, etc.
6. God's blessings will be manifested in our lives and all nations and people around us will see the blessings of God overflowing in our lives, and they will call us ***“blessed”, “12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 3:12 KJV)***

2. ***“And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. 6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. 7 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: 10 Now therefore let me alone, that***

my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. 11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? 12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. 14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people. 15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. 16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. 17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. 18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear. 19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. 20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. 21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them? 22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. 23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf." (Exodus 32:1-24 KJV) In this story we found that the congregation went astray and started to worship idol. Moses dealt with the issue by praying and interceding to God to forgive and pardon the people and not to send them His wrath and kill all of them. Moses also burnt in fire the golden calf, he ground it to powder, spread it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. He also reprimanded Aaron to what he did by leading the people astray and making to them the golden calf. As well as Moses did the following: *"25 And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)" 26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. 27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by 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 neighbour. 28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. 29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day."* (Exodus 32:25-29 KJV)

Here when Moses saw the people were wild and naked, stood at the gate of the camp and called *"Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me."* Only the Levites came to him, stood with the Lord, and responded to the call of God and did not stand and support their

brothers or their sons or the other people from other tribes who were worshipping that idol and did wrong things against the Lord. *When you compromise with the people the blessings of God will go away and curses will start in your life.* The Levites stood even with the Lord against their brothers and sons and that was the reason for the Lord to set them apart for His service and that is why and how He blessed them as we read here, *"29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day."* (Exodus 32:29 KJV) *In the same way God will call us to serve Him and bestow His blessings on us when we do not compromise with the people and condone them and their wrong doings.* So we can clearly conclude that we don't need to side with blood relatives or friends in their wrong doings, their traditions and practices or try to please them, but to please the Lord so we can receive His blessings. Jesus said, *"37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."* (Matthew 10:37 KJV) We need to put God first, His Word and His will first before all our blood relatives, friends and the evil worldly sinful and traditional practices. *If you want today God's blessing then go and deal with sins and idol worship in your family members and your friends and stand with the Lord and His Word and don't compromise and He will bestow on you His blessings; the salvation of Jesus, the Holy Spirit baptism and whatever your needs in this life to serve Him and to do His will.*

What are the idols and the sins that we need to be reminded to avoid and to repent from and not to agree with relatives and friends about them, are the following:

A. Lust and immorality; having boyfriend and girlfriend, dating, courting, watching pornography, live-in relationship, divorce and remarriage, adultery, multiple marriages and unlawful marriages in marrying non believers, and accepting a single father or a single mother to marry someone other than the mother or the father of his or her child or children.

B. Celebrating feasts of idols; celebrating New Year and Christmas with its Santa Claus, Christmas tree, celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and death anniversaries, celebrating Father's Day and Mother's Day, Halloween (Harvest), All Saints Day, Valentine's Day, Pastor's Month, and Farewell parties. All these celebrations should be out of our lives. And you can add more to the list, for almost every culture and ethnic group had added certain idols and days for celebration, without any Biblical reason, into the life of the church.

C. Pride, boasting, showing off, and non decent dress.

D. Greed, covetousness, and love of money.

E. Wasting and spending too much.

F. Gluttony, eating too much, loving food more than God, buying food from restaurants, loving feasts and celebrations but refusing to fast.

G. Worldliness; wasting time on TV, You-Tube and facebook, games, etc.

H. Slander, malice, envy, jealousy, bitterness, having grudges, anger, hatred and unforgiveness, boasting, fighting, laziness, complacency and lack of commitment to God, and serving the worldly things but not willing to serve God.

I. Homosexualities, allowing a relationship between man to man, and woman to woman, condoning transgender and homosexual attitude and actions, and allowing homosexual marriages.

My Dear and Beloved: God's way is clear to us and it helps us and directs us to do God's will and walk in His way so we can be blessed. The above aforementioned practices and sins will not only block the blessings of God from reaching us but will invite curses also in our lives, therefore we should totally avoid them. There are right things that we need to do and there are wrong things that we need to stop, cut, avoid, and go away to be blessed, as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your Word that teaches me clearly your ways. Lord I commit myself to apply what I read in this message and to dedicate my life to serve you in the manner that you want me to do.*

Repent and renounce your sins; in not putting God and His church and His people and the ministry and the service of God first, lack of tithing, fear of man, compromises, worshipping idols and keep wrong practices and feasts of the world, laziness, wasting times, etc. Lord I repent and renounce all the following sins _____.

Lord I pray for my brethren who repented of their sins and committed their lives to you, Lord help them to keep their commitments to you. Lord give them courage to say, No, to sin and to friends, family members and relatives who wants to pull them to sin and break your Word. Lord give them discernment and deliver them from the evil one and protect them from all the schemes of the enemy.

Lord we pray for the church to grow. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit, and lead us and enable us to reach new people and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord bless and increase all our ministries, and prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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