

Imparting Blessings January 29, 2012

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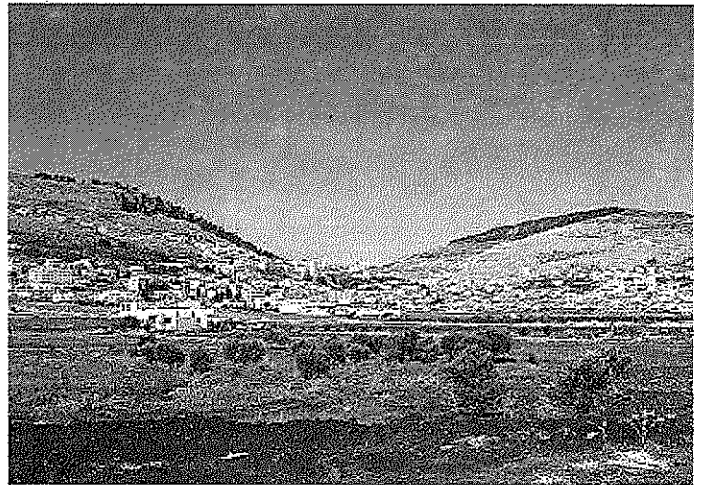
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Intro

God told Moses to designate Mt. Gerizim as the place of blessing and Mt. Ebal as the place to put curses on the disobedient.



Mt. Gerizim
“Blessing”

Mt. Ebal
“Cursing”

Ebal is 3,084 feet above sea level. Gerizim is 2,849. Near modern Nabulus, (Shechem) Samaritans considered Gerizim as the right place to worship.

These twin mountains are symbols of blessings and curses announced by God. In Deuteronomy 27:12-14, Moses charged 6 Levites to stand on each mountain and “speak unto all men of Israel with a LOUD VOICE.”

- To announce curses in Chapter 27 and 28 (124)
- To announce blessings in Chapter 28 (21)

“All the people shall say Amen!”

Why would God send 124 curses and only 21 blessings? More warning signs for breaking the Law than rewards for obeying. How many signs do you see? “Thank you for not speeding!” Patrolmen do not give out certificates for obeying laws.

- “All have sinned and come short...”
- “There is none that doeth good and sinneth not.”

I. We Are Redeemed From The Curse Of The Law:

A. Jesus was crucified to break the curse.

1. Confessions and Repentance are essential.
2. Forgiveness and Redemption are given.

B. Curses still exist for: idolatry, adultery, murder, incest, bestiality, etc.

C. Three categories of curses:

1. Original sins – universal curse on earth
2. Under the Law – Christ’s atonement for sins if we repent
3. Spoken curses - Negative confessions and accusations
 - (a) Parents
 - (b) Enemy
 - (c) Satan

D. Christ has Redeemed us.

1. Eternal Life versus spiritual death
2. The Millennial Kingdom and Eternal Perfect State

Rev 22:3 – “No More Curse”

II. Speaking Blessings, Not Curses.

A. Be careful what you say.

Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)

²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

1. You can curse, you can bless.
2. You can Kill.

James 3:8-9 (KJV)

⁸But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

- B. Don't speak a curse over children
 1. You are; (lazy, good for nothing, mean, bad, liar, wind up in jail, trouble maker)
 2. Illustration by Rev. Bill Ligon
7th Grader whose teachers spoke curses
 3. Rev. Kenneth Hagan's blessings over children
- C. Don't speak curses over yourself.
 1. "I can't do anything...", "I always mess up..."
 2. Blessing: "I can do all things through Christ."
- D. Reject curses spoken against you by others. Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against thee..."

Don't allow a curse to stay:

Proverbs 26:2-3 (NIV)

² Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest.

- E. Blessing Over Others - Jesus said:

Matthew 5:44-45 (KJV)

⁴⁴But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

1. Three laws:
 - a. Love
 - b. Forgive (70x7)
 - c. Bless (speak it, pray it, mean it, "do good")

2. Speak the Word not Want

Ph 4:19 "my God supply all of your need"

Ex 15:26 "None of diseases...Lord that healeth"

Job 22:28 "Thou shall also decree a thing...it shall be established..."

Pro 12:18 "Tongue of wise is health"

Pro 16:24 "Pleasant Words are health to bones"

Ps 107:20 "Sent His Word and healed them"

Ps 35:27 "Lord hath Pleasure in prosperity of servants"

3. Faith comes by hearing the Word! Fear comes by the News!
4. Before you leave today (Love, Forgive & Bless)

F. Curses that need to be broken – Suicide, Failure, Inferiority Complex, Alcoholism, Perversion and Violence.

III. The Aaronic Blessing:

A. God's Command:

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B. The Blessing Commanded

Matthew 5:44 (KJV)

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C. History of Speaking the Blessing

1. Gen 1:28 to Adam – "Be fruitful and multiply and have dominion"
2. Gen 9:1,3 to Noah – "Be fruitful and multiply, ...I will give you meat ... herbs."
3. Gen 12:2 to Abraham – "I will bless thee"
4. Gen 14:19 - Melchizedek to Abraham – "Blessed be Abram"
5. Gen 24:60 – Rebekah's family over Rebekah: "they blessed Rebekah... be the mother of thousands of millions"
6. Ruth 4:11 – Ruth's friends over Ruth: "be like Rachel and Leah...do worthily in Bethlehem"
7. Gen 27:28-29 – Isaac over Jacob "God give thee the dew of heaven, the fatness of the earth, plenty of corn and wine"
8. Gen 49 – Jacob blessed all 12 sons and tribes
9. Gen 48:15 – Jacob blessed Joseph
10. Gen 48:17-20 – Jacob blessed Ephraim and Manasseh
11. Jesus blessed little children (What did he say?)

IV. Imparting Blessings

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A. Fathers, Bless your sons (call out their names)

1. Bless all your children

2. Bless your wife, friends.

Blessing: "the Lord bless thee and keep thee, etc..."

B. Bless your enemies, them that curse, them that persecute.

1. Love

2. Forgive

3. Bless

Blessing: "the Lord bless thee and keep thee, etc..."

C. Bless your employer, bless employees

D. Bless your church and spiritual leaders

Conclusion: "Believe and Receive"

#1 Salvation, Forgiveness, Cleansing, Relationships

#2 Healing, Miracles, Deliverance

#3 Family Salvation, Reconciliation, Relationships

#4 Finances, Jobs, Success, Prosperity

#5 Anointing, Revival, Infilling of Spirit

"No More Curse"

Revelation 22:3

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Intro: Recently I was praying about Satan's attack on believers and certain problems in the Body of Christ, when the Holy Spirit prompted me to claim this scripture passage in Rev 22:3. "No More Curse".

I listened to a CD recording by Rev. Williams Ligon, Sr. in Brunswick, Ga. Rev Bill told of a 7th grade student who had failed the 7th grade and brought his 1st report for the new school year with all "Fs". He taught the boy how to break the curse on his life and turn the curses into a blessing.

He also told of a minister's wife who had an awful curse on her life from birth and how she broke the curse and turned it into a blessing. I ordered Bill Ligon's book and had already started on this sermon before reading it.

I. **Adams's Fall and The first Curse** – Genesis 3:14-17 (KJV)

14. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, because thou hast done this, **thou art cursed** above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15. And I will put **enmity between thee and the woman**, and **between thy seed and her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and **thou shalt bruise his heel**.

16. Unto the woman he said, I will **greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception**; in **sorrow thou shalt bring forth children**; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17. And **unto Adam** he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded the, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake**; in sorrow shall **thou eat of it all the days of thy life**;

A. The serpent was cursed:

- made and slither upon his belly in the dust.

B. Adam's curse was:

- the ground, thorns, thistles (we still have thorns)
- Eve's pains in childbirth.

C. The fall of man "The 1st Adam"

Romans 5:12-21

12. Wherefore, as by **one man sin entered into the world**, and **death by sin**; and so **death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned;
13. For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
20. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:
21. That as **sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign** through righteousness unto eternal **life by Jesus Christ our Lord**.
- A. The original curse included:
- Sweat of the face, thorns.
 - Pain at childbirth
 - Death
- B. Death is the last enemy to be destroyed.

II. The Curses Under the Law

- A. 124 curses in chapters 27 and 28
- Dt 27:14-26 (12 curses)
 - Dt 28:15-30 (15 curses)
 - Dt 28:21-29 (30 curses)
 - Dt 28:30-44 (26 curses)
 - Dt 28:48-57 (21 curses)
 - Dt 28:58-68 (20 curses)
- B. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law – Gal 3:13-14
- Christians still face death.
 - Death has no sting for saved people.

III. No More Curse: (Forever) – Rev 22:3

- A. Rapture (no more curse for raptured saints).
- B. Second Advent (No more curses for Israel).
- C. Millennium (No more curses for nations).
- D. Eternal Perfect State (New Jerusalem – No more curse forever).

IV. Breaking The Curse:

- A. Pleading the Blood.
- B. Forgiveness and Blessing.
- C. Power to tread on serpents, scorpions, all power of the enemy.

Matthew 5:44 (KJV)

44. But I say unto you, **Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

Matthew 6:14-15

14. For **if ye forgive men** their trespasses, your heavenly **Father will also forgive you:**

15. But if **ye forgive not** men their trespasses, neither **will your Father forgive** your trespasses.

- A. No weapon formed...
- B. Words of Deliverance

Colossians 1:12-13 (KJV)

12. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13. Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness,** and **hath translated us into** the kingdom of his dear Son:

Colossians 2:14-15

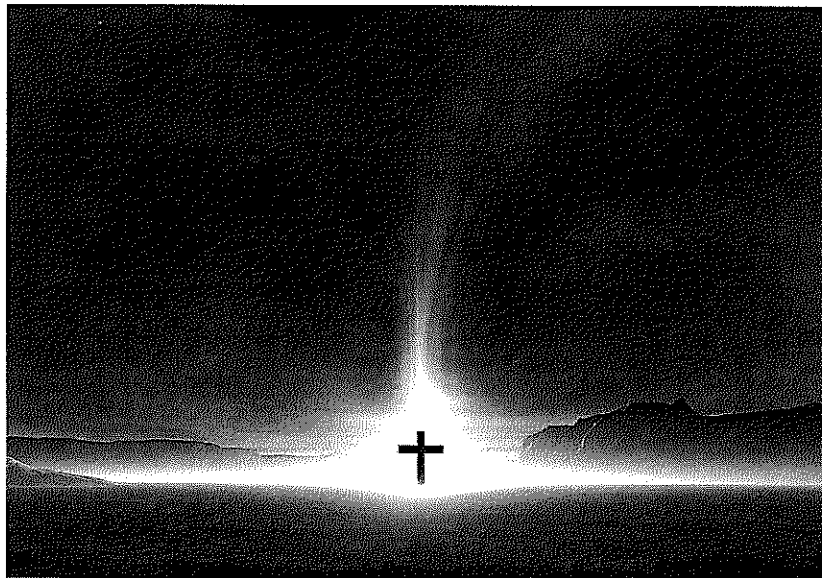
14. Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and **took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.**

15. And having **spoiled principalities and powers,** he made **a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.**

- C. Speak Blessings, NOT CURSES
- D. Three Steps:
 - 1. Love
 - 2. Forgive
 - 3. Bless

UNLOCKING HEAVEN

Matthew 4:1-11



Have you ever wondered if heaven is listening?

God's word is unchanging because he is unchanging. He shows very clearly the laws he has instituted. Creation is governed by God he has set things in order. Paul said "By Him All things consist". There are principles and precepts he has clearly shown to man that causes Heaven to respond. God established at the out set of creation the laws of seed time and harvest Gen 8:22. **It will always work** - plant a seed! Jesus taught the soil you plant in is very important to (UNLOCK HEAVEN).

The scripture clearly teaches the laws of the first fruits Mt 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God ". When God is first he then has obligated himself to watch over His word to perform it. We should give God first in every part of our life. Every decision we make should be with the consideration of God first. We should give him the first part of our day, our week, every dollar and every decision. Blessing will follow in every area where God is FIRST. Psalm 3:9, 10 "Honor the lord with they substance and with thy first fruits of thy increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine".

The Chosen Fast - Mt 4:1 the Spirit led Jesus to fast at the out set of His ministry. As we begin a year of ministry we do so by fasting and seeking God. This is so important in the life and ministry of Jesus. When you fast you are disciplining self. You are laying on the altar the pleasures of food as a sacrifice before God. Jesus taught us to fast and to do our praying and giving in secret so that God would reward us openly.

The devil came to attack and tempt Jesus. There were 3 temptations - the devil comes to **steal, kill** and **destroy**. The devil brings temptation. Some people believe you can never be tempted once you get saved. Jesus was tempted but He sinned not, Paul taught on temptation, 1 Corinthians 10:13 - when you fast you are receiving strength from God to fight and overcome temptations, struggles with pornography, addictions,

lust, anger, hatred, bitterness, jealousy and even poor self image. Fasting will break these temptations in your life. Jesus defeated the devil here with 3 very important things: **FASTING, PRAYER** and the **WORD of GOD** a 3-fold cord which gave Jesus victorious over ALL the powers of the devil. Does Daniel fast work? Anything you offer to God rightly now – Heaven recognizes, meats and sweets can be a good place to start. How many have fallen under the devil's attack for a while? Troubling spirits are being exposed and dislodged. Jesus taught in Mt 17:21 this kind of devil goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Fasting and prayer strengthen the faith muscles. There are some troubling spirits that will never leave you until you fast and pray. Every assignment has a birthplace. Fasting prepares the way for God to give you a fresh revelation, fresh vision, clear purpose, a new break through and resources. **Let GOD do it for YOU!**
FASTING UNLOCKS "HEAVEN"

The Hour of Prayer with God - Mt 26:40. Nothing moves and opens heaven like prayer. James 5:23-18, **we must pray!** We must up our game to go to the next level in life professing and walking with Christ. Many struggle because they do not pray. II Chronicles 7:14 – Time of prayer is NOW. Jesus taught his disciples a life and consistency of prayer. **PRAYER UNLOCKS "HEAVEN"**.

The Two Edge Sword – Heb 4:12 "the word of God is Quick, powerful and sharper than any two edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and is a discerning of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Mt 4 in all three temptations Jesus quoted the word. You can refute and resist the devil with the word. Isaiah 54:17 **NO WEAPON formed against me**, Mt 16:18 **Jesus said I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail**, Malachi 3:10-12 **Confess the word**, James 4:7 **Resist the devil**, 1 Peter 5:8 & 9 **Be sober, be valiant your adversary the devil is like a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour**. Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that go forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that and shall prosper in the things where to I send it. **READ, PRAY** and **SPEAK THE WORD** "Put me in remembrance of my word IT **UNLOCKS HEAVEN!** If you will put it in your life it will produce incredible blessing and results a 3-fold cord as Jesus taught 3 things he expected 1. **When you pray**. 2. **When you fast**. 3. **When you give back to God your 1st and best resource**. Jesus went a step further and said "nothing shall be impossible Mt 17:20. Some of the greatest break through comes when you incorporate all 3. Mark 4:8, 20 when you do one releases 30, fold when you do two release 60 fold, when you do all three releases 100 fold. What blessings are not being released, what prayers are not being answered, when bondage are not being broken? There is a way to **UNLOCK HEAVEN: PRAY, WORD, GIVING, FASTING**. Time to interrupt Hell's agenda over your life and the devil's situation room in: power, planning and strategies. **Time to take back what the devil has stolen from you and your life. Time to go to the enemy's camp through fasting, praying. Time to see souls saved and claim this nation.**