The Blessed
of
God

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INTRODUCTION

Many people have misunderstood the meaning of blessing and not known or differentiated the fact that there are a variety of blessings with each having its own weight. Still there are some people who think their blessings comes from their departed loved ones and so on and which is erroneous as that is not the source of people's blessings.

In this book, one is going to get to know what a blessing is and the source of blessings the various type of blessings, the conditions attached to getting blessings and getting to distinguish the sources of blessings, those who are considered blessed and how people love those that bless them plus more. Be in the know as you peruse the pages and come out rightly blessed from the one true source of blessings.

As for me I know the various blessings I have received as well as the source of those blessings and how to tap more on other blessings. It is important to know what blessing counts most before God and begin to go for that first before you can go for the others as well, that is, have your

priorities right first time before hand or else you may find yourself messed up by the blessings if you are not careful enough in life.

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Chapter 1

Blessings and the one blessing

To begin with when it comes to blessings many people have a misconception of the word to be blessed and view it outwardly by what they are able to see. But God views it differently by looking inwardly. People base on what they have as blessedness and vice versa. But God looks at the intentions of a man's heart if is obedient to him (is blessed) or if is disobedient to him (is cursed) (Malachi 3:8-12) and also in many other scriptures we are going to see in the subsequent chapters, more so in chapter 3 and chapter 6. So, man looks at the physical things and God at the spiritual things which is essentially the makeup of man's life if it is in obedience to God or otherwise.

A blessing is something which is: good, pleasant, useful and helpful. It is something that every body yearns to have (to be blessed) and you can hardly get a person who wants to get a curse (the opposite of a blessing).

Blessings just as curses they have their origin or source but here specifically, I am going to address the true source of blessings.

It is true that in every blessing there is one that blesses and that is none other than God Himself. God is the only one who can never go bankrupt in any way as he is unlimited in all things and in all ways and he is blessed forever. Moreover, he is the owner of all things as the Creator of heaven and earth. Let us look at the scriptures.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the

sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Genesis 1:26-29

God blessed man two - fold by creating him in His image after His likeness and also to dominate all other creatures he created.

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

Genesis 9:1-3

God went further in blessing man and added more provision for him and because God is all wise and made sure that man's fear and dread be upon all other creatures in order for them to be dominated by man.

That fact is true as you can see for yourself that many creatures when they see man, they try to run away from him. It is only that man fell at the Garden of Eden that is why man have come to fear and dread other wild beasts and other creatures such as some reptiles.

NOW the LORD had said unto Abram, Get the out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house; unto a land that I will show thee: And **I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:**

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

Genesis 12:1-3

God blessed Abram whose name he changed to Abraham and now he is a great nation on two fronts (the Nation of Israel and the Church of Christ - Genesis 35:16-26, Galatians 3:6-9; 26-29)

God made Abraham's name great by making him the father of faith (Genesis 22:1-18).

At this juncture let me briefly bring something slightly different as an advice as per the Holy Scripture. Don't ever waste your time in trying to curse a child of God (a born-again Christian) who is walking righteously before God as he or she cannot be cursed (Genesis 12:3, Numbers 23:21-23) Let me give you some illustration on the same. The giant philistine soldier called Goliath of Gath cursed David who had been anointed to be king, by the name of his god's and the curse backfired on him (1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-51). King Balak of the Moabites tried to curse the children of Israel by hiring Balaam but it proved to be quite a task and nothing came out but blessing instead of a curse (Numbers 23 and 24).

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than **the Creator, who is blessed for ever. A'-men.**

Romans 1:22-25

THE earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Psalm 24:1

Thine, **O LORD,** is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for **all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine;**

thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and **in thine hand it is to make great**, and to give strength unto all.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for **the world is mine, and the fullness thereof.**

Psalm 50:10-12

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, said the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:8

But my **God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:19

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in **the living God**, **who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**

1 Timothy 6:17

From all the above I need not elaborate further as it is self explanatory and it remains a fact that God the Creator of heaven and earth is the true source of true blessings.

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there **the LORD commanded the blessing**, even life for evermore.

Psalm 133:3

Blessings are commanded by the Lord Himself and not any other being.

Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Ba'-la-am; but **the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.**

Deuteronomy 23:5

The Lord God is mighty and because of his love for his people Israel, he turned a curse into a blessing!

And now, **O Lord GOD** thou art that God, and thy word be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant.
Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing **let the house of thy servant be blessed forever.**

2 Samuel 7:28-29

Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

Psalm 3:8

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, on this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee. The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Numbers 6:22-27

Those are words of blessings which God gave to Aaron and his sons by Moses how they need to bless the children of Israel.

Chapter 2

Types of Blessings

There are two main types or category of blessings namely spiritual and physical of which I am going to present to you.

a. Spiritual blessings

In spiritual blessings the mother of all spiritual blessings is salvation which is vital for any soul as without it the whole being of a person is adversely affected - the spirit, the soul and the body. The scripture says without regeneration of the soul, the spirit of a person remains dead (Ephesians 2:1) as it is only through God's salvation that one's spirit is made alive again by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is also only by salvation-spiritual birth that enables and entitles one to inherit the kingdom of God which is a spiritual kingdom as God is a Spirit (John 3:1-6; 4:24).

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the

morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Matthew 6:33-34

Your priority need be right first time: Get God's kingdom (salvation) and follow after righteousness then other blessings are yours. Without salvation one is doomed (Mark 8:36) - Without God you are nothing as God is everything.

SIMON Peter a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of **God,** and of Jesus our Lord,

According as his divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be

partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:1-4

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: **and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.**

Daniel 12:1

Only God's children (the saints) will be delivered immediately prior to the 7 years Tribulation period to be taken to be with the Lord in heaven. It is only the saints who have their names written in the Lamb's book of life.

Let me take you to another spiritual blessing which is wisdom. Wisdom is equally a very important thing in life apart from salvation.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man the man that getteth understanding.
For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is everyone that retaineth her.

Proverbs 3:13-18

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Proverbs 8:10-11

The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly:

The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Proverbs 16:21-24

Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun.

For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense: but the Excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

Ecclesiastes 7:11-12

AND take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel,

that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and A-bi'-hu, El-e-a'-zar and Ith'-a-mar, Aaron's sons.

And **thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.**

And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Exodus 28:1-3

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bez'-a-leel the son of U'-ri, the son of the Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

And I, behold, **I have given** with him **A-ho'-li-ab, the son of A-his'-a-mach, of the tribe of Dan:** and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

Exodus 31:1-6

There could be still more other spiritual blessings but let me take you to the next one which is inferior to the above blessings.

b. Physical blessings

Many people have wrongly believed that physical blessings are the true blessings in life and which in themselves are not but are just secondary in nature although they are a necessity in live here on earth.

In this category you can find such things as money, wealth, positions and promotions, food, clothing, health and long life. You can see clearly that all the above are short lived as they are temporal in nature. God provides all the above as well as he sees fit on every individual. Let me take you to scriptures now on the same.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?**

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are yet not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into

the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Matthew 6:24-30

God is our provider, Jehovah El-Shaddai (Genesis 17:1-2), Jehovah Jire (Genesis 22:14). He is all sufficient as He is Almighty. Let us just trust in God and not in mammon (money) or any other thing nor to be slaves to them but to serve the living and Almighty God. Let us avoid unnecessary worries but talk to our heavenly Father as necessary (Philippians 4:6-7).

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

The riches of this world are said to be uncertain riches and certain (true) riches are only in good works (righteousness) of which are the only ones that can make us through Jesus Christ to enter heaven for eternity.

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me.
And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?
And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**
And he spake a parable unto them, saying, the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
And he thought within himself, saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

And he said, this I will do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Luke 12:13-21

To be rich toward God is to be righteous which is a good foundation for one's soul. Read also Matthew 6:19-21: Another warning to those that have riches on sinful living.

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and

shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth nor resist you.

James 5:1-6

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. And what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand.

As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath labored for the wind?

All his days also he eateth in darkness and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.

For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

The above are pieces of advice by king Solomon who was the wisest man on earth given to him by God including riches and fame.

The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's and he hath set the world upon them.

1 Samuel 2:7-8

And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me a house for me to dwell in?

Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me a house of cedar?

Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great man that are in the earth.

Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as before time,

And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee a house.
And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

2 Samuel 7:1-12

For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

Psalm 75:6-7

Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall be neither be earing nor harvest.

And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and a Lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 45:5-8

THE elder unto the well-beloved Gai'-us, whom I love in the truth.

Beloved, **I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.**

3 John 1:1-2

And Hez'-e-ki'-ah had exceeding much riches and honor: and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;

Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.

Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance**: for God had given him substance very much.**

2 Chronicles 32-27-29

IN those days was Hez'-e-ki'-ah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him,

Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

Then Hez'-e-ki'-ah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Nez'-e-ki'-ah wept sore.

Then came the work of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

Go, and say to Hez'-e-ki'-ah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have

heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

Isaiah 38:1-5

AND this is the blessing, where with Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

And he said, The LORD came from Si'-nai, and rose up from Se'-ir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.

Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

And he was king in Jesh'-u-run, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.

And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou a help to him from his enemies.

And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Mer'-ibah;

Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.

They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall, put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again:

And of Benjamin he said, the beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

And of Joseph he said, blessed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,

And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

And for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of Joseph, and upon the top of him that was separated from his brethren.

His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorn: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of E'-phra-im, and they are the ten thousands of Manas'-seh.

And of Zeb'-ubun he said, Rejoice, Zeb'-u-lun, in thy going out; and, Is'-sachar, in thy tents.

They shall call the people unto the mountain: there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they

shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.

And of God he said, blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

And he provided the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.

And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.

And of Naph'-ta-li he said, O Na-ph'-ta-li, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the LORD, possess thou the west and the south.

And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

There is none like unto the God of Jesh'-urun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his Excellency on the sky.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy Excellency! And thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Deuteronomy 33

Chapter 3

Conditions for God's blessings

It goes without question that blessings are in most cases conditional in nature - there are some conditions one need fulfill to be blessed by God.
Straight away I am going to take you to the scriptures that do point to that fact.

And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigor:
And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigor.
And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Pu'-ah:
And he said, when ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.

And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?

And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women: for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

Therefore **God dealt with with the midwives**: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

And it came to pass, **because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.**

Exodus 1:13-21

You can see in the above scripture that God dealt well with the midwives because they feared God and obeyed his commandment which says you shall not kill (Deuteronomy 5:17)

God's blessings revolves around obedience, faith and holiness and are free of charge (Hebrews 11:6, Romans 4:13-16).

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.
For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise of no effect:
Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.
Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed, not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

Romans 4:13-16

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, **who walk in the law of the LORD.**

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity: they **walk in his ways.**

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Then **shall I not be ashamed when I have respect unto all thy commandments.**

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:1-11

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Psalm 128

The above scriptures by the Psalmist touch on how one can be blessed and which is; by obedience to the Lord God walking in his ways and not sinning. All that do point to the fear of the Lord.

AND it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shall thou be in the field.

Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy store houses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

The LORD shall establish thee a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if that shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

And all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD: and they shall be afraid of thee.

And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain, unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

And the LORD shalt make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe to do them:

And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you and establish my covenant with you.

And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bonds of your yoke, and made you upright.

Leviticus 26:3-13

Although the above two scriptures were addressed to the children of Israel, it however does apply to the children of God (Born - again Christians) today. The promises / blessings are too many and too marvelous – a wholesome blessing (blessings galore) indeed they are. By just walking in the statutes of God in obedience the blessing will definitely overtake you and me. How loving is the Father who is in heaven! Let us not be as Adam and Eve who lost the blessings they enjoyed in the garden of Eden by disobedience to God (Genesis 3:1-24)

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.

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.

And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:10-12

And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

1 Kings 3:14

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

Job 36:11

Quite superb.

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

And **whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing his sight.**

1 John 3:20-22

And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

But he said, **yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.**

Luke 11:27-28

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21

By now you know what it means to be blessed as well as the most important blessing ever which you need not miss.

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He **shall receive the blessing from the LORD,** and righteousness from the God of salvation.

Psalm 24:4-5

Chapter 4

Distinguishing God's blessings and Satan's "blessings"

It is important for one to get to know the blessing from God and the "blessing" from Satan as they are not the same in many aspects. As I said earlier, the blessings of God are freely given and one does not need to pay to get as some "servants" claim in their churches (where they minister). On the contrary, the "blessing" of Satan come at a cost as you have to pay for it immediately or at any time after receiving the "blessing". It is common to pay in the form of donating a member of your family to be offered as a sacrifice to Satan. Therefore, it is not only costly, but too costly by losing life of a member of your family. Also, because the enemy is a thief, you should not trust him at all as can come and steal whatever he has "blessed" you with. As a thief, the enemy has stolen many things from people from health to wealth and so on and so forth (John 10:10a). If you remain faithful in God, God is able to restore back to you what the enemy has stolen from you (Job 1:1-2:1-10; 42:10-17, 2 Kings

20:1-7). The blessings of God are long lasting, are real (genuine) and also add no sorrow. On the other hand, the "blessing" of Satan is short lived, is not real but fake (ingenuine) and add sorrow and misery, in one's life.

Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:16-17

Now in the above scripture we see clearly that God's blessings are not only good but are perfect to say. God is the Father of lights (Genesis 1:3, John 1:6-9; 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7). Also, we see that God does not change and therefore there is no shadow of turning when he has blessed you. Moreover, he is not a thief (John 10:10b).

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11:29

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22

The above scripture is but self-explanatory. God blesses us to enjoy and not again to have sorrow with the blessing (1 Timothy 6:17, Ecclesiastes 5: 18-19).

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labor shall increase.

Proverbs 13:11

By getting wealth by vanity is by unscrupulous ways which is sinful and therefore satanic and can easily diminish in a short time. But getting wealth through one's labour in honest work it shall increase as God will bless the work of one's hands that way (Deuteronomy 8:11-18; 28:1-2; 12, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12, Genesis 2:15-16).

An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

Proverbs 20:21

A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Proverbs 28:20

Well, wealth does not come in one day but takes time. Slowly and slowly as you get things by your hard labour sweating to get; you continue to accumulate and later end with much wealth. But wealth that is gotten hastily most likely there is no hard labour and much sweating and it can be sinful (involving short-cuts and all sorts of unorthodox means) God will only bless legitimate works of our hands be it in farming, formal or informal employment, business and so on as he is holy and does not condone any form of corruption in whatever nature.

The blessings of God for sure need to take you closer to God (The one blessing) and lead you to everlasting life in heaven.

On the other hand, the "blessings" of Satan removes you farther and farther from God to Satan and eventually results in your destruction and death and into eternal judgement in hell. The question is,

have we ever taken time to determine where our blessings are leading us to? We need to be careful.

Now let me bring to your notice one other fact regarding the "blessings" of Satan. Satan is a liar (John 8:44) when he (Lucifer) was cast down on earth from heaven he never took anything with him save that he was accompanied by other angels who were cast down with him (Revelation 12:7-9; 3-4) and therefore he came on earth as some one who is bankrupt. Yet he claimed to own all the kingdoms of the world and the glory in them (Matthew 4:8-10) but he is but a mere creation of God and owns nothing and only God who is the Creator owns everything (Psalms 24:1; 89:11) yet Satan claimed he could give Jesus all that if he would fall down and worship him. All that Satan may have is just fake things; as all the real things belongs to God. Satan can only manufacture fake things and present them as genuine ones to people.

What I know is that he has the freedom to rule in the hearts of people who are disobedient to God as himself and who are rebellious too as himself (Colossians 2:1-2) otherwise he owns nothing. You

and me too own nothing save for what God has given to us (blessed us with) (Job 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 4:6-7, 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Philippians 4:10-20, John 16:24, Matthew 7:7-11). Jesus did not acknowledge that Satan owned anything but that he rules the world in the hearts of the disobedient those who have not accepted God's rule in them (have not accepted God's kingdom) (John 14:28-31).

Chapter 5

Means of acquisition

Now there are ways and means by which we come to receive blessings and be in our possession. Blessings I believe don't just rain on us or fall on us as some accident but there must be a cause. In many instances we do receive our blessings (gifts) by asking for them as scriptures record. Also, they may come as a desire in our hearts and which God knows as he is Omniscient. Also, on some exceptions God on his own volition decides to bless us and I believe on the desires he sees in our hearts/the needs, even if we have not desired but it is a necessity in life, he can provide.

a) Blessings asked for

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give a stone?

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Matthew 7:7-11

The normal way to get your gift (blessing) is by asking. If one asks God for a thing, God will give and as in this scripture too, we are told that God (the Father) which is in heaven will give good things to them that ask him.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

We are told that if we have a request/need, we need not get worried but need to ask God in prayer and supplication thanking him for what he had given us and for what we have asked for and we will have

peace in our hearts and minds for we have not only made it known to him what we need officially but trust him to supply it to us as well and which of course he will do it as necessary (1 John 5:13-15).

These things I have written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:
And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5:13-15

Even to get a "blessing'' from Satan you have to ask somehow by visiting his servants such as witchdoctors to get a "solution" for your problem (1 Samuel 28:1-14).

AND it came to pass in those days, that the Phil-is'-tines gathered their armies together for warfare, to

fight with Israel. And A'-chish said unto David, know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

And David said to A'-chish,

Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And A-chish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ra'-mah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

And the Phil-is'-tines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shu'-nem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gil'-boa.

And when Saul saw the host of the Phil-is'-tines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by U'-rim, nor by prophets.

Then Saul said unto his servants, seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her.

And his servants said unto him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.

And Saul disguised himself, and put on other garment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

And the woman said unto him,

Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die.

And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

Then said the woman, whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, bring me up Samuel.

And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? For thou art Saul.

And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said,

And old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

1 Samuel 28:1-14

King Saul could not get an answer from God because he was ever living in sin and all along was after the life of David the son of Jesse and who had been anointed by the prophet Samuel to be king of Israel. God does not hear sinners (John 9:31). We are told when king Saul saw the hosts of the Philistines, he was afraid and his heart greatly trembled which confirmed his sinful state (Proverbs 28:1) God expects those who come to him to come in faith. Saul had not faith and at all as fear is the opposite of faith can't work anything. Soul went for an alternative god Satan, just as many leaders today do who are not born again and therefore know not the true God. Saul had now totally backslidden by resorting to a diviner for help which was not forthcoming as he died because of his sins (1

Samuel 31:1-6) Saul received a curse and he and his three sons died on the same day- sign of a curse. People need to ask from God and not from Satan. God is a jealous God and will not leave one to go unpunished who go after other gods. It is not well when people are led by sinners (the unconverted) (proverbs 11:11; 14:34) Many things just go hay wire because Satan uses and manipulates them a lot. But the true God is not a God of confusion but of order and will order the steps of a righteous man be it a leader or an ordinary citizen who fears and obeys him. Any body from any quarter who does not obey God does not fear him and should not expect from him but from Satan, the Rebel.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

What many of us lack is wisdom, and which is very important in life in decision making.

God is ready and gives wisdom to the wise (those who have chosen Jesus Christ to be their Lord and

Savior and by extension have chosen God). (Daniel 2:19-23) Daniel who feared God, God revealed his secret to him in a vision concerning the dream of king Nebuchadnezzar who was a pagan and therefore knew not the true God and lacked wisdom.

And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Be-thu'-el the Syrian of Pa'-dan-ar'-am, the sister to Laban the Syrian.
And **Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.**

Genesis 25:20-21

Isaac asked for a child and God answered him by his wife getting conceived and later delivered twin sons.

And he arose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jab'-bok.

And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

And he said, let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

And he said unto him, what is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

And Jacob asked him, and said,

Tell me, I pray thee, thy name.

And he said, wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? **And he blessed him there**.

Genesis 32:22-29

Jacob asked for a blessing and he received.

And Ja'-bez was more honorable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Ja'-bez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

And **Ja'-bez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.**

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Jabez' mother had just spoiled for his child by calling him a name that is associated with sorrow. Because he was more honorable than his brethren, to me I think he deserved a beautiful name regardless under what conditions her mother went through in delivering him. I do thank God that Jabez was not only more honorable more than his brethren but it seems he had some wisdom in him as well. I don't know at what age he called on the name of the God of Israel but surely he portrayed the wisdom God had imparted in his life by what he requested God to do to him, that even adult rarely ask for such as: God's hands to be with him and

that God keep him from evil! Which would bring him grief.

Those words can only come from one's lip who has a heart with wisdom. God was much pleased with such honorable request and straight away granted what he requested. In this era of technological advancement we are living in; we really lack children of the Jabez type, as many are confused by the world and have their priorities all wrong. May the God of Israel have mercy on the children and snatch them from Satan's web (the rotten world system, system of the Evil one).

So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shi'-loh, and after they had drunk. Now E'-li the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the

days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that E'-li marked her mouth.

Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore E'-li thought she had been drunken.

And E'-li said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? Put away thy wine from thee.

And Hannah answered and said,

No, my Lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunken neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Be'-li-al: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

Then E'-li answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

And she said, let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

And they rose up in the morning early, and worshiped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ra'-mah: and El-ka'-nah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, because I have asked of the LORD.

1 Samuel 1:9-20

Here too, we find a wise woman. She didn't talk foolishly like the woman Rachel (Genesis 30:1-4). She was so determined to get a child that she made a vow before the Lord. She also was specific in her prayer request and for a good reason/purpose (that the child to be a servant of the God of Israel). Look further at her conversation with the priest Eli - she really chose what to say and in the frankest way possible and full of sense and left every thing to God by eating and not having a sad countenance any more (had faith in God) and God did for sure grant her, her request. Hannah called his son a

reasonably good name Samuel an answer from a request to God, as she had asked God for a son.

And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.
And the king went to Gib'-eon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon the altar.
In Gib'-eon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.
And Solomon said, Thou hast showed thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.
And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

And the speech pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies: but hath asked for thyself understanding to discern judgement;

Behold, I have done according to the words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

And if thy wilt walk in my ways to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

1 Kings 3:3-14

Here too king Solomon portrayed some wisdom by asking God for this thing-wisdom and God was pleased and gave him both wisdom and understanding of heart with other bonuses to crown it all, which were riches and honor. God further did promise him long life on condition that he walks right before him in his statutes and commandments.

b) Blessings on God's own volition

NOW the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house unto a land that I will show thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Har'-an.

And Abram took Sar'-a-i his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Har'-an; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

Genesis 12:1-5

AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Phil'-is'-tines forty years.

And there was a certain man of Zor'-ah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Ma-no'-ah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold, now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall

begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Phil-is'-tines.

Judges 13:1-5

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, name Nazareth,
To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
And the angel said unto her,
Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God.
And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel,

How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:26-35

Something else which I need to add is that because God is love, he extends his love to the sinners as well. He is a generous giver and expects men too to do the same to the others. But human beings as they are, they need to be pushed some times to do some things, giving included. Human beings need the touch of God in their hearts to be able to have compassion to bless others, as some find it not easy especially the unregenerate, as God's love is not in them.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth:

But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.

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;

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:38-45

c) Blessings from people's desires

The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.
Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;
Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice. Selah.
Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsel.

Psalm 20:1-4

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
For they shall soon be cut off down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 37:1-4

BLESS, the LORD, O my soul: and all that is in me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Psalm 145:19

The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the **desire of the righteous shall be granted.**

Proverbs 10:24

Chapter 6

Main category of the blessed

I do know for sure that there are only two categories of the blessed. When I talk that way, I mean those who are spiritually blessed and are destined to go to heaven when they leave the life on earth in which we are all living now; we human beings. The two categories are the babies and little children followed by the saints (the righteous).

As I have just said I will begin with the babies and the little children followed by the saints (the righteous).

a) The babies and little children

The main reason why babies and little children will go to heaven from this life on earth is because they are not yet developed enough intellectually to know what is good or what is bad and to them everything may seem alright and for that reason God will exempt them from His judgement I believe and the blood of Jesus Christ will have atoned for the sins they have inherited from their parents at birth.

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that U-ri'-ah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

And the elders of the house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken to our voice: how will he

then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore said unto his servants, is the child dead? And they said,

He is dead.

Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshiped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

Then said his servants unto him,

What thing is this that thou hast done? Thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

And he said, while the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for said, who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

2 Samuel 12:13-23

Now that scripture in the Old Testament is the best revelation touching on the state of departed babies - they go to be with God the Creator in heaven. King David who believed in God also believed that when he dies his soul will be with God and that is why in his statement to his servants he said, he is the one who will go where the dead child had gone back to God.

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

Woe unto thee, Cho-ra'-zin! Woe unto thee Beth-sa'-i-da! For if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Si'-don, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre' and Si'-don at the day of judgement, than you.

And thou Ca-per'-na-um, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be bought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgement, than for thee.

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

Matthew 11:20-26

Jesus Christ upbraided those cities because although he did mighty works there, they did not believe in them and see the need to repent and therefore were likely candidates for God's

judgement on the last day. As adults who can know what is true or false, good or bad and considered wise and prudent they miserably failed to acknowledge the work of God in their midst and for that matter, the revelation has been revealed only to the babies by God, as they have at least some faith and can believe on anything they see unlike those adults who have the capacity to discern things. Definitely the innocent babies have no case to answer and will not go to be judged by God on the judgement day.

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
And said, verily I say unto you,
Expect ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.
Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Matthew 18:1-5

In the above scripture too, we see Jesus Christ in talking about the kingdom of heaven, he does refer his disciples to a little child meaning that kingdom is more for the little ones than for the rest of the people.

Babies and little children are highly regarded in the kingdom of heaven as they are simple in life and humble too unlike the youth and adults who are mostly ambitious and proud in heart and like competition, no wonder the disciples seem to have that very mentality going by what they asked Jesus. Many people sometimes Christians included behave just like politicians to some extent but Jesus is not a politician but he is God and God does not behave like mortal men. Please read these scriptures also: Acts 1:6-8, Isaiah 55:7-9.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, **Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.**

Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them us in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16

Jesus was not happy by how his disciples treated young children by them rebuking their parents. He accepted the little children here showing his approval of them and blessed them and will certainly receive them in heaven as well. For of such is the kingdom of God - that statement in reference to little children by Jesus simply means in other words that little children's life is a sample of those to be in heaven. The youth and adults are the ones who need a lot of adjustments in life to be able to qualify to enter into heaven as they live a complicated life full of sin. They need a total change of heart and mindset. A good example is the

sin of lack of forgiveness which is common with many, as well as hatred which is unlikely in little children.

In the beginning I said that I was treating the two categories as blessed spiritually which is a superior blessing and which is an eternal blessing and lasts to eternity unlike many other blessings which are temporal in nature. This blessing is the true blessing which fades not away and is most valuable both on earth and in heaven.

Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,

Save Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.

Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

But Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

Deuteronomy 1:35-39

We can see from the above that the little ones had no knowledge between good and evil and were the possessor of the Promised Land. This group will definitely be in heaven.

b) The saints (the righteous)

This category too is destined for heaven if remain steadfast in their Christian Walk. Unlike the first group which their entry into heaven is automatic. This one is a bit different (Matthew 7:21-23; 24:1-13; 25:1-13, Revelation 14:13). In this category at least they have some task/responsibility before they enter dead also 1 Corinthians 3:11-15.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto

whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Psalm 32:1-2

Now when it comes to calling one as truly blessed, this is the best scripture to describe such a one. One whose sins have been forgiven by God. Now as I said earlier, this is a spiritual issue and therefore such a blessing is a spiritual blessing.

Many people have equated many things as blessedness but this is the climax of blessedness and which every one must yearn for; seek and find at the earliest opportunity in one's life, which is wisdom. It is not bad per se to be rich, educated, in high position in life, talented in any way and so on and so forth but get to know the above blessing of one's sins being forgiven by God exceeds all the above listed.

Better even miss them but not miss on this one. Get to know that having this is the key to having all the rest (Matthew6: 31-33). If you have all others but miss this one it all adds up to nothing (zero) (Mark 8:36-37).

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do not iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Psalm 119:1-3

The righteous are the blessed as they walk in the law of the Lord and do no iniquity.

BLESSED is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Psalm 128:1-2

It shall be well with them that fear God and walk in God's ways as they shall eat the work of their hands (the work of righteousness) which also means everlasting life with God in heaven which cannot be compared with any other life (Revelation 21:1-7; 9-26). If you look again at the three scriptures in the book of Psalms you will see that the word blessed in all of them is in capital letters it follows therefore that those are the truly blessed in

actual fact. The righteous who are born again Christians are the blessed and do carry the day.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Isaiah 1:18-20

That was a call for repentance by God to the people of Israel and it is too for you and me. For those that repent, sins are forgiven and they shall enjoy life wherever they will be but those who refuse to repent of their sins God will surely judge them.

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of this doings.

Isaiah 3:10

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand.

Revelation 1:1-3

One is blessed only when he does all the following: Reading as well as hearing the words of prophecy in the Bible and then moulding one's life by them in anticipation of the coming King.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13

One is considered blessed only when one dies in the Lord and not outside the Lord, that is, one who lived a holy and righteous life and therefore becomes a bona fide citizen of Heaven (Revelation 22:14-15).

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Revelation 16:15

Those who are watchful minding how they live keep their garments in good condition and when Christ comes for his Church, they are not found naked as they are clothed with righteousness.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:6

It is a blessing to be a partaker in the first resurrection which is only possible with the obedient to God which make them to be holy as

they will accompany the Lord of lords and the King of kings to Jerusalem, in his Millennium rule on earth after the seven years Tribulation period after the rapture of Christ's holy Church (Revelation 19:1-16).

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:7

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:13-14

It is well only with the righteous according to God. The above scriptures point to obedience to the Lord as the key to one being blessed in the sight of God. It follows therefore that as Christian born of the Spirit, we have to embrace it to be in a right standing with the Father. In a nutshell God considers one is blessed when one is born of the

Spirit and walks with him until he is finally taken into eternity in heaven.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying,
Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.
And he saith unto me, Write**, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.**
And he saith unto me, these are the true saying of God.

Revelation 19:6-9

This crowns it all. The blessed are only those who are righteous - the saints who will be called to the marriage supper of the lamb of God, that is, Jesus Christ (as the Bridegroom) and born again

Christians (as the Bride) and it will be a lot of celebration in Heaven for who will be there all being glad and rejoicing.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seal of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1-3

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him into the will of his enemies.
The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

Psalm 41:1-3

PRAISE ye the LORD. **Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.**

His seed shall be mighty upon earth**:** the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man showeth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

Psalm 112:1-9

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your, name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.
Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Luke 6:22-23

Let your loins be girded about, and your light burning;
And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, the may open unto him immediately.
Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

And this know, that if the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Luke 12:35-40

The other category I did not mention intentionally are the angels of God who are already with the Lord God in Heaven and which I am briefly going to explain.

c) The Angels of God

In touching on the above category I am talking on the holy angels of God that consist of two-thirds of all the angels God created and who remained loyal to God and are therefore bona fide citizens of God's kingdom in Heaven and are continually praising and worshipping God as well as serving

Him as His ministers/servants (Isaiah 6:1-3, Hebrews 1:6-7). These will be with Him forever and are immortal in nature just as God is also immortal (Revelation 4:8-11; 19:1-16). These will continue to enjoy the blessings of Heaven eternally. For a more detailed study on God's angels I advise you to get a copy of my book entitled "The Angelic hosts".

Chapter 7

Love for the one blessing

Now there is something like loving the one that has blessed you and in many a times on some people, it turns out as the opposite, that is to say, some instead of loving the one blessing they love the blessing more than the one blessing. The truth of the matter is that we should love the one blessing more than the blessing we have received from Him. One need to fix one's eyes on the Lord (the one blessing) being focused (Hebrews 12:2) and not on blessings and plenty as king Solomon celebrated blessings and lost focus and instead of fixing his eyes on God he fixed his eyes on women, wealth and fame (1 Kings 3:3-15; 10:1-11:1-40). Please read the following scriptures before I resent to you some of those who loved the Lord (the one blessing than the blessings: Psalm 49:6-9, 1 John 2:15-17.

1. Abraham

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom those lovest, and get thee into the land of Mo-ri'-ah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, my father: and he said, here am I, my son. And he said, behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

And Abraham said, my son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, here am I.

And he said, lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and

offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

And Abraham called the name of that place Je-ho'-vah - jire: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

And said, by myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall posses the gate of his enemies;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-she'-ba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-she'-ba.

Genesis 22:1-19

From the above account you can see that Abraham loved God (the one blessing) more than the blessing

(his son Isaac) and that is why he obeyed the voice of God and was ready to sacrifice even his only son and whom he loved; something that hardly no body can do. Only God loved us that he gave his only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins to be atoned so that we can have everlasting life with God in heaven (John 3:16).

2. David

And David said to A-bi'-a-thar the priest, A-him'-e-lech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the e'-phod. And A-bi'-a-thar brought thither the e'-phod to David. And David inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them,

And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

1 Samuel 30:7-8

AND it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him Go

up. And David said, whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto He'-bron.

2 Samuel 2:1

And it was told king David, saying, the LORD, hath blessed the house of O'-bed-e'-dom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'-bed-e'-dom, into the city of David with gladness.

And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen e'-phod.

So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.
And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.
And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one of a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed everyone to his house.

2 Samuel 6:12-19

And when the Phil'-is'-tines heard that David was anointed king over Israel, all the Phil'-is'-tines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them.
And the Phil'-is'-tines came and spread themselves in the valley of Reph'-a-im.
And David inquired of God, saying,
Shall I go up against the Phil'-is'-tines? And wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD

said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

So they came up to Ba'-al-per'-a-zim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Ba'-al-per'-a-zim.

And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

And the Phil'-is'-tines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

Therefore David inquired again of God; and God said unto him,

Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Phil'-is'-tines.

David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Phil'-is'-tines from Gib'-eon even to Ga'-zer.

And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

1 Chronicles 14:8-17

From all the above you can see that David loved God and had a close relationship with him and David kept on inquiring of God in every occasion he faced the enemy. Only the one you love you can be confiding in and going to ask for help. Remember too all that the king did when he was bringing the ark of God to Jerusalem how he danced with all his might leaping and dancing and shouting and how he blessed the people after offering a lot of burnt and peace offerings to his God. Truly David loved God who had blessed him by promoting him from being a shepherd of sheep to a shepherd of God's people Israel, as their king.

3. Job

THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and escheweth evil.

And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all men of the east.

And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one of his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, it may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.

Thus did Job continually.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

And the LORD said unto Satan,

Whence comest thou? Then satan answered the LORD; and said,

From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

And the LORD said unto Satan,

Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

The Satan answered the LORD, and said, doth Job fear God for nought?

Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

And the LORD said unto Satan,

Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, the oxen were ploughing, and the asses feeding beside them:

And the Sa-be'-ans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, the fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chal'-de'-ans made out three bands and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Then **Job arose and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped,**

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away: blessed be the name of the LORD.

In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

AGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

And the LORD said unto Satan,

From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

And the LORD said unto Satan,

Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and eschweth evil? And still he holdest fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

And the LORD said to Satan,

Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life

So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

And he took him apotsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

Then said his wife unto him,

Dost thou, still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die.

But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we

receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did Job sin with his lips.

Job1:1-2:1-10

You can see quite clearly that Job really loved God (the one blessing) more than the blessings and plenty that he received from God. In all the trials he went through he did not curse God and he did not charge God foolishly and he did not lose his integrity in God. Job remained in God despite all that he had gone through and which was the most terrible and sorrowful thing to happen to him in life.

Chapter 8

Samples of those blessed

Now in closing let me now present some examples of those considered blessed based on the Scriptures.

1. Enoch

And E'-noch lived sixty and five years, and begat Me-thu'-se-lah.

And E'-noch walked with God after he begat Me-thu'-se-lah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

And all the days of E'-noch were three hundred and sixty and five years:

And E'-noch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Genesis 5:21-24

By faith E'-noch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Hebrews 11:5

2. Noah

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping things and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

These are the generations of Noah: Now was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

AND the LORD said unto Noah,

Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Genesis 6:5-9; 7:1

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned

the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Hebrews 11:7

3. Abraham

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Hebrews 11:8-10

4. Lot

For God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement;

And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

And turning the cities of Sodom and Go-mor'-rah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly;

And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2 Peter 2:4-9

5. Moses

By faith Moses when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

By Faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

Hebrews 11:23-26

6. Elijah

AND it came to pass, when the LORD would take up E-li'-jah into heaven by a whirlwind, that E-li'-jah went with E-li'-sha from Gil'gal.

And E-li'-jah said unto E-li'-sha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And E-li'-sha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

And the sons of the Prophets that were at sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to E-li'-sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head today? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

And E-li'-jah said unto him, E-li'-sha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to E-li'-sha, and said unto him Knowest thou that the LORD will take away, thy master from thy head today? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

And E-li'-jah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.

And they two went on.

And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

And E-li'-jah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that E-li'-jah said unto E-li'-sha, Ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken away from thee. And E-li'-sha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and E-li'-jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:1-11

7. The 11 disciples of Jesus

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I came to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept,

and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

John 17:11-12

8. Apostle Paul

IT is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven.

And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Of such a one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

9. The thief on the cross

And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cy-re'-ni-an, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say,

Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, fall on us; and to the hills, cover us.

For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

And there were also two others malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

And saying, if thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, This is the King of the Jews.

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, if thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

But the other answering rebuked him, saying, dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

And we indeed justly; for we receive the due rewards of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:26-43

10. The 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel.

AND after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with

a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand,

Of the tribe of Asher were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Naph'-tali were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Ma-nas'-seh were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of levi were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Is-sachar were sealed twelve thousand,

Of the tribe of Zeb'-ulun were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Revelation 7:1-8

AND I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zi'-on, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 14:1-5

11. The two witnesses

AND there was given me a red like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit

shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

And after three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake, were slain of men seven thousand:

and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Revelation 11:1-13

12. Other people

And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of **Gid'-e-on**, and of **Bar'-ak** and of **Samson,** and of **Jeph'-thah**; of **David** also, and **Samuel,** and of **the prophets**:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouth of lions,

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

And others had trial of cruel mockings and scorgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

(Of whom the world was not worthy :) they wandered in deserts; and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:32-40

Notes to the reader

I take this opportunity to thank you for reading this book. You have seen very clearly for yourself that for one to be blessed there is a condition and that is, one need have a right standing with God - in other words, one need to be saved.

If you are not saved, make a final decision to be saved by sincerely repeating this prayer: Lord Jesus, I come to you today as a sinner. I do repent now for all my sins, Lord, please forgive me and cleanse my heart with your precious blood which you shed for me on the cross. Come into my heart and save me. I am asking all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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