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WHY MUST YOU BE BLESSED

Matthew 25:35-40 For I was hungry and you **gave me food**, I was thirsty and you **gave me drink**, I was a stranger and you **welcomed me**, I was naked and you **clothed me**, I was sick and you **visited me**, I was in prison and you **came to me.** Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you **did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.**’

- *hunger*
- *thirst*
- *stranger*
- *naked*
- *sick*
- *in prison*

Six things our enemy will do with the curse. None of the outcomes are good and leave you destitute and alone. Our enemy will cause great harm and bondage through these things. You could call it a living slavery.

This is why the Body of Christ must be blessed. The only answer to the end of slavery is the freedom of being blessed.

BLESSINGS BECAUSE OF ABRAHAM

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 “And if you **faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God**, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And **all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you**, if you **obey** the voice of the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 28:3-14 **Blessed** shall you be **in the city**, and **blessed** shall you be **in the field**. **Blessed** shall be the **fruit of your womb** and the **fruit of your ground** and the **fruit of your cattle**, the **increase of your herds** and the young of your flock. **Blessed** shall be **your basket** and your **kneading bowl**. **Blessed** shall you be **when you come in**, and **blessed** shall you be **when you go out**. “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be **defeated before you**. They shall come out against you one way and **flee before you seven ways**. The Lord **will command the blessing** on you **in your barns** and **in all that you undertake**. And he will **bless you in the land** that the Lord your God is giving you. The **Lord will establish you** as a people **holy to himself**, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they **shall be afraid of you**. And the Lord will make you **abound in prosperity**, in the **fruit of your womb** and in the **fruit of your livestock** and in the **fruit of your ground**, within the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. The Lord will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to **give the rain to your land**

in its season and to **bless all the work of your hands**. And you shall **lend to many nations**, but you **shall not borrow**. And the Lord will make you **the head and not the tail**, and you shall **only go up and not down**, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

- *the law was good*
- *the law points us to the way of obedience*
- *obedience is submission and kneeling before our God*
- *if you don't submit and kneel you are cursed*
- *you are cursed because you are unable to fulfill the law*
- *Jesus became cursed for you so the blessing of God can come upon you*
- *you now submit and kneel before God in the righteousness Jesus obtained for you*

Galatians 3:10-14 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “**Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.**” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us— for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—** so that in Christ

Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

1288 בָּרַךְ, בְּרַךְ [barak /baw·rak/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 285; GK 1384 and 1385; 330 occurrences; AV translates as “bless” 302 times, “salute” five times, “curse” four times, “blaspheme” twice, “blessing” twice, “praised” twice, “kneel down” twice, “congratulate” once, “kneel” once, “make to kneel” once, and translated miscellaneous eight times. 1 to **bless, kneel**. 1a (Qal). 1a1 to kneel. 1a2 to bless. 1b (Niphal) to be blessed, bless oneself. 1c (Piel) to bless. 1d (Pual) to be blessed, be adored. 1e (Hiphil) to cause to kneel. 1f (Hithpael) to bless oneself. 2 (TWOT) to praise, salute, curse. Strong, J. (1995). In *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon*. Woodside Bible Fellowship.

- *barak signifies the beginning of the blessing or the curse*
- *blessing if you submit kneel receive and yield to our Savior Jesus Christ*
- *cursed if you will not submit kneel receive and yield to our Savior Jesus Christ*
- *Jesus Christ must be our Lord and Savior*
- *God is God*
- *you are not god*

RESULT OF NOT BEING BLESSED

Deuteronomy 28:15-68 Curses