

Blessing I Will Bless

Genesis 1:27 – And God blessed them and said,

Genesis 12:1–3 (2000 BC) - Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. **2** I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 26:4–5 (To Isaac) - And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; **5** because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

Genesis 28:14 (To Isaac) - Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Galatians 3:16 - Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is **Christ**.

*** Jesus is the blessing! To know Jesus is the blessing! For all Nations!**

Matthew 28:18–20 - And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Mark 16:15 - And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Luke 24:46–48 - Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, **47** and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** And you are witnesses of these things.

John 20:21 - So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

John 3:16–17 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (Blessed)

Acts 1:8 - But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 10:1–48 1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,

*** Centurion - 10th/Legion/600 Men/Duty not initiate/stand/death, Icon, Enemy/Occupier**

*** Italian Regiment – From Rome, Roman Unit, Capital of Italy, Best of the Best**

*** Caesarea – Responsibility guarding Roman Governor – Guarding US Embassy**

2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. **3** About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” **4** And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. **5** Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. **6** He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.” **7** And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. **8** So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. **10** Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance **11** and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. **12** In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. **13** And a voice came to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” **14** But Peter said, “Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common (unholy) or unclean.” **15** And a voice spoke to him again the second time, “What God has cleansed you must not call common (unholy).” **16** This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. **17** Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon’s house, and stood before the gate. **18** And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. **19** While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are seeking you. **20** Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.”

*** Peter – Good Jewish boy, never eaten Pork Chops, Maine lobster, Shrimp Scampi**

*** So strongly followed religion, ready to say Not so, Lord!**

*** Told by God, that what He cleansed, made holy, He must not call see/call/condemn as unholy any more!!!**

*** It was Hard for Him to receive, and hard for him to understand**

*** Then He was told by the Spirit of God to Go down, Go with, Don’t doubt!**

21 Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, “Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?” **22** And they said, “Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you.” **23** Then he invited them in and lodged them. On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him. **24** And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. **25** As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. **26** But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I myself am also a man.” (So much for being 1st Pope!) **27** And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. **28** Then he said to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. **29** Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for.

1. You know/unlawful/keep company/go to/another nation – Cultural, Religious Rules, Standard, Acceptable; How many people thing I’m wrong, crazy, irresponsible; Danger

2. BUT GOD has shown ME, that I should not call...what I should do

I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?” **30** So Cornelius said, “Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man

stood before me in bright clothing, **31** and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. **32** Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.’ **33** So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.” **34** Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. **35** But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. **36** The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—**37** that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. **39** And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. **40** Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, **41** not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. **42** And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. **43** To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. **45** And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. **46** For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, **47** “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” **48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

- 1.** People around the world praying they believe the right God, good people/bad people who God wants to Bless by sending people with the good news of the blessing of Jesus Christ!
- 2.** There are followers of God, believers of Jesus Christ, who have heard and know the Great Commission, that know that God wants to Bless the WORLD, even those who we would determine by culture, actions, religious zeal are unclean, unholy, undeserving; blessing them with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins, and eternal life, by grace through faith in Jesus Christ – That others will think are Wrong, Crazy, Irresponsible, don’t understand the dangers...BUT GOD has told them, do not write off anyone unclean, unholy that I can cleanse and make clean & Holy!
- 3.** Truth is, God shows no partiality, and that in every nation, there are those who will believe in Him, will be accepted by Him, are cleansed by Him; and that is through People who hear God’s calling Going/sent to them, and sharing the Word/Truth/Blessing with them, the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins, everlasting life offered, because He raised Jesus from the grave and offers healing and freedom from the oppression of the devil, and to be found innocent on the day when God will judge the living and dead!