The Blessing Book ____*__

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What is Blessing?

Blessings have been mostly lost to western Christians. They are used a little in the liturgical churches, but that's about it. Blessings are quite powerful.

What are blessings? The best example is called the Aaronic Blessing. It is in Numbers 6:22-26. "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 'Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: '[May] The Lord bless you and keep you; [may] the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be **gracious** to you; [may] the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you **peace**."" The apostle Paul had a shortened version of the priestly blessing that he used to bless the believers in the churches. "**Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 1:2)

Note that blessing isn't petitioning in prayer. It is a proclamation, speaking forth of the good you desire. Rebekah was blessed by her brother and it came to pass. (Gen. 24:60) Ruth was blessed by the elders and it came to pass. (Ruth 4:11) Jacob was blessed by his father, Isaac, and it came to pass. (Gen. 27:27-29) (Gen. 28:3,4)

Blessing isn't prophesying, even though it can be done by a prophet. Prophecies are God's expressing Himself through someone. In blessing, you are exercising your authority as a believer. An example of prophecy is what Esau got from Isaac. (Gen.27:39,40)

Blessing isn't positive confession. We can't make something happen by our words; we don't have God's sovereignty. We are held in account for our idle words, but we can't accidentally override God. God gives us lots of conditional power of attorney, but He can withhold it any time He wants. In fact, He can override our tongue to get His will done. (Prov. 16:9) The man of God, Balaam, couldn't curse what God had blessed; his tongue was stopped. (Num. 22:4-13) (Deut.23:4,5)

As Christians, we are called to bless, that we may inherit a blessing. (1 Pet. 1:9) In Luke 6:27,28 says: "But I say to you that hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **bless** those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Psalm 109:28)

We are to bless God as well. Jesus' sample prayer addresses God and says, "[may] your kingdom come, [may] your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

It would be exceptional if God were to explicitly call you to curse someone or something. But under that circumstance, you would only be an agent of God. You yourself would not be judging.

Part of our blessing will be the loosing of prior curses on ourselves and others. (Matt.23:29-32) The curses that aren't broken remain in effect, just like blessings. The curses need to be broken in general and in detail.

Family Blessings

Husband prays for Wife

May this wife you have given me be blessed in all she undertakes. May she be blessed with strength and wisdom, patience and understanding. May she be an abundant source of healing and nurturing. May she be protected from sickness, harm and accidents. May she be a teacher and encourager. May she be blessed with your faith, hope, love and joy.

Wife prays for Husband

May this husband you have given me be blessed in all he undertakes. May he be strong in God's mighty strength and supported by His love. May he be a protector of the weak, a provider for the needy and a gentle counselor of the young. May he be protected from the sickness, evil and seduction that is in the world. May he be known as a Man of God.

Parents pray for Children

May (this child/these children) you have given us be blessed in all they undertake. May they be blessed with food, clothes, shelter and protection from the Evil one and his allies. May they grow in wisdom and respect before God and their peers. May they be protected from sickness, from physical harm, from seduction, from verbal assault and from accidents. May they grow in faith, hope, love and obedience. May they be known as Oaks of Righteousness and Love.

The family prays for Pets

May (this pet) be blessed with protection from sickness, from all harm, from getting lost and from accidents. May (this pet) be blessed with love and obedience and be a source of unconditional love for the family.

House Blessings

Living Room

May this room be a place of peace and harmony, a hub of the social life of those who live here. May it be permeated with God's love and fellowship.

Bedroom

May this room be a place of peace, harmony and restoration. May this room be a place of protection from physical and spiritual evil. May God's presence be upon this room in power, to bless those who abide in it.

Closet

May this room and its contents be blessed. May they be protected from harm and from accidents. May God's blessing be upon those who look at these clothes.

Bathroom

May this room be blessed as a place of healing, cleansing, and relief. May those who use this room be protected from accidents and healed of their diseases. May those who use this room feel the loving presence of God Almighty over them.

Kitchen

May this room be blessed as a place of provision and harmony. May those provisions prepared here be protected from sickness, evil and harm. May any food additives be kept from doing harm. May those who use this room be protected from any dangerous chemicals stored here. May this be a room of fellowship and peace. Bless those who use this room with creativity and wisdom.

Dining Room

May this room be a place of peace and harmony. May all food served here be blessed with healing and nutrition, protection from sickness and all harm. May fellowship be enjoyed at this table.

Whole House

May this house and its contents be blessed with protection from wind, flood and fire, from physical assault and from spiritual attack. May those who enter this house be blessed with healing and salvation in all areas of their lives; spirit, soul and body. May those who enter this house be delivered from any evil influences they may have picked up. May those who enter this house be cut free from any sadness, negativity, despair, resentment or anxiety. May those who enter this house receive the love, joy and peace of Christ.

Business Blessings

Overall

May this company be protected physically, legally, financially and spiritually. May the neighboring businesses be blessed by Your presence. May God Almighty draw the employees toward salvation in all areas of their lives: spirit, soul and body. May any unholy influences and curses that may remain from prior tenants be broken. May anything unholy brought in by employees and customers be broken. May anyone who works or conspires against this business or any part thereof be blessed by the Holy Spirit drawing them toward salvation in all areas of their lives. May this business be filled with laughter, fellowship, honesty and industry.

Management

May the leadership be blessed with an understanding of their poverty spiritually, emotionally, relationally, intellectually, morally, physically and financially. May they be blessed with God's provisions and the wisdom in how to obtain them in all of these areas. May they be blessed with God's wisdom and knowledge, personally and corporately. May they be healed of fear, shame, hate and traumas that would affect their personal skills. May they be blessed with faith, hope, love and honesty.

Finances

May the finances of this business be protected and flourish under the hand of Almighty God, who provides all things. May the accounts and books be kept safe from harm or corruption. May the insurance bill be paid in a timely fashion.

Intellectual Capital

May God Almighty protect the trade secrets, patents, copyrights and skills of the employees of this business. May the Lord protect the paper & electronic files and the computers from damage, loss and corruption.

legal / regulatory

May the Lord bless the zoning commission, the business licensing department, environmental department, the state, local and federal tax services, OSHA and the department of state UBR section on their behalf.

Utilities

May the water, electric, sewer, mail, telephone, fax and internet services be protected from all harm and disruption, inside and outside the business. May the landlord and their office be blessed and kept from evil influences.

A Father's Blessing for Descendants

- May your Heavenly Father bless you.
- May you be blessed with a personal saving faith and a growing faith.
- May you be strong and healthy in mind, emotions, body and spirit.
- May you have a sense of divine guidance, purpose and destiny.
- May you have wisdom and discernment.
- May you have a desire for integrity.
- May you have a call for excellence.
- May you be protected from bullying, sickness and accidents.
- May those who come in social contact with you be blessed with salvation.
- May you be protected from temptations to drugs and unrighteous sex.
- May you be blessed with a good and faithful mate, if it be God's will.
- May you glorify God in everything.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Church Blessing

- 1. May the attendees and their unchurched family members be blessed with: faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love. (as found in 2 Peter 1: 5-7)
- 2. May the members be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues. (as found in 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10)
- 3. May this church be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, helpers, administrators. (as found in 1 Corinthians 12:28 & Ephesians 4:11)
- 4. May the members be blessed with the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (as found in Galatians 5: 22-23)
- 5. May the church and its members be blessed with the whole armor of God: Truth as a belt, Righteousness as a breastplate, The gospel of peace with sandals, faith as a shield, assurance of salvation as a helmet, The Word of God as the Sword of the Spirit. (as found in Ephesians 6: 13-18)
- 6. May the church members grow in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:52)
- 7. May those who work or conspire against us, collectively and individually, be blessed with:
- salvation and conviction of sin
- binding any unclean spirits from them, their families, and their property
- 8. May these aspects of our church be blessed: the music ministry, the prayer ministry, the meetings, the finances, the property, the evangelism outreach, the charity outreach, teachers. The elders & deacons, the pastor.
- 9. May the greater church be blessed: This denominational region, this denomination and members, This region's Christian churches of all denominations

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