

THE BLESSING: ITS PURPOSE AND ITS OPERATION

Lesson 7: Life in God's Kingdom is Progressive [13 September 2020]

- **Foundational Scriptures:**

- John 14:21
 - Commandments = (John 13:34) an authoritative mandate
 - Commandments = an obligated course of action
 - Have & Keep = hear & have faith in & operate in the Commandment
 - “He that has My Authoritative Mandates and takes the obligated course of Action will be BLESSED: I will show that man My Glory”
- **Colossians 1:9, 27**
- **Ephesians 1:17-18, 14**
 - (Eph 1:14) [Amplified Classic Version] That [*Spirit*] is the guarantee of our inheritance [*the firstfruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage*], in anticipation of its full redemption *and* our acquiring [*complete*] possession of it--to the praise of His glory.

I. **The GLORY of God is a Manifestation of God's Covenant Words**

- a. Isaiah 40:1-5
- b. The GLORY is like the Fruit of a Tree that originated from a SEED [Mark 4:14, Luke 8:5, 11]
- c. Mark 4:30-32
 - i. A Word from God to Lori Neighbarger, 16 July 2017
 - ii. “As long as I have been reading the Word, studying the Word and learning the Word – whenever I read this about a “Grain of Mustard Seed” and the size of it, that’s what I focused on – the size of the Mustard Seed. The Holy Spirit just revealed to me: “IT IS NOT THE SIZE OF THE MUSTARD SEED, IT’S THE AUTHORITY THAT THE SEED HAS.”
 - iii. “It’s NOT the size of the Mustard Seed, it’s the Authority ... and I thought about that and I thought, OK, you’re planting the Seed that you walk on, that you don’t even put a footprint in – it’s that hard; but that Mustard Seed can work its way in that ground because of the AUTHORITY that that Seed has and grows tall.”

- iv. The Seed of God's Covenant Words may seem small, but they will produce:
 1. First: Great Faith
 2. Then: THE GLORY [The Finished Product of the Covenant Word Seed and THE BLESSING]!

II. **Everything in This Universe is Upheld (held together) by God's Word**

- a. Hebrews 1:3
- b. Genesis 1:3
- c. Genesis 1:26-28
 - i. Man made in the image & likeness of God
 - ii. Genesis 2:7 = breathed = Spoke: Genesis 1:28
 - iii. Words are the Origin of Everything in this Universe!
 - iv. God's Covenant Words created Man, God's Covenant Words are the Power that Holds Man together: Spirit, Soul & Body [1 Thessalonians 5:23]
- d. God planted a Garden with the Seed of His Word
 - i. What God saw in the Genesis account: "it was good"
 - ii. Good = Glorious
 - iii. The Glory is the Manifestation of God's Words spoken by His Faith
- e. Sin = disobedience to God's Words which blocks the BLESSING of God [Blocks the ANOINTING of the Holy Spirit]
 - i. If the BLESSING is blocked, so is the Glory

III. **The BLESSING, THE ANOINTING, The Glory are Progressive**

- a. The Glory is the product of the BLESSING (THE ANOINTING) when it's applied
- b. Ezekiel 47:1-9
 - i. THE ANOINTING is symbolized by Water
 - ii. God's Covenant Words revealed by the Holy Spirit = a River in the believer
 - iii. The Flow of the River is Progressive: John 7:38
 - iv. How much of a flow depends on how deep we are willing to go in God's Covenant Word – how obligated we are to take a course of action to that Word

- v. Are we going to be the type to stay in the shallow end and play it safe or will we venture into the deep end?
 - 1. Mark 4:20 = 30-fold, 60-fold, 100-fold (when we let the Word carry us)
- vi. Verse 9: where the River Flows it brings LIFE
 - 1. A still River becomes stagnant
- vii. Verse 5: is where the Church **MUST** be Today
- c. Colossians 1:27
 - i. (Col 1:27) [Amplified Classic Version] To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ within *and* among you, the Hope of [*realizing the*] glory.
 - ii. That which has been hidden: CHRIST [THE ANOINTED ONE
 - iii. The Revealing of the ANOINTING will Produce the Glory and the GLORY will become a public display
 - iv. What is your expectation of the GLORY?
- d. Colossians 1:22-23