

Reclaimed: God's Blessing Is Stronger by Pastor John Carmichael

[Gen 9:1, 16 NASB95] 1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ... 16 "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

- The destruction Noah saw was devastating. It was caused by curse as a result of sin. God gave him something to reverse the results of the destruction.
- God gave Noah the blessing.

What is the blessing? What does it do? How can we access it?

God's blessing empowers a person to experience the reversal of the destruction caused by the curse and it is released/realized by faith through obedience and words.

I. God's blessing empowers a person

- a. God blesses Noah.
- b. [Pro 10:22 NASB95] 22 It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.
- c. Meaning over definition. (Kneeling?) (God blesses his people when he bestows on them some gift temporal or spiritual. Easton Bible Dictionary)
- d. It is a force. (There is a pronoun "hu" not an article.)
- e. What happens when it comes? Deuteronomy 28.

II. To experience the reversal of the destruction

- a. God wants Noah to experience the reversal of the destruction.
- b. [Gal 3:13-14 NASB95] 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- c. God intends to reverse every curse and fix every broken thing. That is the point of the blessing with Noah and his sons in Genesis 9!
- d. The same is true for us!

III. Caused by the curse

a. The destruction was caused by the curse that resulted from sin.

b. The curse is caused by Satan and sin.

- i. [Gen 2:17 NASB95] 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."
- ii. [Gen 3:17-19 NASB95] 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. 18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; 19 By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

c. The curse has effects

- i. [Deu 28:25, 30-32, 48, 60-61, 63 NASB95]
- ii. **Defeat, failure, nothing works.** 25 "The LORD shall cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will go out one way against them, but you will flee seven ways before them, and you will be [an example of] terror to all the kingdoms of the earth. ...

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- iii. **Broken family.** 30 "You shall betroth a wife, but another man will violate her; you shall build a house, but you will not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but you will not use its fruit. 32 "Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and yearn for them continually; but there will be nothing you can do.
- iv. **Poverty.** 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; and He will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.
- v. **Sickness.** 60 "He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they will cling to you. 61 "Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you are destroyed.
- vi. **Broken relationship with God.** 63 "It shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it.

d. We are redeemed!

IV. It (the blessing) is released/realized by faith through obedience and words.

- a. **Noah had to hear the blessing and live it out.**
 - b. **The blessing is ours now potentially.** We have to realized it to experience it. [Eph 1:17-18 NASB95] 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 [I pray that] the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
 - c. **Faith is how we access anything from God.** [Heb 11:6 NASB95] 6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
 - d. **Faith has works.** [Jas 2:26 NASB95] 26 For just as the body without [the] spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.
 - i. **Obedience.** [Deu 30:19 NASB95] 19 "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,
 - ii. **Words.** Isaiah 65:16 AMPC – "So [it shall be] that he who invokes a blessing on himself in the land shall do so by saying, May the God of truth and fidelity [the Amen] bless me; and he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of truth and faithfulness to His promises [the Amen], because the former troubles are forgotten and because they are hidden from My eyes."
- God turns destruction into paradise by His power through promise.
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