

Immersed in the Blessing pt1 – The Blessing on You

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[Gen 1:26-28 NASB95] 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- For the next 21 Days and beyond, we will immerse ourselves in the blessing.
- What is the blessing? In short, the blessing of God was the first thing to happen to humanity. It is the original state of humanity. We will see it passed down to Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and beyond.
- Paul talked about the blessing in Galatians 3:13-14.
- We see God's original intent for humanity in Genesis 1. The blessing on you is still God's intent today.

What can we learn about God's blessing on humanity from Gen. 1:26-28?

Here are three truths about God's blessing on humanity from Gen. 1:26-28.

I. God's blessing on you is authority. V. 26-28

- a. God gave authority to Jesus. [Eph 1:18-23 NASB95] 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, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. [These are] in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly [places,] 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
- b. We are seated with Christ in authority. [Eph 2:1-7 NASB95] 1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
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 - i. Humility [Luk 10:19-20 NASB95] 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."
 - ii. Faith [Mat 8:8-10 NASB95] 8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

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9 "For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does [it.]" 10 Now when Jesus heard [this,] He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.

iii. Obedience [Jas 4:7 NASB95] 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

d. Use the delegated authority God has blessed you with in prayer and faith.

II. God's blessing on you makes you increase. V. 28

a. God desires for you to prosper. [Deu 8:18 NASB95] 18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as [it is] this day.

b. The Blessing will produce. [Pro 10:22 NASB95] 22 It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.

c. Believe for increase.

III. God's blessing on you is for the earth today. V. 26-28

a. Jesus affirmed it now. [Mat 6:10 NASB95] 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

b. Paul spoke of it now. [Rom 8:19 NASB95] 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

c. This earth has been given to us. [Psa 115:16 NASB95] 16 The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men.

d. Start expecting the blessing to work while we occupy the earth.

- **The blessing of God on you gives you authority, increase, and equips you while you on the earth.**