

# Lord's Day Worship

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Sermon

# Blessing

Haggai 2:10–19

*Series: A Living Temple*

**What does it mean for God to  
bless His people?**

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*So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.*

*And God blessed them. And God said to  
them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the  
earth and subdue it..."*

# What is God's Blessing?

*Now the Lord said to Abram, "...I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

Genesis 12:1-3

# What is God's Blessing?

*...And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field..... Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.*

# What is God's Blessing?

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8



# What is God's Blessing?

*And as you have been a byword of cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing.... Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord.*

# What is God's Blessing?

**Blessing is covenantal.**

Every blessing from the Lord serves to strengthen our relationship with Him.

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*And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.*

# How do you know you're blessed?

*Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.*

# How do you know you're blessed?

*... in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*

# How do you know you're blessed?

*Blessed are the poor in spirit... those who mourn... the meek... those who hunger and thirst for righteousness... the merciful... the pure in heart... the peacemakers... those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake...*



# How do you know you're blessed?

*Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.*



**How do you know you're blessed?**

**God's blessing is fulfilled in Jesus.**

You only have His blessing in as much  
as you are connected to Him.

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*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!*

Revelation 5:12

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*For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

**Psalm 84:10-12**

# What does this mean for us?

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! ...For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.*

Psalm 133:1, 3

# What does this mean for us?

*Blessed is the man... [whose] delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

# What does this mean for us?

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**Colossians 3:16-17**



# What does this mean for us?

*Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.*

**Numbers 6:24-26**



# What does this mean for us?

*Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.*

**James 1:12**

# What does this mean for us?

*Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.*

1 Peter 3:9

# What does this mean for us?

*So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the blessing you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

**2 Corinthians 9:5-6**

**God blesses His people that  
we might be a blessing.**

