

## Hebrews 7.6-8

### Blessed BY God

Throughout all the time of Abraham's life from the calling of God for him to leave his family and home and follow, he knew the blessing of God upon his life. There was nothing that God withheld from Abraham; and Abraham trusted God with everything he possessed, even unto his sacrificial obedience regarding Isaac... He had his difficulties and he had his foolishness. There were times of obstinacy, of impatience of outright rebellion, but still God remained faithful and continued to bless Abraham because of the promise and his own desire... this is the heart of our own salvation... for we are blessed, we are saved upon the same grounds. God has promised and God desires to save the people He has chosen for his own inheritance. So let us consider what it means to be blessed by God, and learn to delight in our inheritance as the people of God!

## I. MANY BLESSINGS

Aside from the obvious great blessing of God's promise to Abraham, there is the abiding matter of a thousand little blessings that came along with it, that enabled it to be fulfilled and that cemented Abraham unto God.

*Genesis 22:16–18 (NKJV)*

*<sup>16</sup> and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—<sup>17</sup> blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup> In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”*

A. We are also blessed in many ways and all of them bind us to our God

B. It is the pleasure of God to be good unto His people, for He is a good God, and gracious unto us

C. It is NOT any innate value or worth in us, nor was there any in Abraham... the very idea of being chosen to be blessed denies merit...

## II. BLESSED BY GOD'S WILL

It was the desire and will of God to bless Him for God had chosen Him

A. It was entirely the sovereign will of God to choose and so bless Abraham.

### Deuteronomy 7.6-10

B. And it is the desire and sovereign will of God to choose and bless us, who are the descent of Abraham...

*John 1:12–13 (NKJV)*

*12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

- C. There were no parts of blessing that God would withhold
- D. There was no part of Abraham's life that was not part of the blessing of God
- E. Even in Abraham's sin and doubt, God was faithful

### **III. BLESSED WITH PROTECTION**

God protected Abraham and would not allow any to harm him

- A. Protected him in Egypt, and from Abimelech, even turning potential danger into blessing

*Genesis 12:17 (NKJV)*

*<sup>17</sup> But the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.*

**Genesis 20.3-7**

- B. Empowered him to overcome many foes when needed

*Genesis 14:14 (NKJV)*

*<sup>14</sup> Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.*

- C. Shared His own counsel with him in order to teach him His nature

*Genesis 18:17–19 (NKJV)*

*<sup>17</sup> And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, <sup>18</sup> since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup> For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his*

*household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”*

D. Extended blessings to others for Abraham's sake

*Genesis 19:29 (NKJV)*

*<sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.*

E. Would not allow him to be cursed

*Numbers 22:12 (NKJV)*

*12 And God said to Balaam, “You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.”*

#### **IV. BLESSED TO POSTERITY**

God continued to bless the descent of Abraham for the sake of His promise and His love for Abraham

A. Isaac received the blessing

**Genesis 26.2-5**

B. Jacob received the blessing

**Genesis 28.12-17**

C. All His children and their progeny

*Psalm 115:12–13 (NKJV)*

*<sup>12</sup> The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. <sup>13</sup> He will bless those who fear the Lord, Both small and great.*

## V. BLESSED WITH CORRECTION

God would also correct the descent and the people of the promise for they were not illegitimate

*Amos 3:2 (NKJV)*

<sup>2</sup> *“You only have I known of all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”*

**Hebrews 12.5-11**

## VI. BLESSED FROM THE SOURCE

It was reserved for God alone to be the source of the blessing for Abraham was His servant, His chosen vessel to bless the nations of the earth

A. He is a jealous God

**Exodus 20.4-6**

B. Take oaths in his name



*Deuteronomy 10:20 (NKJV)*

*<sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.*

C. Worship no other

*Exodus 34:14 (NKJV)*

*<sup>14</sup> (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),*

D. Keep His commandments and prosper

*1 Kings 2:3 (NKJV)*

*<sup>3</sup> And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn;*

**VII. BLESSED EXCLUSIVELY**

- A. He gave that promise to no one else and chose no one else of all the peoples of the earth.

*Isaiah 51:1–2 (NKJV)*

*<sup>1</sup> “Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him.”*

- B. God allowed no one else to have that relationship with Abraham or with his descent
- C. He would allow no other gods or masters to have a hold on their loyalty and affection.

*Exodus 20:1–3 (NKJV)*

*<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying: <sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before Me.*

## VIII. BLESSED FOR SUBMISSION

- A. The relationship of God to Abraham was one that made Abraham submissive to God's will and reserved his allegiance unto Himself alone.

Deuteronomy 4.37-40

- B. This was confirmed with all of its aspects for the entirety of Abraham's true descent

*Romans 9:6–7 (NKJV)*

*<sup>6</sup> But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, <sup>7</sup> nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.”*