

BECOMING THE BLESSED OF THE LORD

Thy Kingdom come on earth, Thy will be done as it is in heaven. Christ Revealed, Church Reformed, City Rebuilt

Gen 26:28 *They said, "We see plainly that the LORD has been with you; so we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, even between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you,*
Gen 26:29 *that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD."*

You are now the blessed of the Lord. These are non Christians who came to see Isaac. As Isaac lived an extraordinary life and the people see it plainly and declared that the Lord is with Him. It's becoming clearer that God is on our side. If God is for us who can be against us? We are now the blessed of the Lord and we are special.

When we seek righteousness, peace and joy the Kingdom life will be there. Isaac is a very important pattern for us. Surrounding situations will change; finance, social, political, etc. In the midst of this environment we need to rise. We cannot control the environment but we can take charge of our lives. No matter what happens, we must not change because we are supposed to be the agent of change. If stress comes into our lives, we will pull out in living the fullness of Christ. By pulling ourselves out, it will shut out some avenues that God is giving us. The church is the place to come and not leave. If we have needs, meet him face to face.

How do we have a life that can overcome everything and every trial?

If we live by the principles in Genesis 26, we will live victoriously. We must not just try it. We must do it consistently. If we want the Holy Spirit to move sovereignly in our mind, business, family, church, society, etc there are ingredients we must have.

1. We must make the choice to live in the extraordinary level

It's a personal choice. We are what we are because of the choices we made. A lot of people think there are many other ways but the easiest way is God's ways. We cannot use men's ways to do God's work. We must make the choice to live the overcomer's life. If we obey we will prosper. If we disobey we will get into trouble. That's why God asked Isaac how far he wanted to go and what he wanted to do.

Gen 26:1 *Now there was a famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines.*

There is going to be a famine. What our fathers have made it was his choice. Now we have to make the choice. Our choices will take us further. If we make the wrong choice we will be turned to a corner.

Esau made the wrong choice of selling the birthright. The reason we can make the right choices is because of the right value in our life. If we don't have the right values, our life will always go to the wrong way. Our reference point of every decision we make is based on the value system in our heart. If the value is in our heart, all our decisions made will be well.

We cannot go further than what we value. The more price we pay for something, the more value it will be in our lives. Are we prepared to go to the second mile and labor and stay on course? IF we have value systems like this, we will have victory.

If we make right choices we will secure ourselves. So put good values in our heart. Good values are written in the Scriptures. We must touch God and make it our passion. Changed life must become our priority. We build families and raise 2nd generation. Model education and serve the community. Put these right values in our heart so that we can carry the right patterns. As a Christian we must not argue about spiritual things. There must not even be 2nd thought about it.

Put the right value systems in our life so that we can go up higher. If we decide with no value, some day the decision will turn back to us. Hold the plow in our hands and know what is the course and we will never take the plow away. Most people are strong with events but after events nothing continues.

Make the right choice and God will give us the strength to cross. Anything for the Kingdom is yes. Anything that does not spread the Kingdom is no. Organize our health, social life, strength, etc. If we value family life, then cut down wasted time.

2. It can be done because there is a pattern

When God spoke to Isaac to stay in Gerar and don't go to Egypt, He explained to him about his father Abraham. We can follow his footsteps.

Gen 26:2 The LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land of which I shall tell you.

Gen 26:3 "Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.

Gen 26:4 "I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;
Gen 26:5 because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."
Gen 26:6 So Isaac lived in Gerar.

Abraham followed instructions of God explicitly. He did everything God instructed him. There is a pattern we can follow. God is not asking too much. It is doable. For most of us the instructions are simple and yet we don't follow because we don't see the pattern. When there is a clear pattern, we can do it. Around us we can see good leaders, wife, husband, etc and they have done it. These models are important in the church.

Php 3:16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.
Php 3:17 Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

We must live by the same standards we have attained. A lot of pastors came from different parts of the world to learn the pattern, not theories. What is learned here produced results. Everybody has to go through their own trials and race. We have our own battles to fight.

But the way is clear. There is always a pattern to look. The pattern is in the bible. We may have lack in finance but we must find a pattern to breakthrough in this.

We have to be of good quality to produce patterns.

Heb 13:7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.
Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Remember those who led us; our leaders. They spoke to us the word of God and see what has happened to them. See how they conduct and how results have been formed. If we don't know does not matter. Learn. Don't always say I don't know and I don't care. If He can help them in the past, He can help us in the present. If things had happened in the bible, it can happen to us also.

There is a pattern but a lot of people cannot see the pattern. Remember those who led us. We don't know what to do, look for patterns and how they do it. Problems are also the same. Our grandfathers and fathers have problems in their own generations and they need to find answers in their days.

If we want to be good, follow. God can take us to the next level.

3. We must live on the promises of God

The word of God is our final standing and absolute authority. We can bet our life on it. There is no other assurance except what God has told us. If it is God who said it and we learn how to believe it and trust it, we will live a higher life. If God spoke to us and we despise it, we will have no ground to stand. Every day remind ourselves what God has spoken to us. Write it down, talk to Him about it and speak it to the atmosphere. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word proceeded from the mouth of God.

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If we want to be the blessed of the Lord, live by what God says. Believe what He speaks and trust what God is saying, we will see a greater future.