## **BLESSINGS**

Genesis 1:21-31

Intro: The word "Blessing" is mentioned 400 times.

- I. The Blessing of <u>Obedience</u>.
  - A. Pronouncement of blessings and curses. Dt. 28:1-68
    - Obedience brings blessings (prosperity and protection)
    - <u>Disobedience</u> brings curses (hardship and destruction)
  - B. Pondering God's word. (Psalm 1)
  - C. Passages throughout the N.T.
  - Wise and foolish builders. Mt. 7:24-27
  - Jesus feeds the 5000. Mt. 14:13-21
  - The miraculous catch of fish. Luke 5:1-11
  - The healing of ten lepers. Luke 17:11-14
  - The blind man healed John. John 9:6-7
  - The believers' baptism. Acts 2:38-39

You don't have to <u>chase</u> after blessings... Walk in obedience and blessings will <u>chase</u> after you.

Exodus 19:5	Eccl. 12:13	Galatians 3:8-9
Deut. 5:33	John 13:17	James 1:25
Joshua 1:8	John 14:15	I Peter 1:14
Isaiah 1:19	Luke 6:27-38	I Peter 3:9-16
Jeremiah 17:5-8	Luke 6:46	I John 3:22
Psalm 128:1	Luke 11:28	II John 1:6

## II. The Blessing of Generosity.

- A. God is the greatest giver of all time. James 1:5
- B. Everything comes from His hands to yours.

James. 1:17, Dt. 8:17-18

C. He blessed you so you can bless others.

Malachi 3:10, II Cor. 9:11

When you trust God with what you have He multiplies it beyond your imagination.

Leviticus 27:30	Proverbs 11:25	Luke 12:33, 34
Deuteronomy 15:10	Matthew 6:1-4	I Corinthians 8:2-7
I Chronicles 29:9	Matthew 19:21	I Corinthians 16:1-2
Malachi 3:10	Mark 12:41-44	II Corinthians 9:6-11
Proverbs 3:9	Luke 6:38	Philippians 4:15-17

## III. The Blessing of Jesus.

- A. The greatest blessing isn't material, it's receiving and abiding in Christ. John 15:5
- B. Heaven is the ultimate blessing. Mt. 19:29, Rev. 21

The faith you exercise with temporal things unlocks the blessings of eternal things.

John 3:16	John 17:2	Romans 6:3-5
John 3:36	Acts 2:38	Romans 8:1
John 8:12	Acts 10:43	Romans 10:9-10
John 10:9	Acts 16:31	Ephesians 2:8-9
John 14:6	Romans 3:23, 24	II Corinthians 5:17

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