

How The Blessed Receive Their Blessing

1) Genesis 11:1 – 9 NKJV

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose (imagine) to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

- a. Is it possible to receive anything that you purposefully imagine?
- b. What does it mean to be one and of one language?
- c. Shinar means divided stream, divided mind, or wholly severed. Why do you think that is important?

2) Genesis 12:1 – 3, 7 - 9

Now the Lord had said to Abram, “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. ⁹ So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

3) Galatians 3:16, 26 – 29

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

a. Why did Abram have to leave his family and his father's house? What does that mean for us?

b. What was the vision that God gave Abram that he could purposefully imagine?

c. How do we know that we have been given the promises God gave to Abram?

4) Genesis 13:1 – 4

Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South.² Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³ And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴ to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

a. Are riches included in our inheritance from Abram? Define riches.

b. Abram built an altar to God between Bethel, “house of God” and Ai, “heap of ruins”. Here he called on the name of God. Why is that significant?

5) Genesis 13:14 – 18

And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. ¹⁶ And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, *then* your descendants also could be numbered. ¹⁷ Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.” ¹⁸ Then Abram moved *his* tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre (abundantly supplied), which *are* in Hebron, and built an altar there to the Lord.

a. Why did God want Abram to walk in the land that He gave him?

b. Why did Abram build an altar in Mamre? What does this mean for us?

6) Genesis 14:18 – 20

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

7) Hebrews 7:1 – 3, 9 – 10, 14 - 19

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” ³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

⁹ Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

For *it is* evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood¹ ¹⁵ And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest ¹⁶ who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. ¹⁷ For He testifies: “You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.” ¹⁸ For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, ¹⁹ for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

8) Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

- a. Why did Melchizedek share bread and wine with Abram?
- b. Did Abram already have God’s promises when Melchizedek blessed him, and what happened after the blessing?
- c. Who was in Abram besides Levi when Melchizedek blessed him?
- d. How do hope and imagination help us draw near to God and receive His blessings in the earth?