

The Blessings Of God.
S.R. Deu.28:1-14, Mat.5:1-12

God blesses His people because of the unique (special) relationship we have with Him through Jesus Christ. The meaning of God's blessings & their purpose is considerably more important than a gift or reward. The very fact that God does something special for us sets us apart from everyone else in the world.

NIV Deuteronomy 7:6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. (1Pet.2:9)

Bless / Blessing – to give, bestow a gift of spiritual or earthly nature. Usually beyond the capability or imagination of ordinary human beings! Sometimes it is the fulfillment of a promise. (E.g. Sarah – Gen.21:1-2, 18:9-15, Deu.28:2) – Note – the world receives general blessings because of us!

NIV Genesis 21:1 Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. 2 Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. (Deu.8:4 - no foot swell etc.)

The blessings of God are dependent on Obedience & Faithfulness!

Deu.28:15, 6:3, 7:12-16, Heb.6:11-15, 1Co.4:1-2

NIV Deuteronomy 28:2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

NIV Deuteronomy 6:3 Hear, O Israel, and *be careful to obey* so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

The blessings of God suit every need & occasion!

NIV 2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us *everything we need for life and godliness* through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Spiritual blessings surpass all earthly rewards!

NIV Ephesians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with *every spiritual blessing* in Christ.

We MUST pray for God's blessings! Mat.6:1, 31-34, 3Joh.1:2, 1Thes.3:9-13, Prov.30:8

NIV Numbers 6:22 The LORD said to Moses, 23 "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: 24 ""The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." 27 "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

We Must Give Thanks for all God's blessings! Luk.10:21, Joh.11:41

NIV Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.