Blessings and Prophetic Proclamations

Blessings are spoken over someone in agreement with God's will.

"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

"So shall they put My name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." (Numbers 6:23-27)

- 1) God wants to bless.
- 2) God's blessings are good because He is good.
- 3) We get to choose blessing or curse, life or death.
- 4) God will bless them when we bless them.

Proclamations are confessions of the truth.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

- 1) Saying with our mouth what God says in His word.
- 2) Agreeing with the conditions of God's word. (His "if" statements)
- 3) Confessed with the mouth and believed in the heart. (Romans 10:8-11)
- 4) Proclaimed joyfully and confidently.

Our words have power.

The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12:35-37)

- 1) The power comes from God, not ourselves (not wishful thinking).
- 2) Learn to listen with your spirit.
- 3) Our words invoke the power of God and repel the devil.

Practical ideas for blessing

- 1) Speak agreement with God's preferred future for the person.
- 2) Blessings are for being fruitful and multiplying.
- 3) Confirm the "blessable."

Prophetic Proclamation

- 1) The truth is always true (past, present, future, and prophetic tense).
- 2) Hold fast without wavering. (Hebrews 10:23)
- 3) Agree with our Redeemer. (Philippians 1:6)
- 4) Proclaim by faith the redeemed characteristics.
- 5) Give someone a reputation to live up to. ("This is how God sees you.")
- 6) Only God can fulfill His promises. By faith we agree to let Him.
- 7) Make this a regular habit with your children and spiritual children.

Romans 10:8-11

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

 $10\;$ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

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Hebrews 10:23

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Philippians 1:6

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.