

## **The Gift & Power of Spoken Blessings** *Stewardship of our Words*

**-The first time a spoken blessing shows up in Scripture is in Genesis 1:21-22**

**-Immediately after, on the sixth day, God blesses Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28**

**Gen. 1:28** <sup>28</sup> *God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase (multiply) in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”* **God’s first words to mankind were a blessing!**

**-God verbally blessed Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3**

**-God verbally blessed Jacob Genesis 32:24-32**

**-Isaac verbally blessed his son Jacob Genesis 27:27-29**

**-Jacob blessed Joseph by speaking blessings over his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh in Genesis 48:12-20**

*The blessing ultimately solidified the historic division of the inheritance.*

**-By God’s lead, Moses taught Aaron and his sons to speak The Priestly Blessing over the people as they assembled in Numbers 6:22-27**

**-Christ has blessed us by redeeming us from the curse of the law... Galatians**

**3:13-14** <sup>13</sup> *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”<sup>14</sup> He redeemed us in order that The Blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

*A Special Blessing comes to those who receive Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives by Faith. The curse which prevented people from receiving this Abrahams’s blessing, was broken when Jesus was crucified. Now any person who calls upon the Name of the Lord can be saved, receiving The Blessing God promised Abraham. This is how the Blessing of Abraham became our portion!*

**-Jesus lays hands on and blesses the children in Mark 10:13-16**

**-Jesus’ last words to His disciples were a blessing in Luke 24:50-51**

*God’s first words to mankind were a blessing! Jesus’ last words to His people on earth were a blessing!*

**-God blesses us to be Fruitful and Increase:**

*Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, “**Be fruitful and increase in number;**”*  
*The Hebrew word for **fruitful** is ‘Para’- meaning to bear fruit, bring fruit, make fruit.*

*The Hebrew word for **increase** is ‘Raba’-meaning to increase greatly or exceedingly, to become many, many more, become numerous, abundance, multiply.*

## **-God blesses us to be a Blessing to Others: Gen 12:2-3**

*Gen 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation,*

*and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,*

**and YOU will be a blessing.**

<sup>3</sup>*I will bless those who bless you,*

*and whoever curses you I will curse;*

**and all peoples on earth**

**will be blessed through you."**

## **GOD BLESSED US TO BE AN OUTPOURING OF BLESSINGS!**

### **-Source and Supply briefly:**

*2 Corinthians 9:10 'Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.*

### **Barak- (Hebrew)**

- It is rarely used in this literal manner, **it usually means "to bless" someone. The idea is to give something of value to another.** God blesses His people.  
*Ex. The Lord **bless** (barak) you and keep you; Numbers 6:24 (from Him to us)*
- **Blessed** (barak) be the Lord forever! *Psalm 89:52 (From us to Him)*
- **Curse** – to soften the meaning of kalal, was replaced with the word barak

### **A Spoken Blessing:**

A Spoken Biblical Blessing is a faith-filled declaration, rooted in God's Word and directed by His Spirit. It invokes divine favor, spiritual authority, God's promises, fruitfulness and increase, purpose, identity, inheritance, clarity, prosperity, etc. It's a faith-filled act of speaking God's Truth into reality and aligning with His will to release His power, provision, presence in another.

**Prophetic Declaration:** A prophetic declaration over a person is a Spirit-led, faith-filled, authoritative statement, that aligns with God's word and is from God through a person, that reveals purpose, speaks to God's will in someone's life, declares future events, calls someone or something to action, (etc.) It serves to build up, encourage, bring transformation, (etc.), essentially releasing spiritual power to fulfill God's purposes and promises for that individual's life. It's a declaration based on scripture, partnering with God to see His plans unfold for another.

### **By Faith We Receive a Blessing –**

*Luke 1:45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"*

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words. Proverbs 18:21 NASB*

### **By Faith We Speak a Blessing –**

*Isaiah 14:7 For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him?  
His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?*

*Numbers 23:20 I have received a command to bless;  
he has blessed, and I cannot change it.*

## **Barak God!**

## **Barak Others!**

