

Blessings Releases Life!

Night of Prayer Heroes

I. The Power of Communication

A. The Word of God is Eternal and Creative

Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but **my words will not pass away.** [slide 1]

John 17:17 Sanctify them **in the truth**; your **word is truth.** [slide 2]

2Tim 3:16 All Scripture is **breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,** 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. [slide 3]

The Word of God in your mouth

Deut. 30:11 “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ... 14 But **the word** is very near you. It is in **your mouth** and in **your heart**, so that **you can do it.**

Rom. 10:5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, ... 6 But the **righteousness based on faith**,... 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.**

Psa. 33:6 **By the word** of the LORD **the heavens were made**, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Is. 55:10 “For as the **rain** and the **snow** come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, **11** so shall **my word be that goes out from my mouth**; it shall not return to me empty, but it **shall accomplish** that which I purpose, and shall **succeed** in the thing for which I sent it. [slide 4]

A. All God’s Covenant Friends Are Created to Succeed

1John 5:3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, **4** for **everyone born of God overcomes the world**. This is the **victory** that has overcome the world, even our **faith**. [slide 5]

B. What We Say Carries Life and Death

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. [slide 6]

We speak good on behalf of others to God or over others. The thief comes to steal, kill,... We are sent to **give away**, to **birth** and **confer life**, and to **create**.

II. The CREATIVE Power of Blessing

Blessing is the transmittal or endowment of the power of God’s goodness and favor. This was through the spoken word often accompanied by the laying on of hands.

So great is the power of speech, that once a blessing was spoken, it was impossible to retract it.

A. Isaac’s Irrevocable Blessing of Jacob

Genesis 27:27 NIV So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, “Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed.

- 28 May God give you of **heaven's dew** and of **earth's richness** — an abundance of grain and new wine.
- 29 May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. **Be lord over your brothers**, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. **May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."**

When Esau came and begged his father to change what was done:

- 33 Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and **I blessed him — and indeed he will be blessed!"**
- 37 Isaac answered Esau, "**I have made him** lord over you and **have made all his relatives** his servants, and **I have sustained him** with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?"
- 38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.

B. Balaam could only bless Israel:

- Num 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?
- 20 Behold, I received a **command to bless**: he **has blessed**, and I cannot revoke (**reverse, change**) it.

You can break curses but not blessings!

III. Four Types of Blessing

A. God to Man

He kneels down and gives His best.

- Eph 1:3 **Blessed be** the **God** and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us** in Christ with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places,

B. Man to God

Ps 103:1 Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, **[slide 7,8,9]**

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C. God or man over things

Deut 28:4 “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. 5 “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Family, work, investments, health

D. Human to Human.

This is the intentional act of speaking God’s favor and power into someone’s life. This can be accompanied by laying on hands or lifting the right hand.

Lk 6:27 “But I say to you who hear, **Love** your enemies, **do good** to those who hate you, **28 bless** those who curse you, **pray** for those who abuse you.

1 Cor 4:12 NIV We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, **we bless**; when we are persecuted, **we endure it**;

V. A Declaration of Blessing Psalm 20

Ps 20:1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

2 May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

3 May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*

4 May he grant you your heart’s desire and fulfill all your plans!

5 May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

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VI. Other Speech Issues

Getting Started-

It's Never Too Late. Within your house. Within your circle of influence. It's simple but powerful! Your mouth releases the prepared blessings!

The Aaronic Blessing. [slide 11]

Blessing Our Families and Homes

A parent's simple blessing:

May the Lord bless you with grace and peace, [slide 12]

Power and protection, [slide 13]

Health and healing,

Holiness and godliness, [slide 14]

Abundance and prosperity,

And all the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit, [slide 15]

In Jesus' Name, Amen. [slide 16]

PROCLAMATION OVER HOMES

MY HOME IS A HOME:

OF PEACE

Isa 32:18 NIV My people will live in peaceful dwelling places,
in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. (NIV)

OF LIGHT

Ex 10:23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.

OF HEALTH

Ps 91:10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

OF SALVATION

Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

OF BLESSING

Prov 3:33 The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

THAT IS OFF LIMITS TO VANDALISM

Prov. 24:15 NLT Don't wait in ambush at the home of the godly, and don't raid the house where the godly live.

16 The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.

THAT IS COVERED WITH GLORY

Isa 4:5 Then the LORD will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy.

THAT IS A HAPPY HOME

Ps 128:1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

THAT IS A LIGHTHOUSE

Is. 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

Fiddler on the Roof:

May the Lord protect and defend you,
May He always shield you from shame;
May you come to be in Israel a shining name.
May you be like Ruth and like Esther,
May you be deserving of praise;
Strengthen them, oh Lord, and keep them from the stranger's
ways.

May God bless you and grant you long lives,
May the Lord fulfill our Sabbath prayer for you.
May God make you good mothers and wives.
May He send you husbands who will care for you.
May the Lord protect and defend you,
May the Lord preserve you from pain;
Favor them, oh Lord, with happiness and peace,
Oh hear our Sabbath prayer. Amen.