Mother's Day Blessings

I. The Power Of Holy Speech

A. Creative Power

The first mention— God BLESSED the Human!

- Gen 1:26 ESV Then God said, "Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**. And let them have dominion ... over all the earth.."
- 27 So God **created** man in his own image, in the image of God he **created** him; male and female he **created** them.
- 28 And God **blessed** them. And God said to them, "Be **fruitful** and **multiply** and **fill** the earth and **subdue** it, and have **dominion** over ... "

B. The Power To Bless!

- Gen 12:1-2 ESV Now the LORD said..., "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
- God's spoken declaration of favor that conveyed the power to become a great nation.

Ps 8:2 ESV Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

6 You have given him **dominion** over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

C. Curses Can Be Revoked But Not Blessings

Gen 27:33 ESV Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall **be blessed**." 34 As soon as Esau ... cried out ... to his father, **"Bless me, even me also, O my father!"**

Num 23:19 ESV 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 it.

IV. Importance of Blessing

We declare good on behalf of others to God or over others:

A. Blessings Convey God's Bower

The blessing was 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.

B. Mandate to Bless

- We are a blessed people... a people who bless others unconditionally
- Eph 1:3 ESV 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,
- Luke 6:27 ESV "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.
- Prov 10:22 NKJ The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.
- Prov 11:11 ESV By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.
- Prov 18:21 ESV Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

B. Priestly Blessing

- Num 6:23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,
- 24 The LORD **bless** you and **keep** you;
- 25 the LORD make his **face to shine** upon you and **be gracious** to you;
- 26 the LORD **lift up his countenance** upon you and give you **peace**.
- 27 "So shall they **put** my **name** upon the **people** of Israel, and I will **bless** them."

Pastors on Platform

Men on Side Walls

Stretch out your right hands. 3x Aaronic Blessing

- 1. We Honor and speak well of all
- 2. We Intentionally Bless Our Family