

~BLESSING (1288)

[Hebrew, *ba-rakh'*, Greek, *eu-lo-ge'o*]

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• A making or pronouncing holy, a request of God for the bestowal of divine favor, bestowing goodness, favor, extolling as holy, glorifying, speaking well of, protecting or guarding from evil, bringing happiness.

• The various forms of the **Hebrew** words generally translated bless or blessing occur about 400 times in the Scriptures. The **Hebrew** verb *ba-rakh'* is usually rendered bless. In a few passages the word is rendered wish, well.

• Meanwhile, to Abigail, Nabal's wife, one of the young men reported, saying; Look! David sent messengers from the wilderness to **wish our master well**, but he screamed rebukes at them. (**1 Samuel 25:14**)

• **Congratulate**

• He immediately sent Hadoram his son to King David to ask him about his welfare and **congratulate** him over the fact that he had fought against Hadadezer so that he struck him down, for Hadadezer had become trained in warfare against Tou, and there were with him all sorts of articles of gold and silver and copper. (**1 Chronicles 18:10**)

• **Greet**

• Immediately he said to Gehazi; Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand and go. In case you encounter anyone, you must not greet him, and in case anyone should **greet** you, you must not answer him. And you must place my staff upon the face of the boy. (**2 Kings 4:29**)

- The noun form of the **Hebrew** word is found in the name of the **Low Plain of Beracah**, meaning, **Blessing**, for it was here that Jehoshaphat and his people blessed Yehowah.
- And on the fourth day they congregated together at the low plain of Beracah, for there they blessed Yehowah. That is why they called the name of that place **Low Plain of Beracah**, until today. (**2 Chronicles 20:26**)
- A verb of the same form is translated **kneel** or **kneel down**.
- Eventually he had the camels **kneel** down outside the city at a well of water about evening time, about the time that the women who draw water were accustomed to go out. (**Genesis 24:11**)
- For Solomon had made a platform of copper and then put it in the middle of the enclosure. Its length was five cubits, and its width five cubits, and its height three cubits, and he kept standing upon it. And he proceeded to **kneel** upon his knees in front of all the congregation of Israel and to spread his palms out to the heavens. (**2 Chronicles 6:13**)
- O come in, let us worship and bow down, let us **kneel** before Yehowah our Maker. (**Psalms 95:6**)
- The Jewish Sopherim, or scribes, emended several passages to read **bless** instead of **curse**.
- And make two men, good-for-nothing fellows, sit in front of him, and let them bear witness against him, saying; You have **cursed** God and the king! And bring him out and stone him that he may die. (**1 Kings 21:10**)
- Then two of the men, good-for-nothing fellows, came in and sat down in front of him, and the good-for-nothing men began to bear witness against him, that is, Naboth, in front of the people, saying; Naboth has **cursed** God and the king! After that they brought him out to the outskirts of the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died. (**1 Kings 21:13**)
- And it would occur that when the banquet days had gone round the circuit, Job would send and sanctify them, and he got up early in the morning and offered up burnt sacrifices according to the number of all of them, for, said Job; Maybe my sons have

sinned and have **cursed** God in their heart. That is the way Job would do always. (**Job 1:5**)

- But, for a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch everything he has and see whether he will not **curse** you to your very face. (**Job 1:11**)
- For a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch as far as his bone and his flesh and see whether he will not **curse** you to your very face. (**Job 2:5**)
- Finally his wife said to him; Are you yet holding fast your integrity? **Curse** God and die! (**Job 2:9**)
- Holding the view that it was blasphemous even to note anyone's cursing God. [See Northwest appendix, p. 1569]
- The **Greek** verb *eu-lo-ge'o* literally means speak well of. The term *eu-lo-gi'a*, literally, **blessing** is used in;
- For men of that sort are slaves, not of our Lord Christ, but of their own bellies, and by smooth talk and complimentary speech they seduce the hearts of guileless ones. (**Romans 16:18**)
- In an unfavorable sense, as complimentary speech to seduce one's heart.
- The Scriptures use **bless** and **blessing** in at least four principal aspects, which will be discussed throughout the rest of this article.

- (1) Yehowah blessing humans
- (2) Human's blessing Yehowah
- (3) Human's blessing Christ
- (4) Human's blessing other humans.

•• **Yehowah Blessing Human's**

- The **blessing** of Yehowah that is what makes rich, and he adds no pain with it.
- The **blessing** of Yehowah, that is what makes rich, and he adds no pain with it. (**Proverbs 10:22**)

- **Yehowah blesses those whom he approves by protecting, prospering, guiding, giving success, and supplying their needs, with a beneficial outcome for them.**
- **Yehowah's goodwill toward his earthly creations was expressed at the time he brought them forth. To the animal kinds created on the fifth day, God's **blessing** was a pronouncement of his purpose regarding them.**
- **With that God **blessed** them, saying; Be fruitful and become many and fill the waters in the sea basins, and let the flying creatures become many in the earth. ([Genesis 1:22](#))**
- **God's **blessing** on Adam and Eve at the end of the sixth day would have enabled them, had they remained obedient, to continue in his favor, because he provided for all their spiritual and material needs.**
- **Further, God **blessed** them and God said to them, Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. ([Genesis 1:28](#))**
- **Thus Yehowah God made to grow out of the ground every tree desirable to one's sight and good for food and also the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad. ([Genesis 2:9](#))**
- **Male and female he created them. After that he **blessed** them and called their name Man in the day of their being created. ([Genesis 5:2](#))**
- **After Yehowah had completed his earthly creative work on the six creative days, nothing was lacking for the welfare of his creation.**
- **After that God saw everything he had made and, look! It was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a sixth day. ([Genesis 1:31](#))**
- **Then God proceeded to rest, or desist from this work, **blessing** the seventh day, declaring it sacred, holy. Happiness with endless **blessing** was the prospect set before human creation.**
- **And God proceeded to **bless** the seventh day and make it sacred,**

because on it he has been resting from all his work that God has created for the purpose of making. (**Genesis 2:3**)

- For in six days Yehowah made the heavens and the earth, the sea and everything that is in them, and he proceeded to rest on the seventh day. That is why Yehowah **blessed** the Sabbath day and proceeded to make it sacred. (**Exodus 20:11**)
- When Noah and his family came out of the ark, Yehowah looked with favor on them, **blessing** them and giving them a statement of his will for them. By doing Yehowah's will, they would prosper with his favor and protection.
- And God went on to bless Noah and his sons and to say to them: Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth. (**Genesis 9:1**)
- Of vital importance to all mankind is the **blessing** concerning Abraham and his Seed.
- And I will bless those who **bless** you, and him that calls down evil upon you I shall curse, and all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves by means of you. (**Genesis 12:3**)
- Why, Abraham is surely going to become a nation great and mighty, and all the nations of the earth must **bless** themselves by means of him. (**Genesis 18:18**)
- And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly **bless** themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (**Genesis 22:18**)
- Yehowah blessed Abraham and Sarah by miraculously renewing their reproductive powers, enabling them to have a son in their old age.
- And I will **bless** her and also give you a son from her, and I will bless her and she shall become nations, kings of peoples will come from her. (**Genesis 17:16**)
- And Sarah became pregnant and then bore a son to Abraham in his old age at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. (**Genesis 21:2**)

- He prospered Abraham and used him in a pictorial way to foreshadow greater things.
- Tell me, you who want to be under Law. Do you not hear the Law? ([Galatians 4:21](#))
- For example, it is written that Abraham acquired two sons, one by the servant girl and one by the free woman. ([Galatians 4:22](#))
- But the one by the servant girl was actually born in the manner of flesh, the other by the free woman through a promise. ([Galatians 4:23](#))
- These things stand as a symbolic drama, for these women mean two covenants, the one from Mount Sinai, which brings forth children for slavery, and which is Hagar. ([Galatians 4:24](#))
- Now this Hagar means Sinai, a mountain in Arabia, and she corresponds with the Jerusalem today, for she is in slavery with her children. ([Galatians 4:25](#))
- But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ([Galatians 4:26](#))
- Therefore, God's **blessing** in providing a seed for Abraham has higher significance in the promise that the people of all nations will be **blessed** by means of the one Isaac foreshadowed, Jesus Christ.
- Now the Scripture, seeing in advance that God would declare people of the nations righteous due to faith, declared the Good News beforehand to Abraham, namely; By means of you all the nations will be **blessed**. ([Galatians 3:8](#))
- The purpose was that the **blessing** of Abraham might come to be by means of Jesus Christ for the nations, that we might receive the promised spirit through our faith. ([Galatians 3:14](#))
- You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God covenanted with your forefathers, saying to Abraham, And in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. ([Acts of Apostles 3:25](#))
- To you first God, after raising up his Servant, sent him forth to bless you by turning each one away from your wicked deeds.

(Acts of Apostles 3:26)

- For when God made his promise to Abraham, since he could not swear by anyone greater, he swore by himself. **(Hebrews 6:13)**
- Saying; Assuredly in **blessing** I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply you. **(Hebrews 6:14)**
- And thus after Abraham had shown patience, he obtained this promise. **(Hebrews 6:15)**
- For men swear by the one greater, and their oath is the end of every dispute, as it is a legal guarantee to them. **(Hebrews 6:16)**
- In this manner God, when he purposed to demonstrate more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of his counsel, stepped in with an oath. **(Hebrews 6:17)**
- In order, that, through two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to the refuge may have strong encouragement to lay hold on the hope set before us. **(Hebrews 6:18)**
- This hope we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and firm, and it enters in within the curtain. **(Hebrews 6:19)**
- Where a forerunner has entered in our behalf, Jesus, who has become a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek forever. **(Hebrews 6:20)**
- The **blessing** of Yehowah on a person or a people is contingent upon obedience to him.
- And you must serve Yehowah your God, and he will certainly **bless** your bread and your water, and I shall indeed turn malady away from your midst. **(Exodus 23:25)**
- The sharp contrasts drawn at **(Deuteronomy Chapters 27,28)** clearly show that Yehowah's curse, resulting in severe punishment, is upon the disobedient ones, whereas his **blessing** rests upon the obedient ones, producing spiritual prosperity and filling their material needs, making itself evident in their homes, their land, their offspring, their animals, their food supply, their traveling, their every deed. **Blessings** are for the head of the righteous one.

- **Blessings** are for the head of the righteous one, but as regards the mouth of the wicked ones, it covers up violence. (**Proverbs 10:6**)
- The remembrance of the righteous one is due for a **blessing**, but the very name of the wicked one's will rot. (**Proverbs 10:7**)
- When Yehowah's people are faithfully obedient, he is pleased to open the floodgates of the heavens and actually empty out a **blessing** until there is no more want.
- Bring all the tenth parts into the storehouse, that there may come to be food in my house, and test me out, please, in this respect, Yehowah of armies has said; Whether I shall not open to you people the floodgates of the heavens and actually empty out upon you a **blessing** until there is no more want. (**Malachi 3:10**)

•• Human's Blessing Yehowah

- Human's bless Yehowah primarily by praising him. **Expressing gratitude, acknowledging Yehowah as the one from whom all blessings flow, speaking well of him on every occasion, and performing acts of adoration and service also bless Yehowah.**
- My own foot will certainly stand on a level place, among the congregated throngs I shall **bless** Yehowah. (**Psalms 26:12**)
- Preaching the Good News is a way of **blessing** Yehowah, since it praises his name and purposes.
- And this Good News of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (**Matthew 24:14**)
- Through him let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which make public declaration to his name. (**Hebrews 13:15**)
- Men have **blessed** Yehowah for delivering his people from oppression
- Then Jethro felt glad over all the good that Yehowah had done

- for Israel in that he had delivered them from the hand of Egypt. (Exodus 18:9)
- Consequently Jethro said; **Blessed** be Yehowah, who has delivered you from the hand of Egypt and from the hand of Pharaoh, and who has delivered the people from under the hand of Egypt. (Exodus 18:10)
 - For providing their needs;
 - When you have eaten and satisfied yourself, you must also **bless** Yehowah your God for the good land that he has given you. (Deuteronomy 8:10)
 - For his **dignity, mightiness, rulership, and beauty** as Head over all;
 - Consequently David **blessed** Yehowah before the eyes of all the congregation and David said; **Blessed** may you be, O Yehowah the God of Israel our father, from time indefinite even to time indefinite. (1 Chronicles 29:10)
 - Yours, O Yehowah, are the **greatness and the mightiness and the beauty and the excellency and the dignity**. For everything in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Yehowah, the One also lifting yourself up as head over all. (1 Chronicles 29:11)
 - The riches and the glory are on account of you, and you are dominating everything, and in your hand there are power and mightiness, and in your hand is ability to make great and to give strength to all. (1 Chronicles 29:12)
 - And David went on to say to all the congregation; **Bless**, now, Yehowah your God. And all the congregation proceeded to **bless** Yehowah the God of their forefathers and bow low and prostrate themselves to Yehowah and to the king. (1 Chronicles 29:20)
 - For moving his people to support his worship.
 - When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they proceeded to **bless** Yehowah and his people Israel. (2 Chronicles 31:8)

- **In prayer of confession because of his covenant keeping and mercy;**
- **And the Levites Jeshua and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah went on to say; Rise, bless Yehowah your God from time indefinite to time indefinite. And let them **ble**ss your glorious name, which is **exalted** above all **ble**ssing and praise. (**Nehemiah 9:5**)**
- **And in your abundant mercy you did not make an extermination of them or leave them, for you are a God gracious and merciful. (**Nehemiah 9:31**)**
- **And now, O our God, the God **great, mighty and fear-inspiring, keeping the covenant and loving-kindness**, do not let all the hardship that has found us, our kings, our princes and our priests and our prophets and our forefathers and all your people from the days of the kings of Assyria down to this day, seem little before you. (**Nehemiah 9:32**)**
- **For giving wisdom and might;**
- **Then it was that to Daniel in a night vision the secret was revealed. Consequently Daniel himself **ble**ssed the God of heaven. (**Daniel 2:19**)**
- **Daniel was answering and saying; Let the name of God become **ble**ssed from time indefinite even to time indefinite, for wisdom and mightiness, for they belong to him. (**Daniel 2:20**)**
- **And he is changing times and seasons, removing kings and setting up kings, **giving wisdom to the wise one's and knowledge to those knowing discernment**. (**Daniel 2:21**)**
- **He is revealing the deep things and the concealed things, knowing what is in the darkness, and with him the light does dwell. (**Daniel 2:22**)**
- **To you, O God of my forefathers, I am giving praise and commendation, because wisdom and mightiness you have given to me. And now you have made known to me what we requested of you, for you have made known to us the very matter of the king. (**Daniel 2:23**)**

- **For protecting his servants and demonstrating his sovereignty;**
- Nebuchadnezzar was answering and saying; **Blessed** be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who sent his angel and rescued his servants that trusted in him and that changed the very word of the king and gave over their bodies, because they would not serve and would not worship any god at all except their own God. (**Daniel 3:28**)
- And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up to the heavens my eyes, and my own understanding began to return to me, and I **blessed** the Most High himself, and the One living to time indefinite **I praised and glorified**, because his rulership is a rulership to time indefinite and his kingdom is for generation after generation. (**Daniel 4:34**)
- The book of Psalms constantly **blesse**s Yehowah and calls for all in heaven and earth to **praise his name** for his **many magnificent qualities**. Another reason for man's **blessing** Yehowah is the gift of his Son Jesus Christ.
- I shall **bless** Yehowah, who has given me advice. Really, during the nights my kidneys have corrected me. (**Psalms 16:7**)
- **Bless** Yehowah, O my soul, even everything within me, his holy name. (**Psalms 103:1**)
- **Bless** Yehowah, O you angels of his, mighty in power, carrying out his word, by listening to the voice of his word. (**Psalms 103:20**)
- **Bless** Yehowah, all you armies of his, you ministers of his, doing his will. (**Psalms 103:21**)
- **Bless** Yehowah, all you his works, in all places of his domination. **Bless** Yehowah, O my soul. (**Psalms 103:22**)
- All day long I will **bless** you, and I will praise your name to time indefinite, even forever. (**Psalms 145:2**)
- All your works will laud you, O Yehowah, and your loyal one's will **bless** you. (**Psalms 145:10**)
- For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten

Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (**John 3:16**)

- And yet how is it we are hearing, each one of us, his own language in which we were born? (**Acts of Apostles 2:8**)
- Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the inhabitants of Mesopotamia, and Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the district of Asia. (**Acts of Apostles 2:9**)
- And Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya, which is toward Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes. (**Acts of Apostles 2:10**)
- Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our **tongues about the magnificent things of God**. (**Acts of Apostles 2:11**)
- And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell upon their faces before the throne and **worshiped God**. (**Revelation 7:11**)
- Saying: Amen! The **blessing** and the **glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power** and the strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen. (**Revelation 7:12**)
- And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, and he had **everlasting Good News to declare as glad tidings** to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. (**Revelation 14:6**)
- Saying in a loud voice; **Fear God and give him glory**, because the hour of the judgment by him has arrived, and so worship the One who made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. (**Revelation 14:7**)

•• **Human's Blessing Christ**

- Jesus himself is also to be **blessed** by all. Elizabeth **blessed** Jesus mother Mary and the yet unborn fruit of her womb.
- And she called out with a loud cry and said; **Blessed** are you among women, and **blessed** is the fruit of your womb! (**Luke 1:42**)

- Jesus heavenly origin, his coming in Yehowah's name as his Son, his ministry, his sacrifice, his priesthood, his kingship, and his undeserved kindness all justly warrant his being hailed as a **blessed** one.
- Took the branches of palm trees and went out to meet him. And they began to shout; Save, we pray you! **Blessed** is he that comes in Yehowah's name, even the king of Israel! (**John 12:13**)
- For you know the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich he became poor for your sakes, that you might become rich through his poverty. (**2 Corinthians 8:9**)
- Has at the end of these days spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the systems of things. (**Hebrews 1:2**)
- But he because of continuing alive forever has his priesthood without any successors. (**Hebrews 7:24**)
- Consequently he is able also to save completely those who are approaching God through him, because he is always alive to plead for them. (**Hebrews 7:25**)
- For such a High Priest as this was suitable for us, loyal, guileless, undefiled, separated from the sinners, and become higher than the heavens. (**Hebrews 7:26**)
- In fulfillment of;
- **Blessed** be the One coming in the name of Yehowah. We have **blessed** you people out of the house of Yehowah. (**Psalms 118:26**)
- The crowd welcomed him as the **blessed** one of Yehowah on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- As for the crowds, those going ahead of him and those following kept crying out; Save, we pray, the Son of David! **Blessed** is he that comes in Yehowah's name! Save him, we pray, in the heights above! (**Matthew 21:9**)
- Angelic creatures and earthlings are all to **bless** him.

- Saying with a loud voice; The Lamb that was slaughtered is worthy to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and **blessing**. (**Revelation 5:12**)
- And every creature that is in heaven and on earth and underneath the earth and on the sea, and all the things in them, I heard saying, To the One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb be the **blessing** and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever. (**Revelation 5:13**)

· Human's Blessing Other Human's

- In contrast to Yehowah, who always fulfills the **blessing** He speaks, when a human pronounces a **blessing** on another human he may not have the ability to fulfill it. In the Bible, man's pronouncement of a **blessing** often amounts to an **appeal for divine blessing**, even though not necessarily expressed in a prayer.
- So while man may be the intended object of such a **blessing**, the Source is admittedly God himself. Again, man's **blessing** of other men may often constitute an expression of **gratitude, an appreciative acknowledgment of fine qualities or of a job well done**.
- It is with reference to being able to **bless** with effectiveness, to have the authority from God to **bless** or the power to carry out the **blessing**, that Paul, in arguing the superiority of Melchizedek's priesthood over that of Levi, expresses the principle. Now without any dispute, the less is **blessed** by the greater.
- Now without any dispute, the less is **blessed** by the greater. (**Hebrews 7:7**)
- Melchizedek was a priest of God and a king and could speak for God authoritatively and prophetically in giving Abraham a **blessing**.
- And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine, and he was priest of the Most High God. (**Genesis 14:18**)
- Then he **blessed** him and said; **Blessed** be Abram of the Most High God, producer of heaven and earth. (**Genesis 14:19**)
- And **blessed** be the Most High God, who has delivered your oppressors into your hand! At that Abram gave him a tenth of everything. (**Genesis 14:20**)

- For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and **blessed** him. (**Hebrews 7:1**)
- And to whom Abraham apportioned a tenth from all things, is first of all, by translation, King of Righteousness, and is then also king of Salem, that is, King of Peace. (**Hebrews 7:2**)
- In being fatherless, motherless, without genealogy, having neither a beginning of days nor an end of life, but having been made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually. (**Hebrews 7:3**)
- Behold, then, how great this man was to whom Abraham, the family head, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils. (**Hebrews 7:4**)
- When individuals have done something that contributes to Yehowah's praise, others have seen fit to pronounce a **blessing** on them. Moses **blessed** Bezalel and the other workers at their completion of the tabernacle construction.
- And Moses got to see all the work, and, look! They had done it just as Yehowah had commanded. That was the way they had done. Consequently Moses **blessed** them. (**Exodus 39:43**)
- The priests and Levites, as spiritual leaders of Israel, were appointed to **bless** the people on numerous occasions.
- Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying; This is the way you should **bless** the sons of Israel, saying to them. (**Numbers 6:23**)
- May Yehowah **bless** you and keep you. (**Numbers 6:24**)
- May Yehowah make his face shine toward you, and may he favor you. (**Numbers 6:25**)
- May Yehowah lift up his face toward you and assign peace to you. (**Numbers 6:26**)
- And they must place my name upon the sons of Israel, that I myself may **bless** them. (**Numbers 6:27**)
- Then Aaron raised his hands toward the people and **blessed** them

and came down from rendering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the communion sacrifices. ([Leviticus 9:22](#))

- Finally Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting and came out and **blessed** the people. Then Yehowah's glory appeared to all the people. ([Leviticus 9:23](#))
- At that particular time Yehowah separated the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of Yehowah's covenant, to stand before Yehowah for ministering to him and to **bless** in his name until this day. ([Deuteronomy 10:8](#))
- And the priests the sons of Levi must approach, because they are the one's Yehowah your God has chosen to minister to him and to **bless** in the name of Yehowah and at whose mouth every dispute over every violent deed should be disposed of. ([Deuteronomy 21:5](#))
- The sons of Amram were Aaron and Moses. But Aaron was separated that he might sanctify the Most Holy, he and his sons to time indefinite, to make sacrificial smoke before Yehowah, to minister to him and to pronounce **blessing** in his name to time indefinite. ([1 Chronicles 23:13](#))
- Finally the priests, the Levites, stood up and **blessed** the people, and a hearing was granted to their voice, so that their prayer came to his holy dwelling, the heavens. ([2 Chronicles 30:27](#))
- High Priest Eli blessed Samuel's parents for the gift of their child to temple service.
- And Eli **blessed** Elkanah and his wife and said; May Yehowah appoint to you an offspring from this wife in place of the thing lent, that was lent to Yehowah. And they went to their place. ([1 Samuel 2:20](#))
- Accordingly Yehowah turned his attention to Hannah, so that she had pregnancy and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel continued growing up with Yehowah. ([1 Samuel 2:21](#))
- David **blessed** the people after he had brought the Ark to Jerusalem.

- When David was finished with offering up the burnt sacrifices and the communion sacrifices, he then **blessed** the people in the name of Yehowah of armies. (**2 Samuel 6:18**)
- When David finished offering up the burnt offering and the communion sacrifices, he went on to **bless** the people in the name of Yehowah. (**1 Chronicles 16:2**)
- Solomon wisely followed the same course when he dedicated the temple to Yehowah.
- Then the king turned his face and began to **bless** all the congregation of Israel, while all the congregation of Israel were standing up. (**1 Kings 8:14**)
- And he began to stand and **bless** all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying; (**1 Kings 8:55**)
- Aged Simeon **blessed** Jesus parents.
- Also, Simeon blessed them, but said to Mary its mother; Look! This one is laid for the fall and the rising again of many in Israel and for a sign to be talked against (**Luke 2:34**)
- Jesus **blessed** the children who came to him.
- And he took the children into his arms and began **blessing** them, laying his hands upon them. (**Mark 10:16**)

• Occasions Expressing Blessing

- In prayer, one praises and thanks God, **blessing** him, and, in turn, speaks on behalf of those united in faith and those seeking God, **blessing** them. Saying or asking a **blessing** upon food before a meal is usually done in prayer.
- In such prayer thanks and praise are given to Yehowah for his spiritual and material provisions, asking that Yehowah will direct the nourishment to be used for the benefit of those partaking and that the food will strengthen them to serve him.
- As soon as you men come into the city, you will directly find him before he goes up to the high place to eat, because the people may not eat until his coming, for he is the one that **blesses** the

- sacrifice. First after that those who are invited may eat. And now go up, because him, just now you will find him. (1 Samuel 9:13)
- Next he commanded the crowds to recline on the grass and took the five loaves and two fishes, and, looking up to heaven, he said a **blessing** and, after breaking the loaves, he distributed them to the disciples, the disciples in turn to the crowds. (Matthew 14:19)
 - Then taking the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, **blessed** them and broke them up and began to give them to the disciples to set before the crowd. (Luke 9:16)
 - In **blessing** the bread and the wine at the Lord's Evening Meal, praise and thanks are given to God with the request that all partaking may benefit spiritually from the things that these symbolize and may remain in unity and integrity as the body of Christ.
 - As they continued eating, Jesus took a loaf and, after saying a **blessing**, he broke it and, giving it to the disciples, he said; Take eat. This means my body. (Matthew 26:26)
 - The cup of **blessing** which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of the Christ? The loaf which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of the Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16)
 - In a patriarchal society a father often **blessed** his sons shortly before his death. This was a matter of great importance and was highly valued. Thus Isaac **blessed** Jacob, thinking he was the firstborn Esau. Isaac pronounced favor and prosperity for Jacob ahead of his brother Esau, undoubtedly petitioning Yehowah to carry out the **blessing**, as Isaac himself was blind and old.
 - Now it came about that when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see he then called Esau his older son and said to him, My son! at which he said to him; Here I am! (Genesis 27:1)
 - And he went on to say; Here, now, I have become old. I do not know the day of my death. (Genesis 27:2)
 - So at this time take, please, your implements, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt some venison for me. (Genesis 27:3)

- Then make me a tasty dish such as I am fond of and bring it to me and, ah, let me eat, in order, that my soul may **ble**ss you before I die. (**Genesis 27:4**)
- And he did not recognize him, because his hands proved to be hairy like the hands of Esau his brother. Hence he blessed him. (**Genesis 27:23**)
- After that he said; You are really my son Esau? To which he said; I am. (**Genesis 27:24**)
- Then he said; Bring it near to me that I may eat some of the game of my son, to the end that my soul may **ble**ss you. With that he brought it near to him and he began to eat, and he brought him wine and he began to drink. (**Genesis 27:25**)
- Then Isaac his father said to him; Come near, please, and kiss me, my son. (**Genesis 27:26**)
- So he came near and kissed him, and he could smell the scent of his garments. And he proceeded to **ble**ss him and to say; See, the scent of my son is like the scent of the field which Yehowah has blessed. (**Genesis 27:27**)
- And may the true God give you the dews of the heavens and the fertile soils of the earth and an abundance of grain and new wine. (**Genesis 27:28**)
- Let peoples serve you and let national groups bow low to you. Become master over your brothers, and let the sons of your mother bow low to you. Cursed be each one of those cursing you, and blessed be each one of those **ble**ssing you. (**Genesis 27:29**)
- Consequently Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and commanded him and said to him; You must not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. (**Genesis 28:1**)
- When Esau saw that Isaac had **ble**ssed Jacob and had sent him away to Paddanaram to take from there a wife for himself, and that when he **ble**ssed him he laid the command upon him, saying, Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. (**Genesis 28:6**)

- By faith also Isaac **blessed** Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. (**Hebrews 11:20**)
- That there may be **no fornicator nor anyone not appreciating sacred things, like Esau**, who in exchange for one meal gave away his rights as firstborn. (**Hebrews 12:16**)
- For you know that afterward also when he wanted to inherit the **blessing** he was rejected, for, although he earnestly sought a change of mind with tears, he found no place for it. (**Hebrews 12:17**)
- Later Isaac knowingly confirmed and enlarged on the **blessing**.
- Consequently Isaac called Jacob and **blessed** him and commanded him and said to him; You must not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. (**Genesis 28:1**)
- Get up, go to Paddanaram to the house of Bethuel the father of your mother and from there take yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban the brother of your mother. (**Genesis 28:2**)
- And God Almighty will **bless** you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and you will certainly become a congregation of peoples. (**Genesis 28:3**)
- And he will give to you the **blessing** of Abraham, to you and to your seed with you, that you may take possession of the land of your alien residences, which God has given to Abraham. (**Genesis 28:4**)
- Before dying, Jacob **blessed** first Joseph's two sons, then his own sons.
- So Joseph said to his father; They are my sons whom God has given me in this place. At this he said; Bring them, please, to me that I may **bless** them. (**Genesis 48:9**)
- And he continued to bless them on that day, saying; By means of you let Israel repeatedly pronounce **blessing**, saying; May God constitute you like Ephraim and like Manasseh. Thus he kept putting Ephraim before Manasseh. (**Genesis 48:20**)
- Later on Jacob called his sons and said; Gather yourselves

- together that I may tell you what will happen to you in the final part of the days. (**Genesis 49:1**)
- **Assemble yourselves and listen, you sons of Jacob, yes, listen to Israel your father. (**Genesis 49:2**)**
 - **Reuben, you are my firstborn, my vigor and the beginning of my generative power, the excellence of dignity and the excellence of strength. (**Genesis 49:3**)**
 - **With reckless license like waters, do not you excel, because you have gone up to your fathers bed. At that time you profaned my lounge. He went up to it! (**Genesis 49:4**)**
 - **Simeon and Levi are brothers. Instruments of violence are their slaughter weapons. (**Genesis 49:5**)**
 - **Into their intimate group do not come, O my soul. With their congregation do not become united, O my disposition, because in their anger they killed men, and in their arbitrariness they hamstrung bulls. (**Genesis 49:6**)**
 - **Cursed be their anger, because it is cruel, and their fury, because it acts harshly. Let me parcel them out in Jacob and let me scatter them in Israel. (**Genesis 49:7**)**
 - **As for you, Judah, your brothers will laud you. Your hand will be on the back of the neck of your enemies. The sons of your father will prostrate themselves to you. (**Genesis 49:8**)**
 - **A lion cub Judah is. From the prey, my son, you will certainly go up. He bowed down, he stretched himself out like a lion and, like a lion, who dares rouse him? (**Genesis 49:9**)**
 - **The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. (**Genesis 49:10**)**
 - **Tying his full-grown ass to a vine and the descendant of his own she-ass to a choice vine, he will certainly wash his clothing in wine and his garment in the blood of grapes. (**Genesis 49:11**)**
 - **Dark red are his eyes from wine, and the whiteness of his teeth is from milk. (**Genesis 49:12**)**

- **Zebulun will reside by the seashore, and he will be by the shore where the ships lie anchored, and his remote side will be toward Sidon. (Genesis 49:13)**
- **Issachar is a strong-boned ass, lying down between the two saddlebags. (Genesis 49:14)**
- **And he will see that the resting-place is good and that the land is pleasant, and he will bend down his shoulder to bear burdens and he will become subject to slavish forced labor. (Genesis 49:15)**
- **Dan will judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. (Genesis 49:16)**
- **Let Dan prove to be a serpent by the roadside, a horned snake at the wayside, that bites the heels of the horse so that its rider falls backward. (Genesis 49:17)**
- **I shall indeed wait for salvation from you, O Yehowah. (Genesis 49:18)**
- **As for Gad, a marauder band will raid him, but he will raid the extreme rear. (Genesis 49:19)**
- **Out of Asher his bread will be fat, and he will give the dainties of a king. (Genesis 49:20)**
- **Naphtali is a slender hind. He is giving words of elegance. (Genesis 49:21)**
- **Offshoot of a fruit bearing tree, Joseph is the offshoot of a fruit bearing tree by the fountain, that propels its branches up over a wall. (Genesis 49:22)**
- **But the archers kept harassing him and shot at him and kept harboring animosity against him. (Genesis 49:23)**
- **And yet his bow was dwelling in a permanent place, and the strength of his hands was supple. From the hands of the powerful one of Jacob, from there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel. (Genesis 49:24)**

- He is from the God of your father, and he will help you, and he is with the Almighty, and he will **ble**ss you with the **ble**ssings of the heavens above, with the **ble**ssings of the watery deep lying down below, with the **ble**ssings of the breasts and womb. (**Genesis 49:25**)
- The **ble**ssings of your father will indeed be superior to the **ble**ssings of the eternal mountains, to the ornament of the indefinitely lasting hills. They will continue upon the head of Joseph, even upon the crown of the head of the one singled out from his brothers. (**Genesis 49:26**)
- Benjamin will keep on tearing like a wolf. In the morning he will eat the animal seized and at evening he will divide spoil. (**Genesis 49:27**)
- All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them when he was **ble**ssing them. He **ble**ssed them each one according to his own **ble**ssing. (**Genesis 49:28**)
- By faith Jacob, when about to die, **ble**ssed each of the sons of Joseph and worshiped leaning upon the top of his staff. (**Hebrews 11:21**)
- Similarly, Moses, before his death, **ble**ssed the whole nation of Israel.
- Now this is the **ble**ssing with which Moses the man of the true God **ble**ssed the sons of Israel before his death. (**Deuteronomy 33:1**)
- In all these cases the results prove that they spoke prophetically. In some instances, when pronouncing such **ble**ssings, the hand of the one **ble**ssing was placed upon the head of the one being **ble**ssed.
- Joseph now took the two of them, Ephraim by his right hand to Israel's left, and Manasseh by his left hand to Israel's right, and brought them close to him. (**Genesis 48:13**)
- However, Israel put out his right hand and placed it on Ephraim's head, although he was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head. He purposely laid his hands so, since Manasseh was the firstborn. (**Genesis 48:14**)

- As a greeting, one's offering a **blessing** was a wish for the others welfare. Jacob, on being brought in before Pharaoh, blessed him.
- Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and introduced him to Pharaoh, and Jacob proceeded to bless Pharaoh. (**Genesis 47:7**)
- And it came about that as soon as he had finished offering up the burnt sacrifice, why, there was Samuel coming in. So Saul went out to meet him and **bless** him. (**1 Samuel 13:10**)
- Meanwhile, to Abigail, Nabal's wife, one of the young men reported, saying; Look! David sent messengers from the wilderness to **wish our master well**, but he screamed rebukes at them. (**1 Samuel 25:14**)
- And, another thing, the servants of the king have come in to wish our lord King David well, saying; May your God make Solomon's name more splendid than your name, and may he make his throne greater than your throne! At that the king bowed down upon the bed. (**1 Kings 1:47**)
- As he was going along from there he got to encounter Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him. When he **blessed** him, he accordingly said to him; Is your heart upright with me, just as my own heart is with your heart? To this Jehonadab said; It is. If it is, do give me your hand. So he gave him his hand. At that he made him get up into the chariot with him. (**2 Kings 10:15**)
- **Blessings** might be bestowed at a time of departure. Rebekah, for example, was **blessed** by her family when leaving home to marry Isaac.
- And they began to **bless** Rebekah and say to her; O you, our sister, may you become thousands times ten thousand, and let your seed take possession of the gate of those who hate it. (**Genesis 24:60**)
- Consequently Isaac called Jacob and **blessed** him and commanded him and said to him; You must not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. (**Genesis 28:1**)
- All the people now began to cross the Jordan, and the king himself crossed, but the king kissed Barzillai and **blessed** him, after which he returned to his place. (**2 Samuel 19:39**)

- On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they began to **bless** the king and to go to their homes, rejoicing and feeling merry of heart over all the goodness that Yehowah had performed for David his servant and for Israel his people. (**1 Kings 8:66**)
- Giving a gift was also associated with **blessings**.
- Take, please, the gift conveying my **blessing** which was brought to you, because God has favored me and because I have everything. And he continued to urge him, so that he took it. (**Genesis 33:11**)
- At that Joshua **blessed** him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. (**Joshua 14:13**)
- And it came about that when she was going home, she kept inciting him to ask a field from her father. Then she clapped her hands while upon the ass. At this Caleb said to her; What do you want? (**Joshua 15:18**)
- So she said; Do give me a **blessing**, for it is a piece of land to the south you have given me, and you must give me Gulloth-maim. Accordingly he gave her Upper Gulloth and Lower Gulloth. (**Joshua 15:19**)
- Understandably the gift itself might come to be called the **blessing, a gift blessing**. Gifts might be offered as expressions of **well-wishing toward a loved one**, in an endeavor to find favor, or as an expression of gratitude.
- And now as regards this gift **blessing** that your maidservant has brought to my lord, it must be given to the young men that are walking about in the steps of my lord. (**1 Samuel 25:27**)
- When David came to Ziklag he proceeded to send some of the spoil to the older men of Judah, his friends, saying; Here is a **gift blessing** for you from the spoil of Yehowah's enemies. (**1 Samuel 30:26**)
- Blessings** can be bestowed in the form of compliments. Boaz **blessed** Ruth for her loving-kindness.

- At that he said; **Blessed** may you be of Yehowah, my daughter. You have expressed your loving-kindness better in the last instance than in the first instance, in not going after the young fellows whether lowly or rich. (**Ruth 3:10**)
- Men volunteering to perform a service in behalf of Yehowah's worship were **blessed** by observers.
- Moreover, the people **blessed** all the men who volunteered to dwell in Jerusalem. (**Nehemiah 11:2**)
- Parents are entitled to **blessing** from their children.
- There is a generation that calls down evil even upon its father and that does not **bless** even its mother. (**Proverbs 30:11**)
- A **blessing** can consist of favorable or upbuilding speech. Jesus admonished his hearers **to bless those cursing** them.
- To **bless** those cursing you, to pray for those who are insulting you. (**Luke 6:28**)
- Keep on **blessing** those who persecute, be **blessing** and do not be cursing.
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- This does not mean to praise opposers, but good conduct toward such ones, coupled with kind, considerate, truthful speech that would be beneficial to them if heeded, may result in winning their goodwill.
- And to toil, working with our own hands. When being reviled, we **bless**, when being persecuted, we bear up. (**1 Corinthians 4:12**)
- Not paying back injury for injury or reviling for reviling, but, to the contrary, **bestowing a blessing**, because you were called to this course, so that you might **inherit a blessing**. (**1 Peter 3:9**)
- The manner of speaking must also be considered.
- He that is **blessing** his fellowman with a loud voice early in the morning, as a malediction it will be accounted on his part. (**Proverbs 27:14**)

- To turn someone away from wicked deeds is indeed a **blessing**, working for that persons best interests and to Yehowah's praise.
- To you first God, after raising up his Servant, sent him forth to **bless** you by turning each one away from your wicked deeds. (Acts of Apostles 3:26)

·· Being A Blessing To Others

- A person can be a **blessing** to his fellowman by following a course of obedience to God. The association of such one's whom Yehowah blesses brings **blessings** to others. Laban was **blessed** because Jacob kept his flocks.
- Then Laban said to him; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, I have taken the omens to the effect that Yehowah is **blessing** me due to you. (Genesis 30:27)
- That it was little that you actually had before my coming, and it went expanding to a multitude, in that Yehowah **blessed** you since I stepped in. So now when am I to do something also for my own house? (Genesis 30:30)
- Potiphar's household and field **prospered** because of Joseph's oversight.
- And it followed that from the time he appointed him over his house and in charge of all that was his Yehowah kept **blessing** the house of the Egyptian due to Joseph, and Yehowah's **blessing** came to be upon all that he had in the house and in the field. (Genesis 39:5)
- The presence of ten righteous citizens could have caused God to spare Sodom.
- Finally he said; May Yehowah, please, not grow hot with anger, but let me speak just this once; Suppose ten are found there. In turn he said; I shall not bring it to ruin on account of the ten. (Genesis 18:32)
- The dedicated servant of God can bring God's favorable consideration to an unbelieving mate and their young children.

- For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in relation to his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in relation to the brother, otherwise, your children would really be unclean, but now they are holy. (**1 Corinthians 7:14**)
- Jesus said that, in the world's time of greatest tribulation, on account of the chosen one's those days will be cut short, otherwise no flesh would be saved.
- For then there will be great tribulation such as has not occurred since the world's beginning until now, no, nor will occur again. (**Matthew 24:21**)
- In fact, unless those days were cut short, no flesh would be saved, but on account of the chosen one's those days will be cut short. (**Matthew 24:22**)
- This is what Yehowah has said; In the same way that the new wine is found in the cluster and someone has to say; Do not ruin it, because there is a **blessing** in it, so I shall do for the sake of my servants in order not to bring everybody to ruin. (**Isaiah 65:8**)
- To imitate the example of God's **blessed** one's brings even greater **blessings**.
- Consequently those who adhere to faith are being **blessed** together with faithful Abraham. (**Galatians 3:9**)
- Remember those who are taking the lead among you, who have spoken the word of God to you, and as you contemplate how their conduct turns out imitate their faith. (**Hebrews 13:7**)
- Become imitators of me, even as I am of Christ. (**1 Corinthians 11:1**)
- For you yourselves know the way you ought to imitate us, because we did not behave disorderly among you (**2 Thessalonians 3:7**)
- Doing good to Christ's brothers, God's chosen ones, brings Yehowah's **blessings** to the sheep, with the reward of everlasting life.
- When the Son of man arrives in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit down on his glorious throne. (**Matthew**

25:31)

- **And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:32)**
- **And he will put the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. (Matthew 25:33)**
- **Then the king will say to those on his right, Come, you who have been **blessed** by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. (Matthew 25:34)**
- **And in reply the king will say to them; Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. (Matthew 25:40)**
- **And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous one's into everlasting life. (Matthew 25:46)**