"The Blessing Of God" Part 7

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Last week: We learned about the Covenant that God has with us under the Blessing. HE will go to war for us, HE will do whatever it takes to protect you.

From last week

Hebrews 6:18-20 King James Version

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie

What are those 2 immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie? What did Melchizedek have in his hands when he met Abram? The bread and the wine. Signs of the covenant, the body and blood of Jesus. Back then he didn't know what it meant that but he knew it meant blood covenant. God is a covenant man. He made a rainbow covenant with Noah to be ever reminded of HIS WORD.

We, you and I, have a covenant with God under the Blessing – HE will fight for us.

This week I will be tying this altogether, every**thing** that we have under the blessing.

Melchisedec, he was king of the most high God who met Abraham after the slaughter of the kings and blessed him.

Hebrews 7:6 New Revised Standard Version

6 But this man Melchisedec, who does not belong to their ancestry, collected tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had received the promises.

He received the tithes then blessed, he received *the tithe* then blessed. That's what Melchisedec was ordered to do. Jesus the high priest of whom we are partakers of His priest hood (we learned that last week in Hebrews 3) has exactly the same orders.

Hebrews 7:7 King James Version

7 And without all contradiction...(what does without all contradiction mean? That means this is never going to change, there's a covenant involved in this.) The less is blessed of the better. (This trickles down all through the Body of Christ. God blessed, Jesus Blessed, those who have been in covenant with God, we are blessed and we help those who are younger in their faith and bless them. We train them, bless them, and raise them up.)

We want to be prepared for when the trumpet sounds we are leaving these old mortal bodies and into our glorified bodies! The Bible says we will be changed in the twinkling of an eye and we are joint heirs with Jesus.

Little side bar: After the resurrection, Jesus came back down and stayed for 6 weeks in His glorified body. Some people recognized Him and some did not.

On the road to Emmaus there were 2 disciples in Luke 24 who didn't recognize Him. They weren't expecting to see him, He just kept teaching and preaching to them out of the Word of God. Sewing the seeds of revelation in them and when they sat down to dinner with Him what did Jesus do?

Luke 24:27-31 King James Version (KJV)

- 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
- 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
- 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
- 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.
- 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

He blessed the meal and then they recognized him... then they recognized Him. They recognized the blessing. The moment the blessing was released in their presence it rose up inside of them. Not because HE looked familiar but because of the blessing inside of them already they recognized who HE was. Then what did He do? HE immediately disappeared. Why? To keep from messing up their faith by something they saw.

He gave them the Word, Blessed them and then disappeared. So they could believe the <u>things</u> that they did not see and keep that blessing going – living by faith.

We are almost there – this is where we have been heading the last several weeks...

Hebrews 7:7-8 King James Version

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. 8 And here (where's here? On earth – right now, where you are right now, if you are the body of Christ you are here) men that die; (pastors and ministers of the gospel receive tithes) but there he (Jesus after the order of Melchisedec) receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. (he lives or lives forever.)

Can you see this? Do you understand this? Tithing is huge! It's not that you have to tithe, it's that you get to tithe. Putting your check in the offering isn't tithing, it's meeting with our forever Melchisedec with thrill and excitement – My Lord – My God – look what the Blessing has brought into my family.

Here it is Lord!! Here it is!! The first fruit, the first fruit, if I was Adam I would be out on that tree and saying I'm bringing you your fruit Lord. Here's your first fruit Lord. I would be waiting there saying, "Say it Jesus – say it" Blessed be Grant and Kellie Williams of the Most High God, possessors of heaven and earth, blessed are you going in, blessed are you going out – we love to give, we love to tithe!

I love tithing questions. When people say, "I don't want to short change God am I giving enough?" Isn't it all God's, it's the gross income correct?

God wants us all in in the place where we can say, "When God blesses me with something I can't wait to share it with someone."

Have you ever been excited about giving something to someone? God has laid it upon your heart to do something for someone and in the flesh you're thinking "I really like those golf clubs, I really like that car" but God, you told me to give it away. The Bible says the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

I love to see someone's face when you know that's the perfect gift. That is what they wanted. I love to be on a tithing mission – Love doing work for someone – my parents, Kellie's parents – painting their house. Doing something that blesses them.

I've been blessed in ministry to be in position to give cars away, monies and other things to Bless people. Kellie and I along with Zac and Paige went to a pastor's home on our free time and painted it, landscaped it, power washed it and made several repairs.

We've given money when we didn't have it to give. We've sown where we thought we couldn't do it in the natural but **that is called tithing in the fast line.** You get to do that when you walk in the blessing. You don't get to do that when you are toiling and PAYING 10%.

That's why it's hard for people to give the tithes. We look at it as another monthly payment, we know in our hearts it's the right thing to do, so you do it. But, when you get over to that "partakers with Jesus" and Melchisedec, Abraham and Job and all those other powerful, blessed, healed, abundant men and women of God you become part of the wall or hall of faith in heaven. Like the 11th chapter of the book of Hebrews. Get your picture on the wall.

Your kids, your friends are going to get to heaven one day and say "look there's my dad, or there's Pastor Grant"... You will be walking down the streets of gold for ages to come and the people will be saying did you see him, did you see her? They're just like Abraham, they're just like Job, they're just like Noah. They fought the battles, they have the scars and they used that Blessing and the authority of the power of Jesus Christ and drove the devil off of the face of the earth. That's all scripture – Heroes of the ages.

You're not working for a living you are working for a giving. You are working in obedience to God, where HE told you to be. If you're not where HE told you to be, or the next place where you're supposed to be, get in prayer and stay there until you find out where you're supposed to work and where you are supposed to be so you can go there and let the blessing flow.

Proverbs 10:22 King James Version

22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

The blessing maketh, it's the blessing that maketh. Psalms 73 says the ungodly who are in the world are after riches (money only) so they can be blessed. That's the only way they have of doing it. But we know it's the blessing of the Lord that maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow to it.

Now, I want to remind you that we have already learned in the last couple of weeks that the blessing of Abraham was activated by Abraham's faith. We studied that in the 4th chapter of Romans. It still is, The blessing of Abraham is still activated by Abraham's faith.

Galatians 3:7-9 King James Version

- 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.
- 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.
- 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

The Bible says that Abraham was very rich in silver, gold and cattle and you can check out scripture and find out all the ways that Abraham was blessed - all areas of his life. He had more than enough for God's Plan in his life.

He wasn't like that before God called him out of the city of Ur. He was a moon worshiper.

Look at verse 13 in Genesis 3...

Galatians 3:13-14 King James Version

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: (The colon punch punctuation mark in English means, so.)

14 (So) that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles

The word Gentile here in verse 14 means nations. God blessed Noah and his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth. We know what happened to two of them but that blessing was for everyone – everyone that followed. When God blessed Adam that was for the entire human race. Adam abandoned it and God went immediately to get it back. So God gave it back through Noah and blessed his sons.

Does God ever change? No, no and no. We just read the effect of it right there that God, through Jesus Christ and His sacrifice and resurrection redeemed us from the curse and I love to read it like this..

14 So that the blessing of Abraham might come on all the rest of us through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

For all of us or the rest of us...

Let's skip down to verse 28 of Galatians... remember Paul is writing the church...

Galatians 3:28 King James Version

28 There is neither Jew (that's Shem) nor Greek, (what does that mean? All of us.) There is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Luke 4:18-19 King James Version

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; (that's the place to shout right there, what did HE preach to the poor? You're blessed through the blessing of Abraham your father and the blessing of the Lord maketh rich and He added not sorrow to it. You being poor [poor in all that God has for you] is not alright with God, He won't hold it against you for being poor but I'll tell you it will come against you if find this out and decide to stay poor – now let me read this to you a little differently because of the English punctuations) 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; who are the broken hearted that need healing, to preach deliverance to the poor who are captive, and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised,

In the eyes of God all of that is under the curse and if any of that is operating in your life – you're a poor man. I don't care if you have money or not – you're a poor man if you're broken hearted, or if you need healing in any area of your life to fulfill His plan, that's why Jesus said that scripture. He said today the scripture has been fulfilled, I'm here to bring the blessing and to heal you.

Luke 4:19 King James Version

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The acceptable year of the Lord! That was supernatural debt cancellation. Get the land back that's been lost by the family. Break the debt (debt means to be enslaved - without the ability to repay or function). This is in all areas of your life... do you remember satan's biggest problem with Job the richest man in the east? He came up before God and he said you have blessed him and does he fear you for nothing? You have blessed him and have built a hedge about him. The blessing wall was around Job.

Remember we are talking about this Babylonian system of commerce. When you go to a Babylonian way of doing things and you yield to that system to get your needs met – you yield your blessing wall of protection. Now you can still walk by faith in other areas of your life and God will bless you in measure but you can't let one area go and not expect something to be affected by it. It won't be the **blessing without measure.**

When your blessing wall is exposed or under siege because of something you're doing you will find yourself stuck or capped out until you repent and say "I take back what is mine (the blessing) in the name of Jesus and I receive the acceptable year of the Lord and my supernatural debt cancellation out of the hands of the Babylonian empire."

Ask me how I know – because I learned it myself.

Hebrews 5:10 King James Version

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 3:1 King James Version

3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling,

We are partakers of the heavenly calling after the order of Melchisedec. We studied that last week.

Hebrews 6:13-17 King James Version

- 13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,
- 14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
- 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
- 16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. (That is the reason we have these covenant copies so we can end all argument. IT IS WRITTEN)
- 17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise (multiply, I will multiply you a blessing, I will bless you) the immutability (the absolute impossibleness to change) of his counsel, (God's word, God's promise, God's oath)confirmed it by an oath:

What did God say to Isaac in Genesis 26? I will perform the oath that I swore to your father. The oath was the blessing of Abraham.

Included in that blessing is your: salvation, is your healing, is your prosperity (prospering in everything- family, peace, rest, wisdom - more than enough for God's Plan), and Heaven in your future is all part of the blessing of God.

Do you remember the 25th chapter of Matthew when Jesus said they were to divide the sheep and the goats?

Matthew 25:32-34 King James Version

- 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
- 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
- 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, **ye blessed of my Father**, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Hebrews 6:20-7:2 King James Version

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Remember we are partakers of that heavenly calling. In other words, He did that for us, He didn't do that for Jesus, He did it for us. That's why Jesus had to become a man, He had to become the seed of Abraham and He had to be under that blessing. He had to be the one that didn't violate it like Adam and the others.

So now, Jesus is walking in the blessing on this earth. Every miracle, every healing was as a man blessed. The blessing was working because He spoke the Word of God. He believed, He spoke and He acted...The resurrection was the glory of God by the spirit of God and it was under the authority of the Blessing in the earth that God raised Him from the dead.

Hebrews 7:1-2 King James Version

7:1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all;

So when did this transfer? When God sent Melchisedec to Abraham with the bread and the wine. That's the way God got His blessing back with man. He made covenant with man. Why did He do that? For the immutability of His council, He made covenant with us by Jesus blood.

So he came to him with the bread and the wine which the book of Hebrews calls 2 immutable things (unchangeable things) by which God could not lie. He bound himself to the body and blood of Jesus. While holding the sign of the covenant before this man, Melchisedec said blessed by Abram of the Most High God possessor of heaven and earth. Now, that's the first time he heard that, a promise, God made a promise to Abram and he went to him with 2 immutable things, the signs of the covenant.

He made a promise to him that was too big for man to capture with his mind, possessor of heaven and earth. We back this up in the New Testament in the 4th chapter in the book of Romans and he said, "did Abraham heir of the world receive the promise by the law – no, but by the righteousness of faith."

Hebrews 7:6-9 King James Version

6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. 8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them,

In Deuteronomy 26 it says he takes them into the holy of holies, we bring it to the very throne of grace and He receives them after the order of Melchisedec and that's when the blessing empowerment occurs. When you minister to HIM the tithe, not just plopping it in the bucket. But taking your time and thanking him and taking the bread and the wine the 2 immutable things by which God can not lie. By taking Jesus as your high priest after the order of Melchisedec and saying, "I am a partaker of this priesthood."

So, are we kings and priests? Are we partakers of that priesthood? How? After the order of Melchisedec. You have the same order on you. You are supposed to be a blessing to everyone in here and around you. When you get this and you start blessing people you will start to prosper as people.

We need to start sowing our seed or administering it (time, talent and treasure). The more we do it, the more others will know that you are blessed and God will prosper you for doing what you are called to do. Be fruitful and multiply and take dominion...

Side bar: When we take communion this is a passage that is often read and it is found in 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 11:25-32 New Revised Standard Version

- 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
- 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- 27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup (partakes or is a partaker) of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord.
- 28 Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
- 29 For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.
- 30 For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.
- 31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged.
- 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

This was done out of a love for the people, a warning to not take the bread and the wine if you are not in covenant as the scripture says......

Malachi 3:10-12 King James Version

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: (all of Northville will call you blessed and all who know you will call you blessed. All of Livonia, Novi, Canton, Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Farmington, West Bloomfield shall call you blessed.)

Just like chance favors the prepared mind, the blessing of the Lord favors those who walk by faith and "calls those things to be not as though they were" They stop being a thermometer and start being the thermostat.

Pastor Grant, why are you drilling the blessing into us? Because God has so much more for us, but we walk in defeat, we live like the Babylonians do. What kind of a witness is that? Trying to fill the void within us by things, money, people, jobs etc... that's what the world is doing. We live in fear, filled with anxiety, paralyzed by the unknown so we act and speak like those who are not in covenant with God.

Trust God, turn everything over to him – your life, your family, your finances, your way of doing things.

Psalms 37:25-31 Amplified Bible

- 25 I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread.
- 26 All day long they are merciful and deal graciously; they lend, and their offspring are blessed.
- 27 Depart from evil and do good; and you will dwell forever [securely].
- 28 For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked [in time] shall be cut off.
- 29[Then- after doing these thing] the [consistently] righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.
- 30 The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice.
- 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

The blessing of Abraham is mine, I'm a tither, He has blessed me and according to Malachi chapter 3, I am blessed to overflowing, without measure, fullness of blessing and abundantly more than I can ever ask.