

THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD 4 U

INTRODUCTION

The desire of God's heart is to bless His people and dwell with them. Divine blessing is for both Jew and Gentile, the true seed of Abraham by faith in God's only Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One. In Abraham, the faithful friend of God, all the nations of the world will be blessed. In the Old Testament the Children of Israel, as they obeyed the Lord, keeping the Sabbath day holy, were blessed in the land of Israel in their homes and in the fruitfulness of their lives, living in peace and plenty. The early and latter winter rains came each year at the right time giving abundant harvests. There was no drought or famine.

Israel – 'the land of milk and honey' – a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills.

A land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey Deuteronomy 8: 7, 8

I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing of good insured by God's favour. The tree of the field shall yield its fruit and the earth shall yield its increase.

Ezekiel 34: 26, 27a

Bring all the tithes (one tenth) into the storehouse that there may be food in My house, and prove me now, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3: 10

THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

Can you see the heavenly window,
In the sky midst the white clouds above?
Surely it foretells many blessings
Of God's care, compassion and love.

It was then, I began to wonder,
Why the beautiful window was small?
Oh yes, it's a heavenly window,
For in God's light there's no need at all.

But on earth, there's need for such windows,
On God's children rich blessings to pour;
For when these small windows are opened,
Many blessings pour out of His store!



AARONIC BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6: 24 - 26



SHALOM

Security, wholeness, safety and peace,
Heaven's favour and blessings never cease.
Always God's mercy and kindness for you,
Love, joy and truth in His Word shining through.
Only in the Lord His people find rest,
Manifold blessings of peace manifest.

The word "Shalom" is written in a blue, cursive script. The letters are fluid and connected, with a decorative flourish at the end of the word.

The word SHALOM is both a greeting and a goodbye.
The meaning of this Hebrew word for peace includes rest and restoration,
safety and wholeness. The root meaning of SHALOM is restoration by the
payment of a price. The Lord Jesus Christ redeemed us at the cost of His
own perfect and sinless life when He died on the cross as a sacrifice to take
away our sin - the price of our ransom.

This is the Good news of His blessing, the Gospel of Salvation and the
power of God to everyone who believes. By the Blood of Jesus shed on the
cross, we have SHALOM - peace with God.

Obeying and loving the Lord with all our strength, our mind and our heart is
the secret of divine blessing in our lives day by day.
There is no peace on earth without righteousness and justice.
In Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we have His righteousness –
true SHALOM!

OLD TESTAMENT BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly but his delight is in the law of the Lord and on His law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 1: 1, 2

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Ps. 29: 11

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Ps. 32: 1, 2b (NRSV)

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

Ps. 40: 4

Blessed are those who consider the weak and the poor.

Ps. 41: 1

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house and Your presence; they will be singing Your praises all the day long.

Ps. 84: 4

Blessed is the man whose strength is in You.

Ps. 84: 5a

Blessed are those who observe justice and who do right at all times.

Ps. 106: 3

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who delight greatly in His commandments.

Ps. 112: 1

Blessed are those who reverently and worshipfully fear the Lord, both small and great.

Ps. 115: 13

Blessed are the upright, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they who keep His testimonies
and who seek Him with the whole heart.

Ps. 119: 1, 2

Blessed are those who keep My ways.

Proverbs 8: 32b



Blessed is the man who listens to Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors.

Proverbs 8: 34

Blessings are upon the head of the righteous.

Proverbs 10: 6

The blessing of the Lord –
it makes rich and adds no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10: 22

Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

Isaiah 30: 18b

PRAYER OF JABEZ

Jabez cried to the God of Israel, saying:

Oh, that You would bless me,
and enlarge my border,
and that Your hand might be with me,
and You would keep me from evil
so it might not hurt me!

And God granted his request.

1 Chronicles 4: 10



THE LORD'S BLESSINGS UPON YOU

When you read the word of the Lord, He blesses you.
When you seek the Lord with all your heart, He blesses you.
When you call on the name of the Lord, He blesses you.
When you ask forgiveness for your sin, He blesses you
When you trust God, He blesses you.
When you obey God, He blesses you.
When you listen to God, He blesses you.
When you wait on the Lord, He blesses you.
When you walk with the Lord, He blesses you.
When you love the Lord with all your heart, He blesses you.
When you keep His word, He blesses you.
When your hope is in God, He blesses you.
When you delight yourself in the Lord, He blesses you.
When you worship the Lord, He blesses you.

A PRAYER

Grant us, O God, the strength of Your Holy Spirit,
that Your children may comprehend the love of Christ
which passes knowledge.

NEW TESTAMENT BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD

THE BEATITUDES

Matthew 5: 3 – 11, Luke 6: 20 - 22

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted!
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth!
Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be completely satisfied!
Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy!
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God!
Blessed are the makers of peace,
for they shall be called the sons of God!
Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!
Blessed are you when people revile you
and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things
against you falsely on My account.
Be glad and supremely joyful,
for your reward in heaven is great.



The Beatitudes, the words spoken by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount,
are sometimes called the beautiful attitudes.

A PRAYER



Heavenly Father, our attitudes precede our actions; help us by Your Holy Spirit, to remember 'The Beatitudes' and ever to be in these attitudes of Jesus and grow to be like Him. Help us to share Your blessings with others, to comfort those who mourn and consider the poor and weak. Help us to serve and honour others as if we are serving and honouring You and to forgive others, even our enemies, as You have forgiven us. Create in us a heart to love like Jesus loved and be a blessing day by day.

For His name's sake. Amen

Jesus said,
Blessed are those who hear the Word of God
and obey it!

Luke 11: 28

Jesus said,
If you know these things, blessed are you if you really do them.

John 13: 17

Jesus said to Thomas,
Blessed are those who have never seen Me and yet have believed.

John 20: 29

Words of the Lord Jesus:
It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20: 35

Words of St. Paul:

When I come to you, I shall come
in the abundant blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

Romans 15: 29

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who has blessed us
in Christ with every spiritual blessing (given by the Holy Spirit)
in the heavenly realm!

Ephesians 1: 3

Blessed is anyone who is patient under trial
and stands up under temptation.

James 1: 12

Blessed is the man who reads the words of this prophecy and those who hear it and
keep themselves true to the things written in it.

Rev. 1: 3

SHALOM

Security, restoration and peace,
Heaven's kindness and favour never cease.
Always God's gift of Salvation for you,
Light of Christ's love in God's Word shining through.
Only in Jesus His children are blessed,
Messiah's blessings of peace, joy and rest.



A HYMN AND A PRAYER

Father, thank you for Your goodness,
Blessings from above;
Keep me in the name of Jesus,
In Your love.

Father, thank you for Your Spirit,
Ever keep me true;
Guard and lead me in Your power
Serving You.

Father, thank you for Your presence,
Ever with me stay,
Resting in the peace of Jesus
Day by day;
Resting in the peace of Jesus
Day by day. Amen.



Tune: Westridge

BLESSED

Benevolence of God always shining on you.
Light of His glorious Word daily teaching you.
Each gracious gift so freely bestowed upon you.
Sacrifice of the Lord Jesus forgiving you.
Spirit of the Lord God guiding and keeping you.
Ever thankful for His mercy and love for you.
Delight in His joy and peace resting within you.

BELIEVER'S BLESSING

The blessing of God, the Father, be upon you.
The gracious blessing of His only Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, the anointed One,
Worshipped and adored;
And the blessing of the Holy Spirit be unto you -
Called, forgiven and sanctified;
His grace and mercy, peace and love be multiplied.

In Jesus' name, Amen

The words of the Believer's Blessing are based on the first two verses of the Letter of Jude in the New Testament.

To those who are called, dearly loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ; may mercy, peace and love be multiplied to you.

Jude 1b 2

The grace (spiritual favour and blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ, the anointed One, be with your spirit. Amen (so be it).

Philippians 4: 23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship in the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13: 14



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