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SUNDAY SERMON

The Blessings of God of The Beginning.

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The Lord God of the beginning is the creator of the heaven and the earth at the beginning.

The blessings of God why are often associated with protection and happiness. God's blessings are meant to protect us, guide us to the path of righteousness.

There are keys to access the blessing of the Lord God of the beginning.

Numbers 6:24-26,

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may He smile on you and be gracious to you; may He look your way and give you peace."

From the beginning, God uses people to reach people and the priests were set up to pronounce blessings in His name.

The very fact that He set up priests to bless is evidence enough that God WANTS to bless you!

Not only did the Levites pronounce blessing in His name, Jesus actually did the same thing:

"...He lifted up His hands and blessed them." (Luke 24:50)

Ultimately, we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph. 1:3).

Even Jesus' ministry was a declarative ministry. He, quoting Isaiah, said this about Himself - that He was anointed "...To preach the gospel to the poor...To proclaim liberty to the captives...To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

What am I saying?

1. God wants to bless you even at the beginning of this year
2. His blessing is released through declaration.



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Here are some important keys to accessing the blessing of the Lord at the beginning of this year.

1. Be convinced that God wants to bless you

If God is with you no one can be against your blessing this year (Romans 8:31).

It's time to get on the winning team and don't be fighting against God.

Many times, we hinder what we receive from God because we don't believe we're worthy.

But thank God for the gospel of Jesus! God has qualified us through Jesus to receive all of God's blessing. (Col. 1:12)

2. Know what God's Blessing is and expect it.

When you now what the blessing is, you can expect it!

Let's revisit that Ancient Hebrew definition of God's blessings:

Anointed to win

Empowered to overcome

Impossible to curse

When the blessing of God gets on you, your life gets enriched.

Proverbs 10:22

"The blessing of the Lord makes one rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it."

It's His favor, wisdom, protection, abundance, ability, grace, joy, freedom, peace - all resting upon you and whatever you put your hand to.

Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14 for more.

Just for clarity, it doesn't mean that life gets void of trials and nothing tough ever happens.



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There are definitely times of trial and challenges - but with the blessing of the Lord upon us, we have strength, endurance, and favor even in the tough times. (Just take a look at Joseph's life in Genesis...).

3. Position yourself to receive the blessing

The blessing is released through declaration!

That's what the priests were appointed to do and it's the same today!

1 Peter 2:9

[9]But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

To position yourself, what do you do:

Attend ministries that believe in the declaration of God's blessing upon you and receive from the spoken word.

Be intentional on personal times of worship.

Be intentional on attending ministries that prioritize the presence of God.

Lean into times when the Spirit of God manifests Himself.

Trust in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Know that we are blessed in Christ.

It was the declaration of the priest that released the breakthrough to Hannah's prayers (1 Sam. 1:17).

Did you know you can also declare it over yourself?

You have the ability to declare the truth and blessing of God over yourself.

All the promises of God are apprehended by faith. It takes a simple childlike trust.

God gives each one of us a measure of faith - let's use it to believe the gospel and instead of the fear-driven reports.

The spirit of death was passing through the towns of Egypt and would kill every firstborn of every house...unless there was a substitute sacrifice of a pure lamb. The blood of the lamb on the doorpost would prove that death had already visited that house, so the spirit of death would pass over.

The powerful thing about the story was that the spirit of death didn't go inside the house to investigate what kind of people were in there. When he saw the blood of the lamb, he passed over.



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What does that mean for us?

It doesn't matter who you are, where you've come from, or what you've done - if you're covered by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, the enemy has to pass over you even poverty will pass over you this year.

Jesus has qualified you! You are forgiven and washed clean. You are covered.

Believing the gospel makes you a magnet for the blessing of God.

Let's turn the time of this crazy time in Nigeria by not only receiving the blessing for ourselves, but declaring the blessing of the Lord over our nation, families, and those affected by sickness and disease and it shall be well with us in Jesus name.

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