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Student Notes with Answers

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Part 1 – The God Who Blesses

“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.” Proverbs 10:22

Bless = To empower for abundant living.

1. God’s very nature is to bless (Psalm 136:1, Genesis 1:28)

Summed up in the Hebrew word *chesed*.

2. His blessing comes first (Mark 1:11)

3. We are to see Him blessing (John 5:19,30)

4. The Father is seeking to bless (Luke 15:20)

5. Blessing is central to God’s mission (Matthew 6:8-13)

Part 2 – Being Blessed

“For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.” 1 John 3:20-21

1. **God desires to bless all (Psalm 115:13-15, Acts 2:17-18; Amos 3:7;)**
2. **We should desire to return to be healed (Genesis 32:26; 1 Chronicles 4:10)**
3. **We should beware of false burdens and wrong expectations (Matthew 11:29-30)**

Blockages to blessings:

- Wrong Role- models (“This is my experience of a Father”)
 - Wrong Attitudes (“I don’t need any help”)
 - Wrong Theology (“I haven’t met biblical requirements”)
 - Wrong Self-image (“I’m not worthy”).
4. **We stand on the promises of God (1 John 3:16,20-21, Romans 8:1)**
 5. **God loves even His enemies (I was one) and desires good things for them (Matthew 5:43-45; Romans 5:10)**

Part 3 – Called to Bless

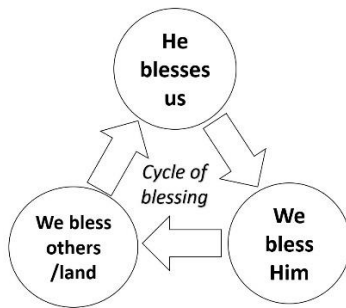
“Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.” 1 Peter 3:9

Introduction: God’s DNA is to bless.

1. The **Genesis 1:28 calling.**
2. The **Abrahamic Calling (Genesis 12:2-3,7; Galatians 3:29)**
3. The **Priestly Calling (Exodus 19:6; Exodus 20:24; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6)**

The threefold blessing of the priesthood (Deuteronomy 10:8):

- i. Bearing the Ark (He Blesses us)
- ii. Minister unto Him (We bless Him)
- iii. Bless in His name (We bless others)



4. The New **Testament Calling (1 Peter 3:8-9).**
5. The Call to Bring **Shalom (Luke 10:5; Colossians 1:19-20).**

Part 4 – Blessing Others

“But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’” Luke 10:5

1. The Content of our blessing others (Numbers 6:22-27).

It's putting His Name on a person.

2. Must be out from God's Presence (Leviticus 9:22-23).

3. You don't have to be a spiritual giant to speak blessings effectively (John 6:9)

4. There is a structure in our blessing (1 Chronicles 16:2):

“I bless you”

“In the name of Jesus”

“That He”

“May...”

5. God desires to give us a redemptive revelation for the life and circumstances of people (1 Peter 3:8-9, Genesis 49:28).

6. The word 'shalom' as a declaration of peace.

7. What words should I use to bless others?

Body (health and protection).

Labour (work and ministry).

Emotions (emotional stability).

Social Life (human relationships).

Spiritual Life (relationship with God).

Part 5 – A New Community

“Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.” John 5:19

1. **True Fellowship through the Godhead (2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:1-4).**
2. **The New Community of Heaven – At Work in the World (John 5:19; Acts 2:42-47).**
3. **A Community of Blessing (1 Peter 4:8-9; Romans 12:14-21)**

The attributes of Colonies of Heaven include: An understanding that all are welcome; of prayer being at the heart; a simplicity of life; a welcoming hospitality; a healing place; a people who are quick to forgive; an admonition not to take offence; a place where mercy always triumphs over judgment; and leaders who don't climb up the ladder but who dig down deeper that they might be the servant of all.

Harmony

Humanity

Humility

4. **Speaking Redemptive Blessings as Royal Priests (Deuteronomy 10:8)**

Part 6 – Blessing the Land

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

- 1. The Land was Created as Good (Genesis 1:10)**
- 2. The Land is Polluted by Sin (Genesis 3:17b; Numbers 35:34; Jeremiah 12:4).**
 - i. Sexual Perversion (Leviticus 18:24-25)
 - ii. Injustice (Jeremiah 23:10)
 - iii. Bloodshed and Violence (Numbers 35:33-34)
 - iv. Broken Covenants (Isaiah 24:5)
 - v. Unfaithfulness and Idolatry (Psalm 106:37-38)
- 3. God Blesses the Locality of those who Honour Him and Live as His Sons and Daughters (Romans 8:19; Deuteronomy 7:13)**
- 4. We Must Pray and Repent on Behalf of the Land to See Healing (2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 65:9-13)**

An example: “I bless the very land that my feet touch in the name of Jesus. I bless this place in the name of Jesus that this community, this land, this foundation on which a community is built may give glory to Jesus. I bless it as the creation of God, filled with unseen redemptive purpose. In Jesus’ name I bless the feet that will walk over this land, that some of them may be those who develop beautiful feet that carry the peace and the blessing of Jesus.”

Part 7 – Blessing Places and Areas

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

- 1. God cares for all the land and wants us to possess every area (Deuteronomy 11:11-12).**
- 2. God wants to bless areas and regions (Deuteronomy 28:1-8).**
- 3. God reveals to us naturally and supernaturally what is troubling areas and how we can pray and do outreach (Acts 17:23).**
- 4. We should declare God’s blessing on people and places.**
- 5. Jesus brought tangible blessings to places (Deuteronomy 10:8).**

- He carried the presence of God.
- He stood in the presence of God.
- He declared the presence of God.

See Luke 5:4-6

6. Blessing the Seven Mountains

Religion, Business, Government, Media, Education, Arts & Entertainments and Family.

Attached is the prayer walking guide. Use it as you go on blessing walks around your community to bless: At school; At work; In shopping areas; At hospitals and medical centres; By police stations of courts; By town hall or government buildings and in cultural centres.

Part 8 – Blessing Generations

“Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.” Exodus 34:7

1. **Why do Jewish people prosper?**
2. **The Seven Critical Times of Blessing.**

The Seven Critical times...



...of blessing

3. **Daily Bloodline Cleansing (Exodus 34:7).**
4. **Blessings of a Family Prayer Altar.**
 - i. Strengthen your personal Altar.
 - ii. Welcome God’s presence into your Home.
 - Build your personal altar in your home.
 - Cleanse your home and bloodline from any defilement.
 - Fill your home with worship, prayer, and Word.
 - Carry the presence of God in thought, word, and deed.
 - iii. Build your Family Prayer Altar.

Sing – Bless- Read – Pray