

# CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF BLESSING

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**AIMS COURSE**

**Student Notes**

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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 e\_\_\_\_\_ for abundant living.

1. **God’s very nature is to b\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 136:1, Genesis 1:28)**  
Summed up in the Hebrew word *chesed*.

2. **His blessing comes f\_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:11)**

3. **We are to s\_\_\_\_\_ Him blessing (John 5:19,30)**

4. **The Father is s\_\_\_\_\_ to bless (Luke 15:20)**

5. **Blessing is c\_\_\_\_\_ 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 a\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 115:13-15, Acts 2:17-18; Amos 3:7;)**
2. **We should desire to return to be h\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 32:26; 1 Chronicles 4:10)**
3. **We should beware of false b\_\_\_\_\_ and wrong expectations (Matthew 11:29-30)**

### **Blockages to blessings:**

- Wrong R\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (“This is my experience of a Father”)
  - Wrong A\_\_\_\_\_ (“I don’t need any help”)
  - Wrong T\_\_\_\_\_ (“I haven’t met biblical requirements”)
  - Wrong S\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (“I’m not worthy”).
4. **We stand on the p\_\_\_\_\_ of God (1 John 3:16,20-21, Romans 8:1)**
  5. **God loves even His e\_\_\_\_\_ (I was one) and desires good things for them (Matthew 5:43-45; Romans 5:10)**

### Part 3 – Called to Bless

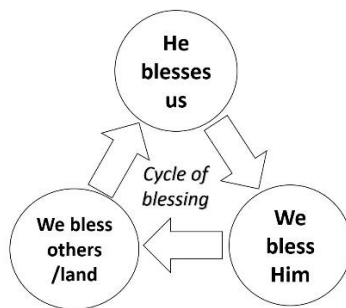
*“Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.” 1 Peter 3:9*

Introduction: God’s DNA is to bless.

1. The Genesis \_\_\_\_\_ calling.
2. The A \_\_\_\_\_ Calling (Genesis 12:2-3,7; Galatians 3:29)
3. The P \_\_\_\_\_ 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 T \_\_\_\_\_ Calling (1 Peter 3:8-9).
5. The Call to Bring S \_\_\_\_\_ (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 C\_\_\_\_\_ of our blessing others (Numbers 6:22-27).

It's putting His N\_\_\_\_\_ on a person.

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

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

4. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ 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 r\_\_\_\_\_ revelation for the life and circumstances of people (1 Peter 3:8-9, Genesis 49:28).

6. The word 'shalom' as a d\_\_\_\_\_ of peace.

7. What words should I use to bless others?

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## 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 F\_\_\_\_\_ is through the Godhead (2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:1-4).
2. The New C\_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven – At Work in the World (John 5:19; Acts 2:42-47).
3. A Community of B\_\_\_\_\_ (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.

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4. Speaking Redemptive Blessings as R\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ (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 G\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1:10)
2. The Land is P\_\_\_\_\_ by Sin (Genesis 3:17b; Numbers 35:34; Jeremiah 12:4).
  - i. S\_\_\_\_\_ Perversion (Leviticus 18:24-25)
  - ii. I\_\_\_\_\_ (Jeremiah 23:10)
  - iii. B\_\_\_\_\_ and Violence (Numbers 35:33-34)
  - iv. Broken C\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 24:5)
  - v. Unfaithfulness and I\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 106:37-38)
3. God Blesses the L\_\_\_\_\_ of those who Honour Him and Live as His Sons and Daughters (Romans 8:19; Deuteronomy 7:13)
4. We Must Pray and R\_\_\_\_\_ 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 p\_\_\_\_\_ every area (Deuteronomy 11:11-12).**
2. **God wants to bless a\_\_\_\_\_ and r\_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 28:1-8).**
3. **God reveals to us n\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ what is troubling areas and how we can pray and do outreach (Acts 17:23).**
4. **We should declare God’s blessing on p\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 23:20).**
5. **Jesus brought t\_\_\_\_\_ 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 M\_\_\_\_\_**

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 J \_\_\_\_\_ people prosper?
2. The Seven C \_\_\_\_\_ Times of Blessing.

The Seven Critical times...



...of blessing

3. Daily B \_\_\_\_\_ Cleansing (Exodus 34:7).
4. Blessings of a F \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Altar.
  - i. Strengthen your personal \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Welcome God’s presence into your \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 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 F \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Altar.

Sing – Bless- Read – Pray