

Unstoppable Blessing

Introduction

Are you experiencing the over abundant blessing of God in your life? We know there are a couple of actions that cause a screeching halt and sometimes even a reverse to the blessing of God. The first significant hindrance to blessing is immorality, as the writer of Proverbs says, “For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, and an adulteress hunts for the precious life (Proverbs 6:26).” Secondly, unbelief stops the Lord’s blessing cold in its tracks. If we don’t believe for His blessing, we won’t experience His blessing. But what else can cause us to experience little or no blessing? This week’s parashat provides insight into the Lord’s Unstoppable Blessing, and how to maintain a lifestyle of blessing.

No Respector of Persons

We believe that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. “I AM the Lord and I change not (Malachi 3:6).” Also, we know that there is nothing new under the sun, for “That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past (Ecclesiastes 3:15).” Believing that ALL scripture is the inspired word of God, Acts 10:34-35 states, “Opening his mouth, Peter said: ‘I most certainly understand now that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.’” This means what He said in the beginning applies to you and I today, whether Jewish by birth, or rebirth. If we fear the Lord and do what He said, then we will experience His fullness.

Eikev – If You Follow

Last week’s Torah portion was called Eikev, which literally means if you follow. Throughout the portion the Lord sets before the children of Israel His promises for them. He reminds them over and over again that His promises are true, “If You Follow” them. The Lord takes them through the detailed ways in which His blessings will be poured out upon them, if they would only follow. The promises speak to health, wealth, rule, reign, power, dominion, family, etc. He tells them that dread will come upon everyone around them because of His blessing upon them. They will receive every piece of land on which their feet tread. He reminds them not to forget that what they have comes directly from Him, and through Him, else He will cause the blessings to stop, and instead “you will experience all of the curses the other nations experience.” If only they...if only we, would follow and remember...

Re’eh – Look and See

This week’s Torah portion begins with an incredible reminder, “‘See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today; and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known (Deuteronomy 11:26-28).’” Throughout the portion the Lord reminds the people to “see” they hold carefully to that which the Lord commanded, as it would go well with them and His blessing would be upon them. Likewise, we are called upon to “look and see” the way of the Lord, and to evaluate our steps and our actions to ensure they line up with His word. If they do, it will go well with us and we

will experience the fullness of His promises and blessing. If not, we also will experience the curses that have been placed on all of the other nations.

40 Days of Favor

As the month of Elul begins on Monday evening, the 40 days leading up to the Days of Awe and ultimately, Yom Kippur. These 40 days are also known as the “Yemei Ratzon”, Days of Favor, as the sages believe this was the time that God forgave the children of Israel after the Golden Calf incident. These days should be used to prepare for the solemn Day of Atonement, the day when the books are opened before the Lord and He evaluates each and every person. We who have the Messiah Y’shua should use these days to evaluate what aspects of our walk need a change so that we can experience unstoppable blessing. These days can truly become Days of Favor for us, as they were for the children of Israel. We can repent and turn from those things that are standing in the way of His blessing, and begin to walk in the fullness of His Grace (desire and power), experiencing tremendous favor.

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When I read the promises and the blessings offered to the children of Israel, I get excited, because I know they are for me too. God is no respecter of persons and if I do as He said, then I will experience His unstoppable favor and blessing in all the areas of my life. We CAN and WILL experience His unstoppable blessing and favor, but the choice is up to us. What do I need to change? What do you need to change? What do we, as a congregation, need to change? Stupidity is defined as doing the same thing and expecting a different result. If we are experiencing the same results in our walk with the Lord, then something needs to change; something HAS to change. If we aren’t experiencing His unstoppable blessing and favor, then something needs to change; something HAS to change. I’m ready to experience His overwhelming, unstoppable blessing...are you? (pray to end)