

THE POWER OF THE BENEDICTION

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THE POWER OF THE BENEDICTION

Leviticus 9:23 "And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people."

We are living in the age of power, since the industrial revolution took place it seems that machines just keep getting bigger and more powerful. It is amazing to see the great wonders that human engineering has accomplished, not only in size and power, but also in scope and complexity.

We have machines that can strip and remove entire mountains, we have machines that can tunnel under the mountains and even under the sea to connect land masses, we even have machines so delicate that they can do surgery on a human body. They are even coming out with machines that can read our thought patterns.

But the most powerful force in the entire universe is not generated by steam, electricity, or even man's ability to harness nature's wonders, the most powerful force in the universe resides in the words that come out of the human mouth.

How can that be possible you may ask? Let me ask you this, what was the power source that created the entire universe? It was Words!

Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

According to science everything that exists in the universe came into being as the result of a tremendous release of energy that came out of nothing that was visible, but they do not know what was the cause that released all that energy, but the Bible emphatically tells us that it was the spoken Word of God.

Genesis 1:3 "Then God said, 'Let there be *light* (energy)'; and there was light."

The earth, or that which is tangible, was without form and void, that is it could not be ascertained, measured, or comprehended, for it was darkness from the face of the deep, and it took the spoken Word of God to give it form and to bring it into our physical reality.

Thereby clearly setting the principle; it takes words to bring forth that which does not exist into our physical realm, words of faith in the principle that God has clearly established when He created the entire universe.

John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **He** (*the Word*) was in the beginning with God. All things were made through **Him** (*the Word*), and **without Him nothing was made that was made.**"

So that everything that now exists came into being by the spoken Word of God, and so that we can better grasp the personality of the Word that created everything, the Word became flesh Himself in human form and interacted with His created humans to let them know about this principle that not only created everything out of nothing, but that also continues to sustain the creation as well.

John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

What that means is that the power that created everything that now exists, resides in a human physical body that demonstrated the power of His spoken words in both His natural body before He died and was resurrected from the dead, as well as in His resurrected body that now sits in heaven at the right hand of God interceding for us, so that when we speak His Word, we too can bring about the creative force that makes physically real that which in the natural does not yet exist.

Colossians 1:15 "**He** (*Jesus, the Word that became flesh*) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

What that means is that Jesus is our new prototype, just like in our natural birth we all inherited Adam's fallen nature, in our new born again experience we all become partakers of the divine nature of Jesus, who is the last Adam.

2 Peter 1:3-4 "As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly **great and precious promises** (*words*), **that through these** (*words*) you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

If we know Him who created everything through His spoken Word, and if we understand that through His spoken promises to us we can be partakers of the divine nature that is able to create something out of nothing, then we can surely understand why Peter calls them *great and precious promises*.

John 14:12 "**Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, *the works that I do he will do also*; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.**"

Jesus doubles down and clear as day tells us that those of us who believe in Him become partakers of His divine nature, therefore are able to do the same creative works that He did, and not only that, even greater works will be possible for those who believe because He is next to our Father in heaven interceding for us.

Since the power that created and continuous to sustain everything resides in the Word, and since we are now one with The Word that became flesh, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, then it becomes very important for us to know what that power is, how it functions, and what our responsibilities and calling are in regards as to how we are to administer that power that has been vested in us who believe.

Hebrews 5:11, 14 "***Of whom* we have much to say, and *hard to explain*, since you have become dull of hearing...But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses *exercised to discern both good and evil*.**"

The *of whom*, is Jesus, The Word who created everything and who became flesh, and the *hard to explain* part is about the creative power that we have inherited in Him through His divine nature, and it is hard to explain because of us having ears that do not want to hear because it does not come natural to our senses that words can be so powerfully creative.

But the Lord wants to train us in how to utilize this tremendously creative force, so that by reason of use we can make our senses to discern the importance of this gift and our responsibilities to it, for as we become able to discern between good and evil, God is able to use our words as a mighty weapon for the benefit of mankind.

In this book we will put our emphasis in the impact that both, blessing and cursing words have upon humanity as a whole, and on individuals in particular. We will

explore the mechanics of how and why, and what our responsibilities are as we mature in our understanding of this creative process.

THE COHESIVENESS PRINCIPLE

Ephesians 4:15-16 "But, *speaking the truth* (God's Word) in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

The first thing to notice is that in both, Hebrews chapter five, and here in Ephesians four, the theme is the maturity of the body of Christ; Hebrews five uses the words *full of age*, Ephesians four uses the words *a perfect man*. And in both cases the maturity of the body depends on how well connected that particular part of the body is to the head, that is, to Jesus Christ the Word that became flesh.

Since we are dealing here with principles that transcend our humanity, let us take a look at the big picture first, before we apply it to the personal level.

Colossians 1:17 "He is before all things, and *in him all things hold together*." kjv

Let's go big here, by *in Him all things hold together*, Paul means the entire universe, which makes sense, since the entire universe was created by Him.

So that whatever thing there is that exists, was not only created by Him, The Word that became flesh, by it is also sustained and kept together by Him, God's Word; be it things that are visible or of the invisible things that He also created!

Colossians 1:16 "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. *All things were created through Him and for Him*."

Here is the foundational principle that we need to understand; if all things that exist were created and are sustained by the Word of God, whether visible or invisible, personalities or principalities, then they can either be undone or improved upon by the same force/words that formed them and that sustains them! Through the process of *speaking the truth in love*, that is why love and maturity are required.

We do not want to go around undoing or changing things that we do not understand. You do not want to go into the control room of a nuclear reactor plant

and start pushing buttons and pulling levels just to see what they do, do you? Of course not! It is the same when we handle the creative force of the Word of God.

Colossians 1:10 "That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Now to the personal level, whether we know it or not, our daily lives are impacted negatively by words that have been spoken against us personally, against our race, national origin, against our religion, against our culture, or a combination of things.

To walk worthy of the Lord and to fully please Him we need to nullify those cursing words, but first we need to know what they are and where they came from.

Here is a fact worth knowing, all authorities derive their power to rule from the dictates of words. That is what jurisdiction means, *jurist* means law and *diction* means words, that is the law of the spoken word that all those who rule must follow, as well as all created things.

Isaiah 54:17 "'No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and *every tongue* (*cursing words*) which rises against you in judgment you shall *condemn* (*we make void, we disannulled*). This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their *righteousness* (*authority to make void*) is from *Me* (*The Word*),' says the Lord."

Think about it, everything that exists originated with words, that is what binds our reality together, what I call the cohesiveness principle. The energy within the spoken word becomes tangible matter and unless dissolved by other words, it sustains that matter until the words that created it complete their cycle.

So that everything in the universe responds to spoken words, be it good words or bad words. Good words are called blessings, *bene* = good, *diction* = words, **benediction** means good words that bring blessings. Curse words are bad words, *mal* = bad, *diction* = words, **maldicion** means curse words in my native Spanish language.

Curses are nothing more than ill willed words intended to bring harm upon those against whom they are spoken.

Mark 11:21-23 "And Peter, remembering, said to Him, 'Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.' So *Jesus answered and said to them, 'Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.'*"

What a powerful lesson Jesus taught His disciples, though it was Peter who asked the question, *Jesus answered and said to them*, so that this power was not just available to Peter the apostle, but to everyone who speaks and does not doubt in his/her heart that what they speak will be done on their behalf.

So that if faith comes by hearing, that is understanding how the Word of God works, the more that we know the principles behind how words work, the greater our faith.

On the previous day Jesus approached a fig tree that was full of leaves looking for figs, but since it was not the season for figs the tree did not have any figs. Jesus cursed the tree for not having any figs to teach His disciples an extremely valuable lesson, which was that even the seasons are subservient to the word and not the other way around.

In other words, Jesus as a man wanted fruit from a tree that was created to serve man its fruit, and since man has inherited, for that is our heritage according to Isaiah, the power to create and to destroy by the spoken word, the tree should have been subservient to the need of man more than to the requirements of the seasons.

Now that may seem a little odd to us since seasons implies order, and all created things must follow after the order of their seasons. But here is what Jesus was trying to teach us, that words have the power to alter even the order of the seasons, as long as the principle of cohesiveness is not violated.

Mark 2:27 "And He said to them, *'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.'*"

Since it was to man who the power of dominion over the creation was given to, it is to man also that all the creation must submit to as well, including all its seasons.

But that type of dominion can only be obtained under the full jurisdiction of the

Spoken Word of God that created everything that exists and that sustains it as well. So that in reality, the creation itself awaits for the redeemed sons of man, to speak the good words that will liberate it from the bondage of decay that was brought upon it by the sinfulness of man.

Romans 8:19, 21 "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God...Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

From one man, Adam, came the dissolution of order, and since then, disorder rules over the creation and keeps it in bondage to corruption.

But then by one man, Jesus, order was restored and dominion was given back to man. But that dominion order must follow the rules that govern the creation through the principle of cohesiveness spoken in the Word of God.

And that is that *All things were created through Him and for Him.*

So that in anything that we speak, if it is because we want to *Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him*; that is, we know what we are doing when we speak in the full authority of words, and the reason why we are speaking in such authority is because it would fully please Him who created everything, then we are good.

Ephesians 5:8-10 "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord." kjv

Remember our verse earlier about speaking the truth in love?

All spiritual fruit have their origins in love, God's unconditional love for us, it is our response to His unconditional love that translates us from this world's darkness into His marvelous light.

In His light we are made good and righteous, but the most important virtue that we are given is in our ability to understand the truth of how His Word created, sustains, and now governs our present environment, through those of us who are born of His Spirit and who follow the cohesiveness principle postulated in His spoken Word that was written down for our advancement and admonition.

REALITY VERSES ILLUSION

John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they are life*."

In our natural way of understanding things, reality is tangible or another way of describing it would be, sensually based. We perceive reality through our natural senses and we try to make sense of it through natural means.

But if we understand that what appears real to us is nothing more than an illusion that is passing away, and that what is really real is the invisible energy of God's Word that holds everything together, then we are more apt to change the order of things by faith in the spoken Word of God, so that we can bring about real life.

2 Corinthians 4:18 "While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Everything that is visible is made of invisible things. Everything that is visible is passing away, while everything that is invisible will remain.

So that reality is that which is invisible, and all that we perceive as real is nothing more than a mirage, an illusion that aims to deceive us, by keeping us from realizing our real potential as words uttering humans.

That is what's behind the demonic theory of evolution, to devolve humans into mere animal creatures void of creative power when they speak. For if the demonic hierarchies can get people to believe that human speech is nothing more than a means of communication between one another, and that it lacks the power to change the course of nature, then man's dominion over their invisible domain becomes restrained, and disorder continuous to wreak havoc upon humanity.

James 3:6 "And the *tongue* (an unruly tongue) is a *fire*, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and *sets on fire the course of nature*; and it is set on fire by hell."

Due to our lack of understanding how the creative power of words can either bless or curse, many unknowingly have brought great curses upon themselves or others.

Genesis 11:6 "And the Lord said, 'Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.'"

In our human struggles with what is real and with what is not, there is one marker that remains true to its core and can always be relied upon to expose illusion and to confirm reality, and that is the Truth of the Word of God. That is why the principle of cohesiveness and speaking the truth in love are so important, because the real reality is held together by truth.

In the Genesis account of men's rebellion at the tower of Babel this formidable principle is clearly revealed.

What were they rebelling against? The Word of God that commanded them to disperse. The unity of their rebellion empowered them to accomplish whatever they purposed themselves to do, so by confusing their languages, their ability to complete the tower was compromised.

Genesis 11:7-8 "'Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city."

So that the force that held them together was words. Once their ability to communicate purpose with one another was removed their cohesiveness fell apart.

So that the creative force that drove them and enabled them to complete whatsoever they purposed themselves to do, were words of agreement, but only for as long as they stayed attached to the reality of God's commandment to them.

So here is what really took place:

The Word of God empowered them as long as they stayed under the jurisdiction of the commandment to scatter abroad and to repopulate the entire earth.

Once they decided to make a name for themselves, what they basically did was to enunciate their own words of jurisdiction that contradicted what God had commanded them to do, and by saying *lest we be scattered*, they confirmed their intentions to separate themselves from the will of God for them.

What happened next was that they lost their God given ability to perceive the reality of God's plan for their lives, and as they were scattered, became nomads and wanderers and experts in mirages, never finding their true destiny.

Let us draw a line here to connect the dots. Had those who rebelled stayed faithful to the commandment to scattered themselves and to repopulate the entire earth, all of the habitable continents would have been seeded by men of faith who shared the same common language, before they became separated during the days of Peleg. Since they would have been under the proper jurisdiction, they would have ruled and exercised wisely over the commandments of God for their future.

And since their desire was to be of one purpose with those with whom they shared one common language, commerce between the old world and what we know today as the new world would have flourished, and as a result they would have created a better advanced civilization than what we could even imagine today.

Perhaps even avoiding the savageries that rebellion against God's purpose have brought to mankind since the days of men's second rebellion against the will of God derailed God's orderly plan for humanity.

For all that humans have known since the days of Nimrod's rebellion is wars, famine, pestilences, poverty, despair, and worse of all the loss of their true destiny in the Word of God.

But that is what Jesus came to fix, He came and died for our sins of rebellion against His will for us, and in the process He restored mankind back to the true destiny for which we were created and that had been lost.

Matthew 10:39 "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."

So we have a choice, real life or the illusion of life.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ like me, according to Scripture we are now seated in the heavenly realm with Jesus.

Ephesians 2:5-6 "Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and *made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*"

Let me ask you this question, according to the Word of God, where am I now, here or there? You can ask the same about yourself if you are a Christian.

Now from my present perspective, I am typing words into my computer, this is the reality that I perceive through my human senses right now. But from the spiritual perspective I am already in the spiritual realm with Jesus.

So which is my real life and which is the illusion?

The only way that we can truly answer that question is through the definition of what the essence of reality really is according to the Word of God. For if what is invisible is what is really real, and what is visible is fading away like a mirage, then I'm not really here, for since I lost my life for His sake, the only place where my real life can exist is in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:15-16 "And He died for all, that those *who live (here in the present)* should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and *rose again (to the heavenly place)*. Therefore, *from now on, we regard (recognize)* no one according to *the flesh (the physical realm)*. Even though we have known Christ according to *the flesh (physically)* yet now *we know Him thus no longer (for He is in heaven sitting at the right hand of God interceding for us)*."

While the physical reality dictates that we are still here, the spiritual reality is that as soon as we confessed our sins before God, we died. As it is written: *The soul that sins will surely die.*

The only reason we are still here is because God accepted Christ's atoning sacrifice on our behalf when we repented of our sins, so that God does not recognize our own lives, but Christ's life in us, which by the way is the hope of glory, the ground to expect the manifestation of the divine nature.

So that Christ, and His Word in us is where our true life resides.

Now if we look at it from the context of time itself, my time here on earth hardly even registers within the confines of eternity.

Take a billion years and divide it into a life span , if you could portrait a billion years on a wall somehow, you would need a pretty big magnifying glass to find a life span within a billion years. And think about it, a billion years when contrasted against eternity would register even less than what a life span is to a billion years.

And Jesus, the One we are sitting next to in the spiritual realm, has always existed. So that in Him we become like Him and transcend time and space with Him.

James 4:14 "...For what is your life? it is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."

Though our lives while here on earth may be like a vapor that disappears and that vanishes away, our scent will linger for a pleasant eternity, that is if we lose what little is left of our lives in this present time for His sake, and choose to live in the reality of the age to come.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 "Therefore, *if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation*; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. *Now all things are of God*, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and *has given us the ministry of reconciliation*."

Now all things are of God. Here we see the principle of cohesiveness.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Here we see our real reality.

Has given us the ministry of reconciliation. And here is our assignment.

What is it that we are to reconcile?

Ephesians 1:10 "That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times *He might gather together in one all things in Christ*, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him."

Even though we are now citizens of His heavenly kingdom, and the fact that we are already seated with Him in heavenly places; the reason we still transcend into this

physical reality is so that we can make all things down here subject to the Word of God through the power of the words that we physically utter down here.

2 Corinthians 10:5-6 "Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing *every thought* (*perception, purpose, intellect, disposition*) into captivity to the obedience of Christ, **and being ready to punish all disobedience** when your obedience is fulfilled."

In the preceding verse Paul says that *though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh*. What are we warring against? And what is the disobedience that we have been made ready to punish?

Our job is to expose the false reality of this world system that has been established under man's jurisdiction, which is nothing more than the doctrines of demons and consists of nothing but lies!

This is how God sees the humanity that lives under this world's demonic spell:

James 4:4 "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that *friendship with the world is enmity with God*? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

Just think of the implications of what we have been talking about, if we reckon that by the *friendship with the world* statement, Scripture means the physical reality that we perceive through our human senses, then that changes the whole outlook of things. Could that word *friendship* also mean familiarity with the physical realm at the cost of our spiritual position that we have in Christ as born again believers?

James 4:5 "Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, 'The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously?'"

It is clear that James is comparing those who have the Spirit of God within them, with adulterers, if they pay more attention to the things of the world that are passing away at the cost of the eternity that they already possess.

John 14:17 "The Spirit of truth, *whom the world cannot receive*, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

How can we speak the truth in love from this world's perspective, when the world is not capable of receiving the Spirit of truth?

And how can we receive creative powerful words from the Holy Spirit, if we are in tune to the world at the expense of hearing from God's Spirit?

If we want our words to be full of power, so that when we bless, good things happen on behalf of those over whom we uttered the blessings, then those words better originate from the Spirit's unction and not from emotions brought about by our natural senses, for such words are empty words, empty of God's power, no matter how well intended they are.

Real power then resides in human words that are spoken with the full backing of the Holy Spirit; and the only way that we can receive those anointed words is if we receive them from the spiritual reality of which we are a part of in Christ.

Words that originate from this world's perspective are as empty of power as are those things in the world that continuously decay and die, for they are here today and gone tomorrow, they are disappearing.

DEATH BY SELF NULLIFICATION

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

When a tree is grafted with a new and higher yielding, drought resistant, pest resistant branch, the idea is for all the old branches to die off, in order to let the new grafting take over the tree completely. The old trunk is the only thing that should remain, everything else should be new.

So it is with our salvation in Christ Jesus, we are still here in the flesh, but only on the outside, for in the inside there should only be one person producing all the fruit, leaves, and new branches, and that person is the Son of God, who is the grafted Word that became flesh, not only in His own physical body, but in us as well.

James 1:21 "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the *implanted* (*engrafted*) word, which is able to save your souls."

Since it is by grace that we are saved, and since our own *righteousness* is but filthy rags before the Lord, then why are we to lay aside the filthiness and the wickedness that resides within us in abundance? Are we not already saved?

The only conclusion that makes sense to me is that the words that come from our old nature become like a cancer to our souls that hinder us from achieving our destiny in Christ. Meanwhile, the words that come from the Son of God who lives in us, are life and abundant life into our souls.

Since our souls represent our self-life, and since our self-life continues after we become born again in God's Spirit, then we have a choice as to which words we feed our souls; do we feed our souls the truth and reality of the Word of God, or do we let it continue in the lies that this world system has perpetrated against us?

1 Peter 1:9 "Receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls."

Faith in the Word of God, who is the Son of God, delivers us from death unto life. Speaking the Word of God, who is the Son of God, to ourselves, that is speaking words of blessings from the Word of God over our own lives, saves our souls.

LIFE BY SELF ENUNCIATION

Isaiah 65:16 "So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because *the former troubles* (*our filthiness and our overflow of wickedness*) are forgotten, and because they are hidden from My eyes."

So that our battles are not necessarily against our sinful nature, since we are a new creation in Christ Jesus already, but against the ideals of this world which are always at odds with the principles of the Word of God that we are commanded to enforce, for we are commanded by the Word of God to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

In other words, since Christ lives in us by virtue of our new birth, then it should be Christ also who speaks through us by virtue of our death to self.

What enables us to speak powerful words that bring immediate change into whatever circumstance we speak then into, resides in a soul or life that has died to self and that is now a tool that God can use here in the earth to apprehend and to make captive the merchants of deceit and coercion, by *Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God*.

Since this world system is founded in lies, our job while here in this world is to speak the Word of God which is the Truth, and to do that we need to die to self, that is we need to die to the ideals of this world system and live as children of God.

2 Corinthians 4:11-12 "For we who *live* (*for Christ*) are always delivered to *death* (*death means the separation of self from this world system*) for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also *may be manifested* (*to others in this world*) in our mortal flesh. So then *death is working in us* (*the more that we die to self the more life we can bring to you*), but life in you."

We bring life into a dying world through the power of spoken words, words that originate from the Spirit of God within us and flow through our lips in the form of blessings from God, that are released to bless those who are under the power of the darkness of this world with the light of God's truth.

The Lord takes those spoken words and fills them with life giving energy that bring life to those who by faith in God receive them with joy into their hearts.

Hebrews 13:15 "Therefore *by Him* let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."

A sacrifice is a priestly function that mediates between man and God, the priest goes before God and makes an offering on behalf of man. Our ministry is to reconcile man to God, our offering is the sacrifice of praise that originates from a heart that is grateful that God has provided a Mediator between us and God; that is what is meant *by Him* we offer up the sacrifice of praise.

It is customary for the priest to bless the offering and to give thanks to God for providing us with the ability to serve Him in such manner.

One may say, why does God need intercessors anyway, isn't God able to bless others without the agency of man? The truth is that God is not in need of anything or anybody, He is God Omnipotent and He can do whatever He wants to whenever He wants to. But remember that God is in the business of exponentiation.

John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. "

Here is a mathematical principle, the devil takes away and divides. Jesus adds and multiplies. When the Lord gives you something He expects you to multiply that something. He gives us life, He expects us to multiply that life that He gives to us.

That life came to us through His spoken Word that became flesh, we multiply that life when His spoken Word becomes flesh in us and through us, as we speak His words of blessing over those who are perishing.

Psalms 103:1-2 "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and *forget not all His benefits.*"

The Lord also, by allowing us to participate in the ministry of reconciliation as His priests here in the earth, qualifies us to be partakers of His great many benefits.

First of all David told himself to bless God, *Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!* And then to aid himself in this ministry of pronouncing blessings, he told all of himself to *forget not all His benefits.*

What are the benefits of the benediction?

Psalm 103:3 "Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases."

One part of salvation that Christians sometimes overlook is that the Lord not only forgives us our sins, but that He also delivers us from the consequences of all our sins as well, even the consequences of our ancestors sins which are called iniquities.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to *cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*"

When a person sins, that person violates the laws of God that were given to man to protect us from doing damage to our souls.

If we look at God's law as the rules of a game let's say, when those rules are violated a foul is committed and a penalty is inflicted, too many violations and you can be kicked out of the game.

In real life, when a person sins, the penalty is usually a curse that is attached in the Law of God to that sin, along with an alteration to that person's genetic code. That is why God gave us His law to direct us away from behavior that can lead to the alteration of our genetic makeup which can be represented by a tree.

Those who feed from the tree of life which is the Word of God, represented by the plus and multiplication symbols, bring life and abundant life into their genes.

Those who feed from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which is this world system, represented by the take away and divide symbols, bring nothing but death, despair, and division to themselves.

The sin of idolatry is the foundation upon which the entire world system rests, that is what causes our genes to become separated from the code that God originally

assigned to us in our original genetic makeup. We received faulty genes from our ancestors after they committed the sins of idolatry.

When a person commits a sin of idolatry the consequences of their sins to their genetic code are so severe, that those consequences can be handed down to the third and fourth generation of their offspring.

Exodus 20:5 "*You shall not bow to them (idols/idolatry) nor served them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me.*"

Notice how this first great benefit of salvation is stated in relation to the genetic mess we all have inherited. **Remove the iniquity and you get rid of the diseases:**

Psalm 103:3 *Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.*

Since many humans are predisposed to illnesses that they inherited through their genetic codes, the forgiving, which is the cancelling off of the curses attached to the iniquities, leads to the healing of those who have been afflicted.

And according to king David, the canceling of the iniquity that allows the healing and the restoration to take place, are initiated by spoken words of blessings:

Psalm 103:1-2 *Bless the Lord, O my soul; and **all that is within me**, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.*

When David refers to himself he tells *all that is within* him to bless God in accordance with the benefits that are included in God's plan of salvation. *All that is within* him are those defective genes that he inherited that caused him so much trouble in his natural flesh.

Psalm 51:2-5 "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, ***I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.***"

The benediction even has the power to alter a faulty genetic system, for as the Word declares—we are a new creation, a brand new creature in Christ Jesus!

That may be hard for some of you to believe, but when you consider that the same Word that created and sustains the entire universe of which we are a part of, is the same Word that redeemed us and made us a new creation in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 1:18-19 "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your *aimless conduct* (*conversation: behavior brought about by bad words*) received *by tradition* (*handed over or handed down*) from your fathers, but with the *precious blood of Christ*, as of a lamb *without blemish and without spot* (*we were redeemed by blood that has no faulty genes*)."

When we replace the bad words that we have inherited from our ancestors with the blessings of the Word of God, in accordance with the benefits that came along with our salvation, we are altering the course of our old nature into the new nature.

So care should be taken then, to make sure that the words of blessings that we speak originate entirely from the Spirit and counsel of the perfect Word of God.

Psalm 103:4 "Who *redeems your life from destruction*, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies."

The restoration of our genetic code to God's original settings!

Now is not that what David is implying when he tells his soul that one of the benefits of salvation is redemption from self-destruction.

A crown is the reward of those who are victorious and overcome great obstacles.

In Jesus we are all given the crown of life, and we do not have to wait to get to heaven to get it, for His abundant life is available to all who believe in His salvation right now.

Psalm 103:5 "Who *satisfies your mouth with good things* (*gives you good words*), so that *your youth is renewed* (*through the power of good words*) like the eagle's."

Psalm 103:6 "The Lord executes *righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.*"

Now remember that David is enumerating the benefits of salvation; and here he tells us that the Lord makes it right, not just for him David, but for all those who are saved and who are oppressed. And let us not forget that he is telling himself to speak words of blessings that testify to these facts.

Now why would God do all of that for us sinful and rebellious humans?

Psalm 103:10-12 "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those *who fear Him* (*respect Him enough to accept His offer of salvation*); as far as the east is from the west, so far He has removed our transgressions from us."

If you ever felt that your words were lacking when it came to things that you should be blessing God for, after reading Psalm 103, you should be set for life.

Psalm 103:17-18 "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and *His righteousness to children's children*, to such as keep His covenant, and to those *who remember His commandments to do them.*"

And as if it was not enough, after we find out that our faulty genes are altered to reflect our new creation through blessings, we are also told that our children's genes are altered as well, so that instead of us passing our iniquities to them, they become partakers of the benefits and blessings attached to our salvation.

Can we just stop for a minute and bless His holy name forever and ever!

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!

Some of you may be thinking, if all of these are true then why are so many Christians not receiving these benefits in their lives right now? I cannot speak on their behalf for I'm not in their shoes, all I can do is teach God's Word as the Holy Spirit inspires me to, and hope that life changing revelation will enter into the hearts of those who are reading this teaching and who are needlessly suffering.

Hosea 4:6 "My people are *destroyed* (remember that God redeems our lives from destruction through knowledge of His commandments) *for lack of knowledge...*"

MECHANICS OF THE BENEDICTION

Psalm 103:19 "The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all."

In this chapter we are going to deal with how the Lord has set up His kingdom, in the hope that if we are able to understand how words of blessings work, that it might increase our faith and energize those words of blessing that we speak so that they can accomplish the blessing for which we speak them out for.

The Lord has established His throne in heaven. The first thing that we need to know is that there is an agency that watches over the words of blessings that we speak down here on earth.

His kingdom rules over all. And this agency has jurisdiction over the entire creation. So that anywhere in the universe when God's Word is spoken it falls immediately upon this agency, called the kingdom of God, to make sure that the decrees of His spoken Word are duly carried out.

Psalm 103:20 "Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, *who do His word*, heeding the voice of His word."

And just like there is an agency, there are also agents, who are charged with the solemn duty of performing what the spoken word has decreed. Notice that these are not just angels, but they are angels who excel in strength, who take heed from the voice of His Word and then do what His Word commands.

So that when we speak a blessing in accordance with the Word of God that is motivated by love, remember that we are to speak the truth in love; there is an agency that takes notice immediately and dispatches agents who excel in strength to make sure that those blessing words are carried out.

Matthew 16:19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you *bind on earth* (having been bound) *will be bound in heaven*, and whatever you *loose on earth* (having been loosed) *will be loosed in heaven.*"

In the original text it implies that when we loose something here on earth that God has already loosed in heaven, that it will come to pass down here if we speak it.

The same applies that if we bind something here on earth that has already been bound in heaven, that it will be done as well.

That means that the kingdom of God follows the cohesiveness principle, everything flows out of God's perfect will in heaven and it is our job to speak the will of God here on the earth in regards to whatever situation we are facing, and by doing so we bring the kingdom of God down here to the earth.

Matthew 6:10 "*Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"

So as you can clearly see, we bring the kingdom of God to the earth by the words that we speak that are in agreement with what God has already declared in heaven. And God has established a spiritual hierarchy, an agency if you will, to watch over the spoken words of humans here on this earth that agree with what He has decreed in heaven, and He has assigned agents to carry them out.

Psalm 103:21 "Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure."

When the Lord's heavenly armies—His hosts— and His earthly army of ministers, those of us who speak out His blessings— come in agreement—we bless the Lord and do His pleasure, that is how we bring His will here on the earth.

And coming in agreement with one another is not an option, neither for them nor for us, it's a commandment, we are instructed to do it.

Psalm 103:22 "*Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.* Bless the Lord, O my soul!"

This is what the power of the benediction is all about.

Since we know that the enemy tries to pervert everything that God has established, we can easily surmise that there is a demonic infrastructure as well that the devil has set up to watch over the cursing words that are released here on this earth through the mouths of those he has taken captive to do his will.

Words that originate out of his hatred against all humanity, accusing and cursing words that have a negative impact in all of humanity.

BREAKING FREE FROM DEMONIC CURSES

Proverbs 26:2 "Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so *a curse without cause shall not alight.*"

The devil can accuse and curse all he wants to, but none of his curses can land on anybody's head without a cause. As I said earlier, curses come as the result of a violation of God's Word.

We can safely say that everybody has violated the Word of God at one time or another. For we know that the Bible tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, so does that mean that we are all under a curse?

1 Corinthians 16:22 "If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, *let him be accursed.* O Lord come!"

Due to the fact that all humans have sinned, all have fallen under the curse of the law. Jesus is the only human who never sinned, so none of the curses, for remember that the curses are the penalty for sinning, ever landed on Jesus.

John 14:30 "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and *he has nothing in Me.*"

So that outside of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, all humanity is under a curse. But all who believe in Jesus, who love and accept His free pardon are delivered from the curse of the law.

Galatians 3:13 "*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law*, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree')."

All who are in Jesus are delivered from the curse of the law, all who are outside of Jesus are still under the curse of the law.

Galatians 3:10 "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, '*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.*'"

But notice how Jesus said that the devil *Has nothing in Me*, meaning that since He never sinned His genetic code was never altered, but not so with us, for we have inherited faulty genes as the consequences of our ancestors sins, and on top of that we added the consequences of our own sins to our own gene pool.

Jesus was conceived by the divine power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb, there were no genetic deficiencies transferred to the body of Jesus.

The same breath that gave life to Adam, the first human prototype and made him a perfectly sound specimen genetically speaking, is the same breath that entered into Mary's womb and fertilized her with the last and perfect human prototype, whose physical body was indwelt by the Word of God Himself.

We however are partakers of both natures, spiritually speaking we have been made perfect in Christ and are now brand new creatures. But humanly speaking we are the possessors of physical bodies that are riddled with genetic flaws.

1 Corinthians 15:45 "And so it is written, 'The first man Adam became a living being.' The last Adam became a life giving spirit."

Now Jesus took upon His perfect physical body all the consequences of every sin that was ever committed by man, and offered Himself on the cross as a guilt offering on behalf of all mankind, to satisfy the righteous requirements of the law that declared that the soul that sins shall surely die, and so, He died for our sins.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne, and since the soul of Jesus, as He died on the cross, had never sinned, it would have been unlawful for death to keep Him, for death is God's final punishment for sin. So to satisfy the righteous requirements of the law, Jesus had to be physically resurrected from the dead, for both His soul and His body had never sinned.

Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also *give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*"

Now remember that Jesus told us that the words that He spoke to us are spirit and that they are life, His words can make our mortal bodies alive, that is, delivered

them from the damage that was inflicted upon them by sin, if they flow out of His Spirit who dwells in us and out of our mouths in the form of blessings.

That is why we are to command our delivered souls to *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. And forget not all His benefits.*

Hebrews 7:25 "Therefore *He is also able to save to the uttermost* (deliver us completely from the consequences of our ancestors iniquities) those who come to God through Him, *since He always lives to make intercession* for them."

Notice these very important words, *Since He always lives to make intercession, He is also able to save to the uttermost*, what does it mean by that? Here is a clue!

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Why is so important for Jesus to be alive as our intercessor, yesterday, today, and forever? Because much of the damage that has been inflicted upon our genes were done by sins that were committed by our ancestors in the past, when we were not even alive, but yet we are still suffering the consequences of the curses that those past sins of our ancestors forwarded to us from the third and fourth generation.

By telling us that salvation to the uttermost is available to those of us who believe, it is teaching us that we can get out from under the consequences of the curses that we've inherited from our ancestors that still afflict our bodies today.

Now how can we do that you may ask? The same way that we got rid of the curses that we brought upon ourselves when we sinned. Here is one of the Scriptures we quoted earlier that showed us how to deal with both our sins and our ancestors sins:

1 Peter 1:18-19 "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your *aimless conduct* (conversation: behavior brought about by bad words) received *by tradition* (handed over or handed down) from your fathers, but with the *precious blood of Christ*, as of a lamb *without blemish and without spot* (we were redeemed by blood that has no faulty genes)."

Since Jesus is the same yesterday as He is today, we can confess all of our ancestors sins and rebellion against the Word of God, that were committed

yesterday, in the past, in the same way that we confess our sins of *today*, the present, before Him, and by faith believe that He forgives us and cleanses us.

Remember that as a new creation we have been given the ministry of reconciliation, we are to reconcile our past and our future to the reality of today, which is in this: **Colossians 1:27** "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

That is the hope of the manifestation of God's healing power in the lives of all those who believe in Him and trust in His Word.

In Christ we have deliverance from all curses, past, present, and future. But since curses were activated, or in other words, they were released by the power of spoken words, then they must also be nullified by the power of spoken words.

Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and *every tongue* (*cursing words*) which rises against you in judgment you shall *condemn* (*we make void, we disannulled*). This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their *righteousness* (*authority to make void*) is from *Me* (*The Word*),' says the Lord."

We counter the power of the cursing words spoken against us and against our heritage, by first confessing the sins that allowed the curses to be activated against us, our sins and our ancestors sins, then we proclaim the blessings of God over our lives and over our entire heritage according to the promises of God.

Exodus 20:6 "But showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

Here is a prayer that we've administered over the years, a prayer that proved to be a powerful weapon to help those to whom we ministered deliverance from the inherited consequences of curses. After you read and try to understand the purpose for the prayer, ask the Lord if this is something that He wants you to pray out loud.

If this is an action that the Lord wants you to take, believe when you pray that the Lord who is the same yesterday, is able to forgive yesterdays sins that are causing you so much ill today. And as you do, believe also that the Lord initiates within your genes the new creature that He intended you to be in Him, as you bring deliverance into your gene pool from all the consequences of those past curses.

This is His promise to those who pray in faith to receive His restoration.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in *Christ* (*who is the same yesterday, today, and forever*), he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

In order to fully realize our new creation in Christ Jesus, we need to give an account of what is past, for that is what the Lord requires of us.

Ecclesiastes 3:15 "That which is has already been, and what is to be has already been; and God requires an account of what is past."

PRAYER TO REMOVE GENERATIONAL CURSES

Our Father who are in heaven, creator of heaven and earth, God the judge of all; in the name of Jesus Your only Son I enter into Your heavenly court and publicly repent of all of my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness in the Name of Jesus. Apply dear Lord I pray, the atoning blood of Jesus over all the sins in my life and the sins in my ancestor's lives that resulted in a curse against me.

I repent of all of our disobediences and rebellions committed against Your Word. I now repent from and I renounce all the sins in my life and my ancestor's lives such as the sins of perversion, lust, cheating, lying, adultery, fornication, mistreatment of others, uncleanness, filthiness, wantonness, lewdness, and every perverted thing that was connected to our fallen nature.

I now repent from and I renounce all the sins in my life and my ancestor's lives such as the sins of false religion, cults, reading of horoscopes, idolatry, witchcraft, divination, all occult involvements, seditions, heresies, sorcery, dissensions, and every demonic thing that was connected to our fallen nature.

I now repent from and I renounce all the sins in my life and my ancestor's lives such as the sins of indecision, compromise, hatred, contentions, envy, gossip, murder, hostility towards others, hostilities towards myself, ill will towards others, ill will towards myself, and every divisive thing that was connected to our fallen nature.

I now repent from and I renounce all the sins in my life and my ancestor's lives such as the sins of malfunction, failures, laziness, lack of responsibility, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, drunkenness, intoxication, addictions, dependencies, and every compromising thing that was connected to our fallen nature.

According to **1 John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Now that I've confessed all my sins, I ask for Your forgiveness and cleansing from all my unrighteousness and the unrighteousness passed to me through the iniquity of all my ancestor's. Deliver me Lord and cleanse me by the power of the blood of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I now take authority over the devil's accusations against me. In accordance with the Word of God, I break and condemn any and every curse upon my life in the name of Jesus. I break all curses of poverty, lack, debt, destruction, sickness, death and vagabond. I break all curses on my marriage, family, children, and relationships. I break curses of rejection, pride, rebellion, lust, hurt, incest, rape, Ahab, Jezebel, fear, insanity, madness, and confusion.

In the Name that is above every name, the Name of Jesus, I now break all curses affecting my finances, my mind, my sexual character, my emotions, my will, my intellect, and all my relationships.

In the Name of Jesus I now break every hex, jinx, spell, and spoken curse over my life and my family's lives. I break every fetter, shackle, chain, cord, habit, and cycle that is the result of a curse.

According to **Galatians 3:13** I have been redeemed from the curse of the law by the sacrifice that Jesus offered on my behalf.

Father in heaven I now exercise my faith in the blood that Jesus offered for my redemption, and I loose myself and my descendants from any and every curse. I claim forgiveness through the blood that Jesus offered for my sins, and the sins of my fathers.

All of my sins have been forgiven, so I now renounce all the works of Satan and their effect over my life, and my family's lives, and I loose myself from every curse that came as a result of our disobedience and rebellion to the Word of God.

I exercise my faith now in the Word of God: **Romans 10:9-10**, and I make confession with my mouth of the salvation, deliverance, healing and restoration that I believe in my heart is now mine, because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Therefore I confess that Abraham's blessings are mine.

I confess that I am blessed and not curse.

I confess that I am the head and not the tail.

I confess that I am above and not beneath.

I confess that I am blessed coming in and going out.

I confess that I am blessed by God, and what God has blessed cannot be cursed.

In the Name of Jesus and by the power of His shed blood, I now command spirits of Rejection, Hurt, Bitterness, Unforgiveness, Bondage, Torment, Death, Destruction, Suicide, Fear, Lust, Perversion, Mind Control, Witchcraft, Poverty, Lack, Debt, Confusion, Double-mindedness, Sickness, Infirmary, Pain, Divorce, Separation, Strife, Contention, Depression, Sadness, Loneliness, Self-Pity, Self-Destruction, Self-Rejection, Anger, Rage, Wrath, Anguish, Vagabond, Abuse, Addiction, Insanity and the rest to COME OUT NOW in the Name of Jesus my Deliverer, and be forever gone, because all of your rights to torment me and my family have now been removed.

Dear Father in Heaven, in the Name of Jesus Your only begotten Son, I now thank You for setting me and making me free from every curse and from every unclean spirit that had operated in my life as a result of curses. Thank You Jesus! Amen.

End of prayer.

For those of you who are hearing this kind of teaching for the first time, there are probably a lot of questions that you are asking yourself right now, like these:

Can the consequences of my ancestors sins adversely affect my life today?

And if indeed I have inherited bad genetic predispositions from my ancestors, can I really go back in time and undo them?

Do the words that we speak really have the power to transcend time and space?

Scripture is full of examples as to how blessing words and cursing words have the power to endure the passing of time.

Joshua 6:26 "Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, 'Cursed be the man before the Lord who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates.'"

After the Lord miraculously destroyed the walls of Jericho allowing the children of Israel to defeat their enemies, Joshua pronounced a curse over the destroyed city and told them that if anyone ever try to rebuild that city he would do so at the cost of the lives of his oldest and youngest sons.

These solemn words that Joshua spoke over the destroyed city of Jericho, watched for hundreds of years waiting for someone who would violate the commandment not to rebuild the city of Jericho, to inflict the punishment prescribed in the curse upon the violator.

1 Kings 16:34 "In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation *with (at the cost of the life of)* Abiram his firstborn, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates, *according to the word of the Lord, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.*"

Notice this very important key, although it was through the mouth of Joshua that the curse was spoken, the words that Joshua spoke were not his own, for the words that came out of the mouth of Joshua, was the Word of the Lord; *According to the word of the Lord, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.*

So that when we speak the Word of the Lord, God watches over His Word to fulfill it, regardless of time and space, or whether the perpetrators of the sins that we are asking forgiveness for, are dead or alive. For before Him all live, and it is before Him that Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us.

Now, unlike those who were under the law where the blessings and curses were applied equally, those of us who live under this age of grace are called to dispense the blessings of God and let God deal with those deserving of the curse.

Romans 12:14, 19 "Bless those who persecute you; *bless and do not curse...* Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."

Since we are living in the age of grace, and since our God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, our Lord wants us to bless those who are deserving of the curse, in the hope that through the demonstration of His love and forgiveness manifested in us towards them, that they may be delivered from their hatred and become partakers of God's grace and be saved.

Romans 12:20-21 "Therefore, 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

You may be willing to accept that God is able to watch over His Word going forward in time, but you may ask, how can I know that He is also able to watch over His Word going backwards in time? If you still think that way, let us take a second look at the Scripture that we quoted earlier in this lesson.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same *yesterday*, today, and forever."

If it were impossible to adjudicate for past sins, then Jesus would have no need of being the same forgiving and atoning Savior *yesterday* as He is today and forever.

Psalms 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

RETRO-CAUSALITY

It is my belief that interactions with the past is not something new within biblical teaching, I think it permeates through the entire Bible.

If you've read some of my other writings, you know that I believe that Moses wrote the book of Genesis as an eyewitness account. I believe that he was taken back in time at least 2,500 years and wrote only what he was told to write, in the same manner that John was taken forward in time at least 3,000 years when he wrote what he was told to write in the book of Revelation.

I also wrote about how in Hezekiah's day (read The Kingdom of the Firstborn), the Lord caused the shadow of the sun to go backwards ten degrees in the sundial, for the purpose of undoing the word that Isaiah the prophet had spoken to Hezekiah, when he had told him that the Lord said that he was going to die.

Once again, for the purpose of giving our faith something positive that it can hold on to, let us look at the mechanics of how the consequences of something that has already taken place can be undone.

2 Corinthians 4:18 "While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are *temporary*, but the things which are not seen are *eternal*."

Science today has proven the above verse of Scripture, that was written almost 2,000 year ago, to be a scientific fact.

Everything that is physical, that is, everything that can be measure, is deteriorating and passing away. The discipline that explains how all the physical matter operates is called relativity, and it was introduced by Albert Einstein.

Everything that is invisible, that is, it cannot be measure or ascertained by a discipline, is referred to as quantum physics. All the invisible matter that falls under the quantum term is eternal, that is, it exists in the unending dimension of time, what the Bible calls eternity, and to this day scientists do not have a firm grip as to how it operates and why these invisible particles behave the way they do.

However, with the few glimpses that scientists have of that invisible world, they know that subatomic particles, of which all visible matter consists, are able to transmit information instantly to one another no matter how far apart they may be in time and space.

So that one of the areas that scientists are studying in this quantum world is called retro causality, that is sending information to the past that causes a visible reaction in our present time and space.

Friends, the wisdom of this world system preaches *salvation* through knowledge, and to do so it denigrates the true salvation presented to mankind in the pages of the Bible. For centuries this world system has relied on scientific discoveries to discredit the Bible and to promote their own corrupt wisdom.

But yet true science always bears witness to the Word of God which created everything. Be wary of scientists that fall under this proverb: *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death*, a dead end.

But do not fear science, for all of creation continuously shouts the praises of the Creator who created it and sustains it by the power of His Word.

Psalm 19:1-4 "*The heavens (the invisible realm) declare the glory of God; and the firmament (the visible realm) shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language (discipline) where their voice is not heard. Their line (sound) has gone out through all the earth, and their words (that sustains them) to the end of the world (the creation, both visible and invisible)...*"

The only way to reconcile the physical laws that govern the visible creation with the yet to be fully understood laws that govern the invisible creation, is through Jesus Christ!

The interactions between relativity and quantum mechanics cannot be fully understood outside of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. And that is not just my opinion is what the Word of God says. Here is another perspective of a Scripture we quoted earlier:

Ephesians 1:10 "That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times *He might gather together in one all things in Christ*, both which are in *heaven* (the spiritual realm that can only be partially explained by quantum mechanics) and which are on *earth* (physical realm, which is explained by relativity)—*in Him*."

I know that this may be news to someone that may be reading about this for the first time, but we need to understand that the Bible is the manual for the entire creation. If you want to know how any part of the universe works all you have to do is check God's manual, it is there for all to see.

But if we want to fully understand the power of the spoken word, we need to understand the mechanics of how words transcend time and space.

To help us further understand how words can have a direct impact on the consequences of past or future events we are going to look at two Scriptures, one we've already looked at, and one that we have not.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same *yesterday*, today, and forever."

Revelation 13:8 "...Whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the *Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*."

I do not believe in coincidences when it comes to Scripture, the fact that these two verses are found in the Bible under the same chapter and the same verse numbers, to me is a double witness as to how important this subject matter is.

First let's take a practical look at the Scripture we've quoted earlier: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever*. Jesus Christ cannot be the same yesterday unless we first apply the principle of physical transcendence to Him personally.

Let me explain: The physical body that The Word of God came to indwell had a beginning, and the name given to the physical body when He was born was Jesus.

The Word of God has always existed, but the physical body that The Word came to indwell had a beginning, it is very important that we get this.

Hebrews 10:5 "Therefore, when He came into the world, *He* (The Word) *said*: 'Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but *a body You have prepared for Me*.'"

This is not about semantics, we really need to understand this, because Scripture is very precise. When Scripture tells us that the resurrected body of *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever*, what it means is that the resurrected physical body of Jesus now resides at the very center of time itself.

In other words, when The Word of God went back up to heaven, it took His newly acquired physical body with Him, and The Word resumed in the position that it always had in eternity with God.

We can find Jesus right now at work, that is, interceding for His human creation at the center of time itself, interceding for His creation all the way back from the foundation of the world, and all the way forward to infinity time itself.

Colossians 1:15, 18 "*He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn (the first human to transcend time and space out of all the creation) over all creation...And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*"

He reconciles that which is visible and that which is invisible together into one.

Ephesians 2:14-15 "For He Himself is our peace, *who has made both one*, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, *having abolished in His flesh the enmity (between relativity and quantum physics)*, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, *thus making peace (reconciling the two).*"

Now why is that so important to us?

Because we all had a beginning, we did not exist until we were conceived. All physical human bodies had a beginning, but since we were created in the image of God all the physical human bodies will live forever, either with Christ or in the Lake of Fire.

But for those of us who believe, who have died to self and are alive in Him, through Him we have the ability to influence the consequences of the past and the future, since He forever lives to make intercession for us at whatever point of time

and space we are in need of it, for He is the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.

Romans 8:29 "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be *the firstborn among many brethren.*"

We know that Jesus died physically on the cross about two thousand years ago, but yet, before the foundation of the world was established, God reckoned His sacrifice on the cross as already done: *The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

Did you get it? When the Word of God is spoken it transcends time and space, although it may be thousands of years after what was promised finally takes place, God already considers it as well as done, since God also transcends time and space and knows the end from the beginning.

If it were not for the fact that The Word abiding in a physical human body, has been placed at the center of time itself, how could we have really known that The Word has for a fact, been given to all of us physical humans who believe?

Romans 8:32 "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how *shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*"

We have the promises of God in His Word, but we also have the surety of God's promises in Jesus, the Mediator between God and man! The Word that became flesh, real, tangible; He is one of us, and He will gladly bear the human image of His redeemed forever.

Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Jesus is our God, we do not have a God that is invisible or out of touch with His creation, for He was here on this earth. We have a God that is real, tangible and accessible. And the way that we can fully experience Him is through His Word.

Philippians 2:8-10 "And being found in appearance as a (*physical*) *man*, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which

is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth."

To know the Word of God is to know Jesus Christ, for they are one and the same. For those of us who believe in Jesus, we cannot help but to feel Jesus every time we hear or read His Word.

1 John 2:5 "But whoever *keeps His word*, truly the love of God is perfected in him. *By this we know that we are in (come in contact with) Him.*"

As believers we can choose to live in the reality of this world system with all of its limitations, or we can choose to live in the reality of His Word.

If we choose to live in Him, the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world, then we have to believe also that He transcends time and space, for you cannot have one apart from the other.

The subatomic particles that hold everything together, including our physical bodies, are made of energy, and these same subatomic particles can transmit information to one another regardless of being separated by time and space.

The Word of God is the energy that holds all these subatomic particles together.

Jesus is the Word who became flesh and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He forever lives to make intercession for us.

Those of us who abide in His Word have the power to change the course of nature by speaking God's Word out loud and in accordance with what His Word tells us He has already bound and loose in heaven.

Matthew 12:37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

It does not matter whether we choose to believe in the transcending power of words, like the force of gravity which transcends time and space so are words, and like the force of gravity, words will have an effect on us whether we like it or not.

So let us start harnessing the power of the benediction today, and let us be justified by our blessing words instead of being condemned by our careless words.

REDEEMING THE LOST TIME

Ephesians 5:15-17 "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as *fools but as wise, redeeming the time*, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

As you can see from our text, wisdom and the redeeming of time go together, and it is required that we walk circumspectly, that is, very carefully in our conduct which is biblically defined as our conversation or by the words that we utter.

That is why Jesus told us that our words will either make us or break us.

Colossians 4:5-6 "Walk in wisdom toward *those who are outside*, redeeming the time. Let your *speech* always be with *grace*, seasoned with *salt*, that you may *know* how you ought to answer each one."

Here we are given another perspective of how words can even be used to redeem the lost time.

Redeem: To buy back: Repurchase.

To Ransom, liberate, free from the bondage of sin.

To regain (a pledge) by payment of an amount secured thereby.

To atone for: expiate: to offset the bad effect of: retrieve. To make good: fulfill.

How could Scripture tell us to redeem the time, if the present is all that we have available to us? Is not time comprised of past, present, and future? And how can a person redeem the past, if that which is past is gone forever and inaccessible to us?

The atonement provided by the blood of Jesus has the power to offset the bad effect of past actions on those of us who by faith received the wisdom of God. But for those who are outside of Jesus Christ, the One who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, it is an impossibility.

1 Corinthians 1:30 "But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, *who became for us wisdom from God*—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

How do we redeem the lost time? With Words, Gifts, Sacrifice, and Faith!

*Let your **speech** (words) always be with **grace** (gifts), seasoned with **salt** (sacrifice of praise), that you may **know** (faith comes by hearing).*

We have to speak words that fall in agreement with God's gift, remember that the word grace also means gift. In other words, by faith we speak the gifts that have been given to us, which are God's promises to us.

Romans 12:3 "For I say, through the **grace** (gift) given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as **God has dealt** (given) to each one **a measure of faith.**"

This is why I am trying to give as many details as possible about the power of the spoken word, since faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. For we have to believe that the words that we speak are going to be fulfilled by God.

In the Old Testament almost every sacrifice that was offered on the altar was seasoned with salt, which typifies preservation. So that the words that we bless with, have to be in accordance with God's gift, which are His promises to us, and they have to be offered as a sacrifice of praise before God.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

1 John 5:14-15 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we **know** that He hears us, **whatever we ask**, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

Now, in regards to the things that afflicts us today, things that originated in the past as generational curses, how do we know which are the things that are within us that we need to ask to be delivered from?

Romans 8:26-27 "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

INTROSPECTION

Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

You may not know this, but since the day when you became a Christian, the Lord has been leading you into His diagnostic room. Your life records are in His hands, and He is waiting for your permission to give you a full spiritual check up.

Psalm 139:16 "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all *were written*, the days fashioned for me, *when as yet there were none of them*."

Notice how before you were formed, God already saw the essence of who you are, and the fact that He keeps a record in a book, of everyday that has been assigned for your life before any of those days even took place.

Why is it important for us to know that God knew us before we even existed? We have our own ideas of who we think we should be. Our ideas of who we think we should be have been shaped by family, friends, and this world system. Some of those influences were good and others, not so much. But only God knows who the real you is, and that is how He saw you before you were even conceived.

Let me run this by you, I believe that not too many of us come close to what God fashioned us to be before we were conceived. David said that in sin his mother did conceive him, and if David was conceived in sin, so were we. That means that by the time we were born, we were already falling short of what He created us to be.

So that in reality, many of us have no idea who the real us is, but God does! That is the point the Lord wants us to understand. In Him, and with His guidance, we can become the personality that He originally assigned to us before we were conceived.

If we pray for God to change us into the image of what we think we should be according to our natural understanding, we are not praying in accordance with His will for us, and He will not hear us. But if we know that He knew us before we were formed, that is, He knew the person that He originally created us to be. Then we can pray to Him to transformed us into what He knew us to be.

Here is another Scripture that we read earlier in regards to this matter:

Romans 8:29 "For *whom* (we are the whom) *He foreknew*, He also predestined to *be conformed to the image of His Son*, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Jesus is the fulfillment of what God intended every human to be. But here is where it gets simple, when we became born again believers Jesus came to live in us, so that in Jesus we become what God has predestined us to be. So that as far as God is concerned, as long as we abide in Jesus, we are what He saw our substance to be before we were formed.

When a believer sins, from the New Testament perspective, he/she missed the mark. Our sinning has a lot less to do with the fact that we broke the law, and more with the fact that we see ourselves from a different perspective that God does.

1 John 3:6 "*Whoever abides in Him does not sin*. Whoever sins has neither seen Him or know Him."

To abide in Him means to see ourselves dead to this world system and alive in Christ, in other words, seeing ourselves how God predestined us to be.

So that when we pray for God to search us, and to know us, and to try us, and to know our anxieties, we are not asking God to transform us into our ideal of who we ought to be, but into the person that we already know that we are in Christ.

So that everything in our lives that does not align with the reality of who we are in Christ, proceeds out of our old corrupt nature, and that is how we know *if there is any wicked way in us*: if we continue to do those things which we do not really want to do anymore.

And that is where our prayers can aid us to leave our old nature behind, by our continued profession of who we really are in Christ. Remember that God has assigned an agency to watch over the blessing words that agree with His Word, and also assigned angels that excel in strength to carry them out.

One thing that may help us to get rid of those vices that so tenaciously attach themselves to our old nature, is by changing our attitude towards them. For we have the tendency sometimes to just accept our frailties as things that we cannot undo no matter how hard we try.

Psalm 139:22 "I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies."

David is talking about verse twenty: *For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.*

Our hatred is not to be directed against our own frailties, but against the lies that we have been led to believe by this world system. You probably heard the saying about the golden rule, that he who has the gold makes the rules.

Well, this world's definition of what is good and what is evil has its foundation in nothing but lies, and they continue to make the rules that deny God and His Word.

Luke 21:14-15 "Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a *mouth* (full of words) *and wisdom* which all your adversaries will not be able to *contradict* or *resist* (withstand)."

Contradict means to counter with words, when we speak the truth of God's Word, the lying *wisdom* upon which this world system rests, falls apart, and they cannot withstand the power of the truth that resides in the Word of God.

That is why the world hates the Bible; that is why governments banned the Bible; that is why entire educational systems banned the Bible. That is why in many countries they persecute, imprisoned, and kill, those who own or read the Bible.

But imagine this, when we speak the truth of the Word of God in blessing form, there is no counter that the devil can offer, for lies cannot withstand truth.

So that as we look inwards and ask God to search us *and see if there is any wicked way in* us, it is the wickedness caused by the lies that we have believed in the past that we need to expose and reject.

That is where our energy, or what David calls *perfect hatred*, needs to be focused.

Now let me give you some insight as to how this world system has been used to manipulate us into believing a lie. So that we can better know how to apply God's truth to our inward parts.

SEDUCTIVE DELUSIONS

Luke 20:38 "For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, *for all live to Him.*"

Let us use a subject matter that we are all familiar with, natural death.

Within us all there is a misconception of death; within the confines of this world system death means the end of it all for the person who dies.

This idea is so pervasive that even among the Israelites of Jesus' day, many believed in the finality of death and that there was no after life.

Of course, Jesus used the Scriptures to correct them, by telling them how God referred to those who were dead.

Luke 20:37 "But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'"

What Jesus was telling them was that if physical death is final, then God could not be the God of those who do not exist anymore!

The reality is that those who die do not cease to exist, they just transcend into a higher dimension called eternity. But since this world system does not want to recognize the concept of eternity, for if it did, it would have to recognize the possibility of eternal damnation.

Now the devil does not want anybody thinking about eternity. For those who think about eternal consequences are not as easily driving to sin and rebellion against God. So that the first and foremost seductive delusion that we need to cast down, is that death is the end of life.

We need to affirm deep within our souls that death is not the end of life, but the beginning of eternal life. And that after physical death comes the judgment that determines what our eternal condition will be like forever.

Hebrews 9:27 "And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."

How many souls have been unnecessarily afflicted by the death of a love one whom they thought they would never see again. When in reality, in their death, those who died had just completed their journey, as the number of their days came to a close, and they entered into eternal bliss with Jesus Christ.

The world sets the number of years that it thinks humans should live, and it sets the standards of whom they think should die first and why. Those who judge by the standards of this world suffer needlessly, for in reality only God has every day that has been assigned to each one of us written in His book.

Psalm 37:23 "The steps of a good man are *ordered* (*established*) by the Lord, and He delights in his way."

And even those who die *before their time*, from this world's perspective, complete their days that God gave to each one of them to live on this earth, and those of us who are left behind need not fear, for we will see them again someday.

2 Samuel 12:22-23 "And he said, 'While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, "Who can tell whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?" But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? *I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.*'"

David understood that death is a transitional point, and that those who cross it enter into the dimension of eternal life, and though they cannot come to us, we will surely go to them some day.

Once we get over the first hurdle, that death is not the end of life, but the beginning of eternal life, then we need to get the proper Biblical perspective of eternal life and how to obtain it.

Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in *any other* (*than the name Jesus*), for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The second seductive delusion that we need to dispose of is that of us playing a harp on a cloud somewhere for a boring eternity. If the devil cannot stop us from

believing in eternal life, he wants us to think that eternal life is so boring that we need to raise hell while still here on this earth.

The true biblical concept of what eternal life is really like, will help us greatly in regards to the words that we should be speaking out of our mouths.

What is eternal life with Jesus like? Well, to begin with, it is something so grand and fabulous that there is nothing here in this world to compare it to.

1 Corinthians 2:9 "But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'"

Now from this world's perspective we do not have a clue, that is why the world always portrays eternity as a never ending boring place. But Jesus promised us that He would not leave us helpless, so there is a way for us to know what eternal life is like, and it has to be revealed to us by the Spirit of God in us.

1 Corinthians 2:10 "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."

Remember how we started with *search me, O God*, well the Spirit of God not only searches within us to expose the things that need to be removed from us. He also searches the deep things of God for the things that we need to receive within us, to replace those things that He has removed and is removing from us.

With a proper spiritual understanding of eternity we can make a much better sense of the vastness of the creation itself. Think about it for a minute, there is so much going on all around us in the creation, big and small, and because of our present limitations we miss most of it.

The distances between the stars are so vast, and the galaxies and nebulas are so huge, that it is difficult for us to understand how mere mortal men could travel through them and conquer them under man's given dominion from God.

Imagine us having eternally indestructible physical bodies that can travel anywhere in the universe at the speed of thought, and back and forth in time.

Bodies that can project themselves in proportion to their surrounding areas, big or small, and can travel into and comprehend the world of subatomic particles just as easily as walking among the vast expanses of the universe.

Imagine holding the entire universe in the palm of one's hand.

Isaiah 40:12-13 "Who has measured the *waters* (*the cosmos*) in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighted the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has taught Him?"

Every aspect of the universe is so magnificent, and its complexity so unimaginable.

Now imagine being able to comprehend it all, and imagine being able to interact with any or all parts of it, and within any level or perspective. Including the different epochs of time and space before or after we were created.

Imagine seeing your entire life played out before you, feeling every emotion, reliving every precious moment, but this time through the merciful prism of the eyes of Jesus. How in every instance, triumph or failure, He was there covering us with His precious blood that He shed for us from the foundation of the world.

Imagine everything making complete sense to us for the first time in our lives.

Revelation 5:10 "And have made us kings and priests to our God; and *we shall reign on the earth.*"

I believe that we will be able to do all of those things that I just mentioned during the thousand years reign of Christ, before our present universe is melted with fervent heat, and a new heaven and a new earth is made.

Now there is no way for us to know what the new heaven and the new earth that God will make after the thousand years are up is going to be like.

But it suffices to know that it will be magnificently grand and much better than what we will come to fully know during our thousand years reign with Christ.

Once we understand personal salvation within the context of eternal bliss, that there is life after death, and that in Jesus eternity will be full of joy.

The next seductive delusion that we need to defeat is that God only wants certain people to make it into His blissful eternity.

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, *not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*"

Why is it so important to know that God is not willing that any should perish, when we know that there are many that will never make it into His heavenly sanctuary?

God saves the unsaved people that saved people pray for and bless!

If we start with the seductive delusion that certain people will not or cannot repent, no matter how much we bless them or forgive them or pray for them, then how can God save them if there is no one willing to intercede for them?

As you can see, I am a man of great positive faith when it comes to things that are presently unknown to us. I dare to believe that God can make the most imaginable impossibilities possible. But I am only willing to believe that God can make the impossible possible, if I can find evidence in His Word that the Lord does it.

I told you that so, that I can show you what I believe are the most unsettling words that Jesus ever spoke to those of us who believe and follow Him.

John 12:32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, *will draw all peoples to Myself.*"

Within the context Jesus is signifying the type of death that He was going to die, He was going to be lifted up on the cross and die.

But within the greater context, Jesus tells us that He will draw all peoples to Himself if He is lifted up. Since we know that not all people are saved, and since Jesus told us that if He is lifted up that He will draw all peoples to Himself, then those who do not get saved, do not get to see Jesus being lifted up before them.

Is it not our job then to lift Jesus up, regardless of the impossibility of whatever the situation that we are facing is?

I understand these words of Jesus to mean that every time that a person dies and goes to hell is because He was not properly lifted up before them. What else would Jesus mean when He said that if He be lifted up He will draw all peoples to Him?

So that it becomes our job then, for those of us who believe, to continuously lift Jesus up before all the peoples who are around us. Now how do we do that?

I personally refuse to believe that any of them is expendable to God.

Whether they are my friends or my enemies, family or unknown people to me, as long as they are within my general vicinity, or in any way family related to us, we pray blessing upon them in our regular time of prayer, we ask God to save them, for if God is not willing that any should perish, neither should we.

And what is our motivation you may ask? Since heaven is so good and so real to us, and since God wants all his children to be there with Him, and since it falls upon us who believe to lift Jesus up, that is what we do, is just that simple.

Matthew 5:13 "*You are **the salt of the earth** (the ones who offer the sacrifice of praise); but if **the salt loses its flavor** (faith), how shall it be **seasoned** (a sacrifice without faith loses its efficacy)? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.*"

Matthew 5:44 "*But I say to you, love your enemies, **bless those who curse you**, do good to those who hate you, **and pray** for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.*"

Another seductive delusion that afflicts many believers is the idea that the salvation of the unbelievers comes through the labors of professional ministers, and the volunteers that serve in churches and outreaches.

The truth is that if an unbelieving person walks into a church and no one has been praying for their salvation, no one has been praying the blessings of the Lord upon them, they will not get saved, until someone begins to intercede for them.

Now that is a technical point, for in reality every church and every believer is, or should be, praying for the salvation of those in their communities, their nation, for the ministry of the missionaries, evangelists, and for all the lost, wherever they are.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 "Therefore I exhort first of all that *supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men*, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, *who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*"

So that when a person walks into a church and gets saved, is the result of the supplications, prayers, intercessions, and the giving of thanks for their salvation, that other believers have already made on their behalf.

Now why does the Lord do it like that? Why doesn't He just save people on His own? If God saves someone on His own, without the agency of men, who gets the credit for their salvation? God automatically gets credit for every person that gets saved anyway, but He wants us to share on the credit.

Two things happen when the Lord employs the agency of men to bring about salvation: Number one, he gives every believer the opportunity to share in the blessings of saving others; and number two, He provides for those who serve as His ministers, by bringing to them those who are in need of their ministry, since salvation is a lifelong process.

Think of an extremely wealthy business man who has amassed more riches than he could ever need. He could just close down all his enterprises and live for the rest of his life in great comfort and without a care.

But what if he finds more value in the fact that by staying in business he provides work and dignity for those who by themselves would otherwise be destitute?

Romans 8:16-17 "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed *we suffer (in His labor of love) with Him*, that we may also be glorified together."

We can say then, that salvation is God's enterprise to save people, and that He uses saved people to save unsaved people.

That is why the blood of Jesus had to be shed from the foundation of the world, for outside of the perfect Man, Jesus, no men can get saved. But since Jesus the Man laid the foundation—the promise of His shed blood from the foundation of the world—then every human of every dispensation and generation that accepts God's free offer of salvation is given the opportunity to participate in the process.

Notice how the Word of Promise preceded the action—the crucifixion—but yet those saved before the action, were saved under the covering of God's promise that He would fulfill it at His appointed time.

Our ministry is to offer our supplications before God on behalf of man, along with our prayers, and our intercessions, then we thank God for their salvation.

Because we know that God considers the blessings that we offer in faith and in accordance with His will as good as done, no matter how long before the manifestation of their salvation is realized.

Proverbs 10:21 "The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom."

The foundation of all of God's blessings originate with His Word of promise, let us be participants in His enterprise.

Let us continuously proclaim His blessing words over all mankind.

GOD IN OUR MIDST

Zephaniah 3:17 "*The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.*"

Now let us contrast this portion of Scripture with the one we quoted earlier from Hebrews:

The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

What difference do you see between these two Scriptures? In one passage we see the physically resurrected body of Jesus sitting at the right hand of God where He is, *the same yesterday, today, and forever*, making intercession for us from the foundation of the world to the infinity of time.

In our new text we see Him very much in our present, *the Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save*, bringing about His salvation to us right now.

The difference between us and those who are in heaven, is that those who are in heaven transcend time, and those of us who remain here on this earth are stuck in the present, what the Bible calls today.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the *firstfruits* (*the first physically resurrected human body that transcends time*) of those who have (*died*) *fallen asleep*. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ***But each one in his own order***: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming."

All those humans who have died in Christ are in heaven with Jesus and transcend time, they've entered eternity, but they do not have their physical bodies with them.

For their physical bodies were left here on the earth after they died, awaiting for His soon return to the earth, when He will raise from the dead all the physical bodies of those who died in Him and are in heaven with Him.

But even though the physical body of Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God right now, interceding for us eternally, we are also told that He is here in our midst saving us as well, abiding with us in the present tense that we are stuck in.

Hebrews 4:7 "Again He designates a certain day, saying in David, '**Today**,' (*the present*) after such a long time..."

So that we find the physical presence of Jesus sitting at the center of time itself, making intercession for us before God. But according to Scripture He is also here in our midst, bearing the title, *the Mighty One*, who will save.

Where does He physically reside right now, while here in our today, the present?

John 14:18-20 "I will not leave you orphans; *I will come to you*. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, *but you will see Me*. Because I live, you will live also. And *that day* (*today's present*) you will know that I am in My Father (*in heaven making intercession for us*), and you in Me, *and I in you*."

In heaven Jesus resides at the center of time with His physically resurrected body, while at the same time Jesus resides with us here in our present today in a physical body as well. Except that we are the physical body that He indwells and the body from which He rules over this earth, His body here on earth is called the church.

When we, His church, speak forth His Word in blessing form, He eagerly carries out the blessings that His Word proclaims. For His will is manifested in His Word:

The Mighty One will save.

Revelation 1:12-13 "Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, *and in the midst of the seven lampstands One* (*Mighty One in your midst*) *like the Son of Man*, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band."

The seven lampstands represents His church here on this earth, which is made up of many believing individuals which He indwells. Remember how He promised His church that He would not leave them as orphans: *And I in you*.

This is what it means: Those of us who have Jesus indwelling us, we form the entirety of the physical body of Jesus that rules over our present physical creation here on the earth.

Revelation 5:13 "And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power be to *Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!*'"

Revelation 5:10 "And have made us kings and priests to our God; and *we shall reign on the earth.*"

Jesus is physically sitting on the eternal throne in heaven at the right hand of God, and at the same time He is here on earth, at this very present moment in time, abiding in us and ruling through us by the words that we speak.

The implications here are tremendous, for if we are presently His physical body in this earth, and if we are not willing to lift Him up by speaking His Word, then how can He draw all peoples to Himself?

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 "That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us *the word of reconciliation (the power of the benediction)*. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: *we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconcile to God.*"

ONE MIND ONE MOUTH

Romans 15:5-6 "Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be likeminded toward one another, *according to Christ Jesus*, that you may with *one mind and one mouth* glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We conclude then, that God who is Spirit, created a brand new kind of creatures, physical human creatures, and He predestined us to project the invisible qualities of God and His Word into a new, never existed before physical realm.

And in order to enable us humans, who reside in this sensory based, presently minded physicality, to understand the invisible and eternal qualities of the infinite realm, He foreordained His Word to be the bond that cemented the two realms into one. That is why it is written, *according to Christ Jesus*.

Since *one mind* represents the mind of Christ, who is both God and man, then by *one mouth* which represents His spoken Word, we can reconcile the two.

Romans 15:21 "But as it is written: 'To whom He was not *announced*, they shall *see*; and those who have not *heard* shall *understand*.'"

Notice the connection between announcing and seeing, hearing and understanding.

When we announce, that is, we proclaim the Word of God over a person who is in need of a blessing, a spiritual door is opened that allows those who are spiritually blind to see the reality of their spiritual condition. Making them more willing to hear God's Word now that they have a better understanding of their predicament.

We may never be the ones who are privilege to counsel them with God's Word, but if it were not for the blessing that we proclaimed over them, they could have never seen their true spiritual condition.

In essence, we have been empowered with words that can change the course of human life, thereby changing the course of human events.

When the Holy Spirit began to deal with me about my spiritual condition before I was saved, unbeknown to me, my wife's uncle and his wife had brought our names before their church prayer group, and began to pray for our salvation.

I do not know how long, time wise, from the time that they started praying for our salvation to the night when my wife and I were both saved, but it wasn't that long.

And the church where we got saved was not even the church that was praying for our salvation where we accepted the Lord.

Except for my wife's aunt and uncle, I do not even know if any of those other people who were praying for our salvation ever knew that their prayers had been answered, but it really does not matter, does it? God knows. But we will forever give thanks to God for their faithfulness in prayer and blessings towards us.

The course of our lives, and our children's lives, was undoubtedly altered for better and forever as the result of the words that they prayed and spoke over us.

All because people cared enough to pray for our salvation, and even today I know that there are faithful ones out there that continue to pray blessings over us and our ministry. And for that we are extremely thankful as well.

Romans 15:17 "Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God."

There is one reason and one reason alone for which we are alive and exist, and that is to give all the glory to the only perfect human who is able to pull it all together in Himself, and He is Jesus, the Word who became flesh.

One day soon, those of us who believe in Him will have the high privilege of bowing down before Him and touching His precious holy feet, those feet that walked in our shoes, if you will, and took all our sins that were laid upon Him to be nailed to the cross.

Those precious pierced feet we will joyfully kiss in perfect adoration one day soon.

Glory to God!

But before that day comes, let us like Paul declare that we too have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God, by becoming one in the Spirit as ministers and partakers of the Power of the Benediction.

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, *that you all speak the same thing*, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in *the same mind and in the same judgment.*"

Unto the King Eternal we give thanks!