NEWSLETTER 2023-5

To: My Fellow Saints and Well-Wishers

Date: October 11, 2023

Re: "The Power of The Spoken Blessings."

SPECIAL NOTE:

I have been having problems with my computer since August (2023) and although I am typing at this time, there remains a lot to be addressed. If you observe any typing differences, keep in mind the issues on hand with the system. Personally, I am not sure how much can be accomplished to get this Newsletter out, but I am taking it one step at a time trusting God for the outcome. I will do my best to address the situation whenever such is possible (most likely getting a new computer ... when possible). Thank you for understanding and for your prayers.

"And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 'Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel, say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you. And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.'" (Numbers 6:22-27 NKJV).

See also 1 Sam. 1-2:10; Matt. 24, NB Vv. 12-14.

In the month of August 2023, I was privileged to present a message on "The Power of The Spoken Blessings"; I am hereby presenting some excerpts from that message; we didn't have time to discuss anything from Matt. 24:12-14 and Numbers 6:22-27. May God richly bless you.

Please Read Matt. 10:8b . . . note also a brief comment:

"You have been treated generously, so live generously." (Matt. 10:8b Message Bible.

We have all fallen short of the glory of God but because of His redemptive plan and the grace that brought it down to man, we have found hope in Jesus Christ.

We come before His holy throne, not only to give to Him but to receive from Him, blessings and righteousness and salvation. His is a throne of grace, a mercy seat rather than a seat of condemnation (Heb. 4:15).

Here is a basic principle for a blessed life. <u>"Freely you have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8b)</u>. Beloved, the more that you pour into others, the more God pours into you!! (see Luke 6:38).

The lesson under three main points:

- 1. Explaining: "The Power of The Spoken Blessings."
- 2. Exemplified by Hannah (1 Sam. 1-2:10
- 3. End of Time Requires God's Mighty Outpouring (Matt. 24, NB Vv. 12-14).

As a reminder, I am hereby presenting **excerpts...** however, whenever possible I will have the lesson posted to the website (livingwaterstudies.com). It is a strong possibility that my computer will have to be replaced. I will keep you posted.

A. Explaining: The Power of The Spoken Blessings.

1. What it means "to bless"?

One definition state: "To invoke the divine favor on; to bestow happiness, prosperity or good things of all kinds; to make a pronouncement (pronounce declaration, proclamation; etc. . . . insert mine) holy; to consecrate, to glorify for the benefits received; to extol (extol: praise enthusiastically . . . insert mine)."

- 2. Words Have Power to Bring Results
 - (a) Our words have great influence in the lives of those around us and spoken blessings can bring hope, encouragement and direction to our families, friends, foes and others.
 - (b) Spoken blessings is an excellent way to intercede for others and in the process become more like Jesus who has, is and will continue to intercede for us (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:35; etc.)
 - (c) **Prov. 12:25 Amp. Bible**Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but an encouraging word makes it glad [Psa. 50:4; Prov. 15:13]."

B. Exemplified by Hannah 1 Sam. 1-2:10

- 1. **Detested, Barren and Emotionally Overwhelmed** (1 Sam. 1:1-8).
 - (a) Hannah had heaviness in her soul but she poured it out to God (1 Sam. 1:1-2,10; etc.). Beloved, demonstrated here is, "The Power of The Spoken Blessings" that flowed from a life saturated with sincere actions and consistent intercession. We will clearly see the blessings obtained went on to benefit an entire nation, as a result of her deep intercession and strong commitment.
 - (b) Hannah showed gratitude, love and devotion to the LORD by her willingness to dedicate her son to the work of God . . . she focused on her blessing flowing to others (Matt. 10:8b); this was seen in her commitment to dedicate her child to God for His service (1 Sam. 1:24-28).
- 2. "The Power of The Spoken Blessings", must be demonstrated in positive actions to the glory of God, touching other lives.
 - (a) Hannah's passionate prayer touched the very heart touched the very heart of God, who not only bless with a son but a son who God used to bring tremendous blessings to the nation of Israel (as noted earlier) (See for example 1 Samuel chapters 1-28; etc.).

- (b) Hannah's barrenness was used to humiliate her but God delivered her! Notice that her rejoicing for a child was in the LORD not in Samuel, in other words she praised the Giver as being more important than the gift (1 Sam. 2:1-10). This is also another profound lesson for all believers of all ages!
- (c) As noted, before: spoken blessings is an excellent way to intercede for others. Hannah prayed for a son (1 Sam. 1:11); **God first blessed her with Samuel** (other children came later 1Sam. 2:20-21).
 - (1) This account (1 Sam. 1-2:10 ... also verses 12-21) is a primary example of the effectiveness of "The Power of The Spoken Blessings." Her mental prayer (1 Sam. 1:9-16) was heard loud and clear by God and as a result brought healing (spiritual), help, hope, happiness, heavenly intervention in so many ways!!
 - (2) Samuel brought back integrity to the priest's office (**note: 1 Sam. 2:12-36**). He was just, righteous and fair (1 Sam 12:1-5. Everything he had done, he did it for God and the people.
 - (3) In addition to the above, please note: Samuel in the Hebrew literature is regarded as a "religious hero in the history of Israel. He is represented in every role of leadership open to a Jewish man of his day: seer (prophet), priest, judge, and military leader!!

<u>ALWAYS REMEMBER THESE ASSOCIATED THOUGHTS</u>, EVEN AS WE OBSERVE WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY HANAH'S BLESSING FLOWING TO OTHERS:

- "The Power of The Spoken Blessings, we are herby referring to word spoken for good that carries spiritual power and authority, and that sets in motion something that will probably go on from generation to generation!!
- "Spoken blessings" is an excellent way for us to intercede for others and in the process become more like Jesus Christ who has, is and continues to intercede for us (Heb. 7:25)
- Hannah interceded; Samuel was the result of her intercession! Samuel was a blessing to his generation and as far down to us today!
- (d) Beloved! God has blessed us so that we can bless others!!

 In Genesis 12:2-3, NOTE carefully the areas related to the blessings that God
 promised to Abraham wherein he was covered. (Listed without comments . . .

 Gen. 12:2-3 NKJV):
 - (1) I will make you a great nation (v. 2a).
 - (2) I will bless you (v. 2b).
 - (3) I will make your name great (v. 2c).
 - (4) You shall be a blessing (v. 2d).
 - (5) I will bless those who bless you (v. 3a).
 - (6) I will curse those who curse you (v. 3b).
 - (7) In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed (v. 3c).

C. End of Time Requires God's Mighty Outpouring Matt. 24, NB Vv. 12-14.

We must always remember that the "Spoken Blessings" can bring about healing to aching, hurting hopeless souls. We speak to them that which is wholesome and uplifting in comparison to that which invades them by the world. Beloved, that need has become more and more evident in these last and closing days!!

Indeed, beloved, "The Power of The Spoken Blessings: Releases the captives! Revives that which is fading, withering, etc.! Restores that which deteriorates, in a ruined condition or is in process! Redeems the downtrodden, abused, discriminated, hopeless, etc.! Resource supplied to enhance perseverance, etc.! Revelation given as to God's Word, Will and Way and the enduement necessary!

I also noted some things that we need to have in place in order to maintain the effectiveness of the "The Power of The Spoken Blessings." I can only list these pointers without comment, however, see the more detailed lesson. This will be loaded to the website as made possible the initial phase of the lesson is now completed and will be added as we address my computer problems.

- (a) Introspection of Self (2 Cor. 13:5-7; Eph. 4:23-24; etc.).
- (b) Interconnection With God (Psa. 62; 63; Zech. 4:6; etc.).
- (c) Interceding Unceasingly (Col. 1:9; 1 Tim. 2:1; etc.).
- (d) Intervention, as God Leads (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Cor 10:4-5; etc.).
- (e) Intentionally Have a Made-Up Mind (Num. 13:28-14:9; Josh. 14:6-15; Col. 3:23-24).

Due to volume of information, I am closing by (a) presenting the Main and Sub-Points for Matt. 24:12-14 (highlighting a few thoughts), (b) finally, close with a few highlights based on Numbers 6:22-27.

It is my sincere prayer that all believers will see the compulsion that each of us needs to "salt of the earth . . . light of the world" (Matt. 5:13-16). We do have a mandate given by Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:19-20; etc.); beloved the challenge is "Are you fully engage, obeying the command of Christ?

Main Points and Sub-Points (with limited comments) Matt. 24:12-14

"End of Time Requires God's Mighty Outpouring"

- 1. Cold, Compromising, Corrupted (Matt. 24:12).
 - (a) Lawlessness becomes rampant and accepted (Matt. 24:12a).
 - (b) Love of many diminished and become worthless (Matt. 24:12b).
 - (1) Our text is referring to the fact that in the last days there will be an incredible increase in immorality, shamelessness, rebellion against God and abandoning moral standards. God in His Word specifically told us:
 - The last days will be as it was in "... the days of Noah..." (Matt. 24:37-39; Gen. 6, NB Vv. 1-13).

- Note also reference has been made in regards to "... the days of Lot ..."
 (Luke 17:28-37; Gen. 18:16-33, NB Vv. 16-22).
- (2) Unfortunately, in the last days, many will not only become lukewarm but become ice-cold turning their backs on the Lord.

Matt. 24:12b Message Bible

"... the overwhelming evil will do them in—nothing left of their love but a mound of ashes." (Emphasis mine).

We can! We must! Speak words of healing, victory, etc. in the name of Jesus! Rescue the perishing, care for the dying; Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave! From hopelessness and despair! Speak the word of victory! Jesus is mighty to save, and He will!!

- 2. Committed, Steadfast, and Secure (Matt. 24:13).
 - (a) The implication within the verse, is that those who stand firm (Phil. 1:27) to the end are the few who decided to travel and stay on the "narrow way" (Matt. 7:14).
 - (b) These are those who endure the opposition, they are those who are the opposite of those who become "cold" (Matt. 24:12); they are those who by the mercy and grace of God remain steadfast, unmovable and abounding in Christ (1 Cor. 15:58).
- 3. Christ Universally Declared (Matt. 24:14).

<u>As a reminder</u>: "<u>The Power of The Spoken Blessings</u>": We are hereby referring to the word spoken for Good that carries spiritual power and authority, and that sets in motion something that will probably go on from generation to generation!!

- (a) Gospel of the kingdom—its declaration (Matt. 24:14a).
 - (1) Christ's Gospel declares the kingdom of God (Matt. 24:14; Mark 1:15).
 - (2) Christ's gospel is unstoppable (Matt. 24:14).
 - (3) Christ's Gospel is triumphant (Matt. 24:14).
 - (4) Christ's gospel is a witness (Matt. 24:14).
- (b) Grand finale by God's timing (Matt. 24:14b).
 - (1) The end will come when, and only when the gospel has been preached in all the world.

Only God will know when this task is accomplished according to His purpose (Matt. 24:36; Luke 12:40; 1 Thess. 5:2; etc.)

- (2) NOTE A FEW REMINDERS:
 - Christ did not say the gospel will convert the world, but rather the gospel will be preached to the world before the end comes.
 - We may not take all men to Christ but we can take Christ to all men!!

"Special Blessings for the Beloved of the LORD!! Num. 6:22-27. <u>Limited excerpts possible:</u>

- 1. "The Aaronic Blessing" is a "Priestly Blessing." It is a blessing given by God that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel (Num. 6:22-27).
- 2. "The Aaronic Blessing" is regarded as the most famous blessing in the Bible. God's people treasure these words for they have been used in worship under the old as well as the new. Unfortunately, because these words are so familiar, it is easy to miss their theological depth.
- 3. I have identified three main points for Num. 6:22-27, (mentioned below), however, at this time I am presenting some general pointers, with limited comments.
 - (1) Faithful/Obedient Servants Will be Blessed (6:22-23).
 - (2) Favor of God for His Beloved (6:24-26).
 - (3) Flaming Radiance of God's Glory (6:27).

(a) Some Highlights . . . Num. 6:22-27.

- (1) **Protection Assured for God's Servants** (Num. 6"24). This is God's promise of blessing and protection from evil and all adversarial situations that may confront their welfare. (See Num. 6:24; Gen. 28:15; etc.).
- (2) Pleased! Extremely Pleased to Bless His Servants! (Num. 6:25a). This pictures God's movement towards His people assuring them of His goodness, seeking them out with His favor, to pour out His goodness on them.
- (3) Patience (Mercy) Compassion and Kindness to His faithful People (Num. 6:25b).
 - "... And be gracious to you": The statement refers to: Be kind and beneficial (generous, liberal, bountiful, etc.) to you . . . speaks of the effects in and on the soul; it speaks of clear shining upon it, of the face of God . . . as He pours out mercy and compassion.
- (4) **Personal Attention from the LORD** (Num 6:26a). The essence of the lesson is: May you know that you are seen, known, and loved by God and cared for by God!
- (5) Peace Wonderful Peace of God for All His People!! (Num. 6:25b). Indeed, Beloved! May He give you peace that passes all understanding, and guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus (Read Phil. 4:6-7).

Beloved: We have been blessed with the peace of God! "Wonderful Peace" by W. D. Cornell Refrain

Peace, peace, wonderful peace Coming down from the Father above Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray In fathomless billows of love.

Indeed, Beloved! Freely we have received, therefore we must freely give!! (Matt. 10:8b). Let us bless others as we literally live "The power of The Spoken Blessings"! Let not our words be hurting, destructive words but instead let the be Wonderful Words".

"Wonderful Words of Life" by Phillip P Bliss (<u>Partial quote</u>):

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life, Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; Worde of life and beauty teach me faith and duty

Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life, Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

I have exceeded my time but have felt led of the LORD to make this final appeal, although this has been noted several times already, <u>but exercising</u> "The Power of The Spoken Blessings" is a matter of top priority and urgency!!

One final thought:

Speaking life into and over people is a positive and biblical assignment that invokes the blessing of God in the life of another person. It has been stated that "the blow of a word can be more dangerous than the blow of a sword. However, how beneficial it is when we speak words of blessings over and in the lives of others. Yes! Indeed, what a difference when we bless others through the spoken words!! (Rom. 15:5-6; 13: 8-14; 16:23; etc.).

Prov. 12:25 Amp. Bible

"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but an encouraging word makes it glad [Psa. 50:4; Prov. 15:3]."

Website Update

As noted above, I have been having some problems with my computer, in fact I was not able to type any lessons since late August; to some extent I am once more able and planning to properly address the problem as possible.

I am way behind and will have a great backlog for a few months to come. Some Pending lessons are:

- (1) Psalm 32: Part A Phase 1 Completed. Part B in process (Yet all other phases remain).
- (2) Mark 5 Part 1 Part A and Part B Phase 1 completed (Other phases to be done)
- (3) Mark 5 Part 2 Completed (limited phases remain)
- (4) Mark 5 Part 3 Completed (limited phases remain)
- (5) Mark 5 Part 4 Completed (limited phases remain)
- (6) "The Power of The Spoken Blessings" (The Lesson Edition) (Phases 1 to three completed with two other phases to go).

Your continued prayers and support are highly appreciated and needed. God richly bless you and your wonderful family!!!

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