

Blessings and Breakthroughs!

*KJV Deuteronomy 28:1-13 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.
4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.
6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.
7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.
8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. {storehouses: or, barns}
9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.
10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.
11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.
12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.
13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:*

Blessings happen when God bends down and bestows goodness and favor upon His people!

The **blessing** is not just the words spoken; the blesser must have the power to bring them to pass.

Because a **blessing** is typically given by a greater to a lesser in our case God is the greater and we are the lesser.

If a **lesser** (in wealth, wisdom, anointing or favor) blesses a **greater** its words of praise and thanksgiving.

But when a **greater** (in wealth, wisdom, anointing or favor) blesses us they are not **only** words of encouragement they have the power to bring it to pass!

Who would you rather have bless you **Rod Blagojevich** or **Jeff Bezos**?

ESV Proverbs 10:6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous!

The Bible says **blessings** are on your head of those right with God!

God covers the righteous with blessings—goodness, favor, prosperity!

ESV Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

A **faithful person** is one who has been steadfast and consistent over time!

They will not only be blessed they will **abound with blessings** meaning they will experience **abundance**.

❖ **Breakthrough** is a sudden important development or discovery according to The Concise Oxford English Dictionary.

It's an offensive thrust that penetrates the defenses of the enemy.

It can also be defined as a person first notable success!

The Word of The LORD continued from Wednesday night service!

KJV Ezekiel 34:17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.

God says He is now going to step in and bring justice and judgment because man is incapable of righteous judgment!

NIV Ezekiel 34:18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?

God doesn't have a problem with those who enjoy His favor and blessings—but when they intentionally take the best and ruin the rest for everyone else God has a problem with it!

19 Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

KJV Ezekiel 34:20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

21 Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away,

22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another.

God says the **fat and healthy** have bullied and driven away the weaker, but this will happen no longer!

➤ God is focusing on **individuals** now not just **nations!**

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

I hear God saying I will no longer allow the unrighteousness of nations, corporations, communities or families hold back or hinder my blessings.

God says I'm going to **reward individual sheep** for their **sacrifice, patience and obedience.**

NIV Ezekiel 18:2 "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: "'The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'?"

3 "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel.

4 For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son-- both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

5 "If a man is righteous and does what is just and right -

God says in this hour His focus is **rewarding** people for their lifestyles and actions in spite of their family situation or the nation they live in!

Just as righteousness **exalts** nations, I'm **exalting righteous sheep** in this hour—I'm putting my divine favor on individuals who have kept the faith and not denied my name saith The Lord!

Ezekiel 34:25 "I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing.

Showers of blessings means an **abundance** of blessings of all types from spiritual, natural, financial, emotional, relational, political, institutional, national, physical and any other area you can think of!

Showers of Blessing will breakthrough on the lives of God's people regardless to what's happening around them.

God is invading the places and spaces where His people are and will overwhelm them with His favor and power!

Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

God is moving in dry places and blessing barren spaces where His people are!