

Lost & Found Center Teaching Series



DESTINY, SEEDS AND BLESSINGS

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Introduction

It is not uncommon to see a father hold his child and say a blessing over him or her. We see this occur in the Bible with Isaac blessing Jacob and later Jacob blessing his twelve sons. When this happens the person giving the blessing speaks over them great and wonderful things for their future. Now our relationship to our heavenly Father has this very same element. Once we are born again into His kingdom through the blood of his own Son, God speaks a blessing over us. This blessing speaks to the core of our new being, our potential and our destiny – great and wonderful things for our future.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3 NIV

As the above scripture states, this is a blessing that has already occurred for those who have become Christians. At first glance this verse is rather daunting. The term “every spiritual blessing” means that God has no intention of holding anything back. But what would you expect when it is God who originates a blessing anyway. The word of God says that the depths of his blessings are beyond our ability to think or comprehend.

However, as it is written:

**"No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him"— but God has revealed it to us
by his Spirit.** 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NIV

What this verse means is we could never even imagine the fullness of God’s blessings. We need the Holy Spirit to communicate it to us. The blessings of God have no material physical counterpart. There are no words to describe it. Nothing exists in our reality in which to adequately compare it to. That is the greatness of our God and His Son Jesus the Christ.

When God says “every spiritual blessing” he truly means every spiritual blessing.

So imagine as newborn babes in the kingdom of heaven, God speaks his words over us to the core of our inner being. These words travel like seeds that get lodged into our DNA. As Jesus says in the parable of the sower found in Matthew 13, Mark 4 and Luke 8, the ultimate sower is God and the seed is the word of God. These words of blessings are new seeds of potential and destiny for our lives.

Notice the verse again says something important in referring to what God has done “**who has blessed us.**” This event has already happened. He has already spoken over us.

- Those of you in Christ who think they don't have a future or a hope. Let's end that right now. It has already happened. Your hope and future have been established.
- Those of you who are trying to attain the blessings of God through doing good things for God or living a good life. Keep doing what you're doing but do it because you love God not for his blessing. He's already given you that. He has already blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing.
- Those of you who are trying to build your faith to attain the blessing. Focus your faith on something else. You've already been blessed. Accept it. Read it again and again and again. This is not a promise that we inherit through faith and much patience. This is a truth of our new identity in Christ. This is a journey that has already started.

Speaking of Destiny

for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Romans 11:29

The blessings that God speaks over us include gifts and calling. The gifts are spiritual gifts and the calling is a spiritual calling. In you right now are the seeds of the potential God has placed in you. In you right now is the seed of your calling. In you right now are the seeds of your spiritual gifts.

How did it get there? God placed it there. Is he going to take it back? Nope. His calling and his gifts are irrevocable. His seeds are irrevocable.

Take a Holy Spirit moment right now. Pause and take a deep breath. You have been brought into the kingdom of light by the blood of Jesus the Christ. In this name, the God of the universe treats you like his own child and has spoken over you with special words – words of love and delight only for you. He didn't speak these words to your ears but to your heart and your spirit. These words are the seeds of your destiny. They include your calling and your gifts. Can you sense it?

These Are Words for You

Jesus is personal. How personal is he? He can deal with us so individually that it's hard to explain. When the presence of the Lord comes upon me, it is like only he and I exist. Yet he deals with everybody on that level. You have his full attention and concern and care but simultaneously with everyone else. How does he do this? I don't know but it is really cool. He is really and truly God.

Seed has the plan

The seed has the plan. The seeds that the Lord has planted in us come with a plan. An acorn is a seed of an oak tree. An oak tree has a sophisticated way of getting energy from the sun and releasing oxygen as a byproduct. It has a mechanism for absorbing water and nutrients from the ground. It has a cell structure that facilitates the distribution of nutrients throughout the tree. It has a reproductive system that produces new seeds. We do not possess the accumulated knowledge or technology or ability to produce a tree from scratch. But within the acorn is embedded all those sophisticated plans. Plans we can't even decipher. The seed has the plan. In the acorn are the plan and the purpose. What about us? The seed of God in us has the plans for our life. You are not without a plan if you are in Christ. You are not without a purpose, a calling or gifts. It's in the seeds.

Potential Is Not The Thing

Do you have the seed of a pastor? That is who you are. Will you ever pastor a church? I don't know. The seed is the potential. The seed has the plan. The seed though is not the thing. The seed needs to mature and grow into the thing. Put yourself outside of the Lord's covering and do you think your seeds will mature? Jesus stated in the parable of the sower (see Matthew 13, Mark 4 or Luke 8) that there are things that keep seeds from maturing.

Without reading the whole parable here they are:

- 1) A hard heart
- 2) No depth or understanding
- 3) Distractions or worries of this life

Think of these things as challenges to your calling and your destiny. Think of these things as limitations of your development.

A Note on Personal Prophecy

This study came about as a result of personal prophecy. Some of you reading this may have been to a Bible study, church service or prophetic conference where some prophetic person spoke some things over you. This can be very exciting and challenging at the same time.

Without going into the whole story, I was in a prophetic conference myself when a well-known prophetic teacher stated and I am paraphrasing "Some of you had better take stock of your personal prophecies, because they do have a shelf-life." What he was saying is that if you don't start acting on these personal prophecies you will lose them. I spent a bit of time thinking about that statement. Does "use it or lose it" operate in the kingdom of Heaven? You cannot deny that many people (if not most) have gone on before us without walking in the fullness of what God has provided.

But if personal prophecy is the word of God it must be true, right? I actually asked this question to that well-known prophetic teacher and we ended up in a mini debate in which he said that the word of God does not always come true. It was interesting. I think he had to take that position because of his previous statement.

So what's the quick note? Well if God has seeded us and those seeds are irrevocable then there is no shelf life or timeline on personal prophecy (while we live). However, if there is no maturity there is no fulfillment.

Personal prophecy then speaks to our seeds of our potential our call our destiny, but the seed is not the thing. When people speak over you many times they are speaking to your seeds.

Remember Paul did a little of this to Timothy when he said:

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 2 Tim 1:6 NIV

Conclusion

In wrapping up, I'm not saying you need to do anything. I just want you to tune your prayers. Hopefully this study has helped to tune your thoughts.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3 NIV

Let's tune our prayer to walking in the fullness of what God has already blessed us with. Let's take our prayers to the next level. It's time to stop seeking blessings. It is time to start seeking growth. Whatever God has seeded in your life, may he make it more and more clear to you. There is no physical action to take - only spiritual action. Do not be concerned about running out of time or losing anything. The seeds are irrevocable. Only concern yourself with being open to the Holy Spirit to allow him to cause growth in what he has already seeded you with.

Lastly, I believe there are people everywhere where the seeds of their calling, gifts and destiny in Christ have been dormant and the Holy Spirit is going to begin to cause growth. Your job is to be open to it. The Lord desires to rise up a people with true depth who walk in the fullness of who he has called them to be.

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