

THE BLESSING

Extreme Makeover...Family Edition (Part 3)

Every person longs for the blessing.

²⁰ Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹ Then he also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, 'Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me.' ³² Isaac his father said to him, 'Who are you?' And he said, 'I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.' ³³ Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, 'Who was he then that hunted game and brought it to me, so that I ate of all of it before you came, and blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.' ³⁴ When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, 'Bless me, even me also, O my father!' ³⁵ And he said, 'Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing.'" Genesis 27:30-35 (NASB)

²⁸ Esau said to his father, 'Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.' So Esau lifted his voice and wept." Genesis 27:38 (NASB)

I. DEEP WITHIN THE HEART OF EVERY PERSON IS A LONGING FOR PARENTAL APPROVAL.

¹ Now it came about, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him, 'My son.' And he said to him, 'Here I am.' ² Isaac said, 'Behold now, I am old and I do not know the day of my death.' ³ Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me; ⁴ and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die.'" Genesis 27:1-4 (NASB)

The Blessing – is a formula of words which expresses fondness for, confidence in, and a recognition of a certain, particular person. It was a bestowal of favor, a transaction which gave material and spiritual benefit to the recipient.

Five Elements of a Biblical Blessing:

A. It involves a meaningful touch.

²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, 'Please come close and kiss me, my son.'" Genesis 27:26 (NASB)

Lame Excuses for Not Showing Affection:

- I show it by my actions.
- It makes me feel uncomfortable.
- It's just not that important.
- I don't want to go overboard.

B. It involves spoken words.

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue," Proverbs 18:21a (NASB)

²⁷ So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said, 'See, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed,'" Genesis 27:27 (NASB)

Four Things That Should Be in Our Homes All the Time:

- Words of Appreciation
- Words of Reconciliation
- Words of Vision
- Words of Security

C. It involves affirming value.

D. It involves a spiritual vision.

²⁸ 'Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And an abundance of grain and new wine,'" Genesis 27:28 (NASB)

E. It involves a prosperous vision.

²⁹ 'May peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you; Be master of your brothers, And may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you.'" Genesis 27:29 (NASB)

II. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BLESSING IS WITHHELD?

Four Roads People Take:

- A. Try a little harder
- B. Go out in search of a blessing in other places
- C. Withdraw into loneliness
- D. Are angry and attack parents

III. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BLESSING IS GIVEN?

Can Answer the Three Big Questions:

- A. Who am I?
- B. Why am I here?
- C. Where am I going?

IV. HOW DO YOU LIVE WITHOUT THE BLESSING?

- A. Hear your Spiritual Leaders
- B. Hear your Heavenly Father