
The Blessings of Jesus

Witnessing the Works of Jesus

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Subject: Witnessing the Works of Jesus: The Blessings of Jesus

Previous Series (Witnessing Jesus): Interrogating, The Way, The Truth, The Life of Jesus

Current Series (Witnessing the Works of Jesus) Messages:

Lesson Text

John 9:1–4 (AV)¹ And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. ² And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³ Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.** ⁴ **I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**

Luke 4:18–19 (AV)¹⁸ **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,** ¹⁹ **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**

Introduction

In our last series of teachings, we learned to Witness Jesus as the way to God.

John 14:6 (AV)⁶ Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

1. **THE WAY** (Our Spiritual Latitude – Our Calling)
2. **THE TRUTH** (Our Spiritual Longitude – Our Deliverance)
3. **And THE LIFE** (Our Spiritual Altitude – Our Destiny)

In that series we learned *who was Jesus*. Now we want to look at *what Jesus does*.

In Luke 4:18, Jesus gives us 5 things he was anointed to do.

1. Preach the Gospel to the Poor
2. Heal the Broken Hearted
3. Deliver the Captives
4. Recover Site to the Blind
5. Set at Liberty the Bruised

Today we want to look at the first Work of Jesus, which is to Preach the Gospel to the Poor.

To preach the gospel to the poor is to not about condemning them for their wrong; but blessing them because of their condition.

- The NLT translates it to bring good news to the poor
- Isaiah 61 used the terminology “good tidings”, meaning good news or notifications.

What this preaching of the Gospel, good news, or good tidings was about blessing the poor.

Poor or poverty is not about the absence of money or things, but about the human condition.

What the poor needs is not necessarily money, stuff, or things; but a word that changes their condition. They can get the stuff today, but because of their condition, be back poor tomorrow.

To “bless” meant to fill with benefits, either as an end in itself or to make the object blessed, a source of further blessing for others. God is most often at least the understood agent of blessing in this sense, and blessing a person often amounted to calling on God to bless them.

Proverbs 10: ²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

To learn the blessings of Jesus we will look at two passages today:

1. Matthew 16: ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**
2. Genesis 12:2 (AV)² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

What these two passages teach us about blessings is that through preaching or witnessing, blessings are revealed, blessings are imparted, and finally blessings are ordained.

Series and Subject: Witnessing the Works of Jesus: The Blessings of Jesus

The Revelation of Blessings, the Impartation of Blessings, and the Ordination of Blessings

I. The Revelation of Blessings

Matthew 16:17 (AV)¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

The first work of preaching is to present or represent Christ to the world.

Where there is no presentation, there can be no revelation.

In the previous verses, Jesus asked his disciples who was he. Some said John the Baptist, Elias, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

They were experiencing the things of God, but had no revelation of the blessings of God.

Today people are living with the gifting of God, the prosperity of God, and the protection of God; but they can't truly experience the blessings of God because they don't know God.

Before there can be a revelation, there must be a presentation.

Although Jesus had called them, walked with them, performed miracles in front them; he didn't become a blessing until he was revealed to them.

What are we presenting to the poor? Is it a presentation that can lead to revelation?

Matthew 16:16–17 (AV)¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

II. The Impartation of Blessings

Genesis 12:2 (AV)² And I will make of thee a great nation, **and I will bless thee**, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

The next work of preaching is witnessing until the poor receive an impartation from God.

Where there is no preparation, there can be no Impartation.

Impartation here means to bestow, confer, to grant or give.

A person can want to impart or give something to you, but if you have not prepared to receive it, then it won't be giving.

Luke 10:19 (AV)¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Acts 1:8 (AV)⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

However, to get this power, the disciples had to go and prepare for it.

Genesis 12:1 (AV)¹ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

Prepare for the impartation of blessings by going and waiting.

We must go away, get out from our comfort zone, familiar zone, and our safety zone.

Then we must wait on our blessings.

Isaiah 40:31 (AV)³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

III. The Ordination of Blessings

Genesis 12:2 (AV)² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; **and thou shalt be a blessing**:

- First, we need a Revelation of the Blessings of Jesus
- Then we need an Impartation of the Blessings of Jesus
- And finally we must have an Ordination of the Blessings of Jesus

To Ordain is to Proclaim, Establish, Determine, and Command

Philippians 1:6 (AV)⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

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1 Peter 5:10 (AV)¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

God has Ordained us to Be A Blessings

He's Ordained us to be the Head and not the Tale, so we can lead others to blessings

He's Ordained us to Lend and not Borrow, so we can give to others a blessing

He's Ordained us Coming In and Going out, so we bless people no matter where we are.

He's Ordained our Fruit, so that our Children can be blessed

He's Ordained us in the City, so City folk can be blessed

He's Ordained us in the Field, so Country folk can be blessed