

# Receive the Blessing of Abraham

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and the LORD and Anointed for Christ.)*

## *The Blessing from Yahweh that was upon Abraham's life Can be upon Your life!*

Yahweh's blessing upon Abram made him exceedingly fruitful. He obtained riches, children, long life, health, protection from his enemies and most importantly, he received communion with the Creator, Yahweh. We also are the seeds, the descendants, of Abraham.<sup>1</sup> Yahweh's will for us is that we can also receive His baraking (blessing), resulting in our lives being exceedingly fruitful.<sup>2</sup> The blessing poured out upon us will be in the proportion to which we obey, believe and act upon Yahweh's written and spoken words. Yahweh said unto Abram, "Come out of thy land that I may bless thee" and Abram "Came according to that which Yahweh had spoken."<sup>3</sup> We also, as children of Yahweh, have been asked to "Come out of the world" that He may be able to barak us.

The Hebrew word translated blessing is 'barak.' Barak means, "to endue with power for success, prosperity, fecundity (fruitfulness), longevity etc."<sup>4</sup> Yahweh is the only source of barak. "His presence confers blessing, and it is only in His name that others can confer blessing. Indeed, Yahweh's name, the manifestation of his personal, redemptive, covenant-keeping nature, is at the heart of all blessing...Yahweh demonstrates from Gen. 12 onward that He alone has power to bestow this blessing. In the patriarchal narratives, blessing is linked very specifically to reproductive powers. The lesson is clear. Yahweh gives life. Neither god, nor man, nor rite can do so. Nor does Yahweh have to be cajoled into giving His blessing.<sup>5</sup> He wishes to give it to all who will trust Him.<sup>6</sup>" The first usage of barak is Genesis 1:22; "And Elohim blessed [barak] them [animals], saying,—Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let, the birds, multiply in the land." The second usage of barak is Genesis 1:28; "And Elohim blessed [barak] them [Adam & Eve],

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<sup>1</sup> Now, if, ye, are of Christ, by consequence ye are, Abraham's seed, according to promise, heirs. Gal. 3:29

<sup>2</sup> And what the surpassing greatness of his power unto us who believe,—according to the energy of the grasp of his might which he energised in the Christ, when he raised him from among the dead, and seated him at his right hand in the heavenlies...Now, unto him who is able to do, above all things, exceeding abundantly above the things which we ask or conceive,—according to the power which doth energise itself within us, Eph. 1:19-20, 3:20

<sup>3</sup> And Yahweh said unto Abram: Come thou on thy way, Out of thy land and out of the place of thy birth, and out of the house of thy father,—Unto the land that I will show thee; That I may make thee into a great nation, And bless thee, and make great thy name, And become thou a blessing; That I may bless them who bless thee, But, him who maketh light of thee, will I curse,—So shall be, blessed in thee, all the families of the ground. And Abram came on his way, according to that which Yahweh had spoken unto him, and Lot came with him,—now, Abram, was seventy-five years old, when he came forth out of Haran. Gen. 12:1-4

<sup>4</sup> Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament by Harris, Archer, Waltke; pg. 132, Vol. 1.

<sup>5</sup> That I may bless them who bless thee, But, him who maketh light of thee, will I curse,—So shall be, blessed in thee, all the families of the ground. Gen. 12:3

<sup>6</sup> Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament by Harris, Archer, Waltke; pg. 132, Vol. 1.

and Elohim said to them—Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it,—and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the bird of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth on the land.” Yahweh blessed [barak] Noah and his sons after the flood, and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth” (Gen. 9:1). In the above three usages, barak is linked to being fruitful and having dominion over the earth.

Abram and Sarai were baraked by Yahweh because they obeyed His voice.<sup>7</sup> Obedience to the revelation He gives us, whether written in His Word or given by revelation (word of knowledge, word of wisdom and discerning of spirits),<sup>8</sup> is absolutely necessary in order to receive in full His blessing. Disobeying Yahweh’s revelation results in His blessing being hindered. For example, Yahweh gave the revelation to the children of Israel that they could take by force the land of Canaan, which was the land flowing with milk and honey. Yahweh was giving unto them, “cities great and goodly, which thou didst not build; and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and hewn cisterns which thou hewedst not, vineyards and oliveyards which thou plantedst not,—and shalt eat and be full”<sup>9</sup> but the Israelites feared the report of the ten unbelieving spies, therefore turning down Yahweh’s full blessing.<sup>10</sup> Their wandering in the wilderness for 40 years was the result of their unbelief. They were still blessed in the wilderness by our Father but not in the full capacity.<sup>11</sup> Their unbelief resulted in them living in tents instead of houses; eating manna and quail instead of olives, grapes and figs; living in the wilderness instead of cities that were great and goodly!

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<sup>7</sup> Then called out the messenger of Yahweh, unto Abraham,—a second time, out of the heavens; and said, By myself, have I sworn is the oracle of Yahweh,—Because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only one, That I will, richly bless, thee, and, abundantly multiply, thy seed, as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the lip of the sea,—that thy seed may take possession of the gate of his foes: So shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves in thy seed,—Because thou didst hearken unto my voice. Gen. 22:15-18

and Yahweh appeared unto him, and said, Do not go down towards Egypt,—Make thy habitation in the land, which I may name unto thee: Sojourn in this land, that I may be with thee, and bless thee,—for, to thee, and to thy seed, will I give all these lands, So will I establish the oath which I swear to Abraham, thy father; and will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heavens, and will give to thy seed, all these lands,—And all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves in thy seed: Because that Abraham hearkened unto my voice,—and so kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws. Gen. 26:2-5

By faith, being called, Abraham obeyed—to come forth into a place he was destined to receive for an inheritance; and he came forth, not well knowing whither he was coming. Heb. 11:8

<sup>8</sup> I Cor. 12:7-10

<sup>9</sup> Deu. 6:10-11

<sup>10</sup> And they took in their hand of the fruit of the country, and bare it down unto us,—and brought us back word, and said, Good, is the land, which, Yahweh our Elohim, is giving unto us. Nevertheless ye were not willing to go up,—but rebelled against the bidding of Yahweh, your Elohim; and murmured in your tents, and said, Because Yahweh hated, us, hath he brought us forth out of the land of Egypt,—to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. Whither, are, we, to go up? Our own brethren, have made our heart melt, saying—A people greater and taller than we, cities large and walled—up into the heavens,—yea, moreover, sons of Anakim, have we seen there. Then I said unto you,—Ye must not tremble, nor be afraid of them: Yahweh your Elohim, who is going before you, he, will fight for you,—according to all that he did with you in Egypt, before your eyes; also in the desert which thou hast seen, where Yahweh thy Elohim carried thee as a man will carry his son, throughout all the way that ye journeyed, until ye entered as far as this place. But, in this thing, ye were putting no trust in Yahweh your Elohim: who was going before you in the way—to search out for you a place, where ye might encamp,—in the fire by night, that ye might get sight of the way wherein ye should go, and in the cloud, by day. And Yahweh heard, the voice of your words,—and was wroth, and swore—saying: Surely, not one of these men, this wicked generation,—shall see, the good land, which I swear to give unto your fathers: Deu. 1:25-35

<sup>11</sup> For, Yahweh thy Elohim, hath blessed thee, in all the work of thy hand, he hath considered thy traversing of this great desert,—these forty years, hath Yahweh thy Elohim been with thee, thou hast lacked, nothing. Deu. 2:7

“By faith, being called, Abraham obeyed...”<sup>12</sup> and thereafter came the power for success, prosperity, fruitfulness and longevity. Abram was blessed with material possessions. Pharaoh gave him flocks and herds, and he–asses, and men–servants, and maid–servants, and she–asses, and camels, resulting in him leaving Egypt being very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold.<sup>13</sup> Abimelech gave him sheep and oxen and men-servants and maid-servants.<sup>14</sup> Abram was blessed with military strength. The enemies of Abram were delivered into his hands by El Elyon (God Most High).<sup>15</sup> Abram was blessed with long life. Yahweh promised him, “thou, shalt go in unto thy fathers, in peace,—thou shalt be buried in a good old age” (Gen. 15:15). He lived for 175 years.<sup>16</sup> Yahweh appeared to Abram at the age of 99 and promised him a son from Sarai and that he was going to make him exceedingly fruitful.<sup>17</sup> Abram’s name was changed, by Yahweh, to Abraham, which means “father of a multitude.” Sarai’s name was changed to Sarah and Yahweh told Abraham, “I will barak (bless) her, yea moreover will give—from her—to thee, a son,—And I will barak (bless) her, and she shall become nations. Kings of peoples, from her, shall arise” (Gen. 17:16). Yahweh had also heard Abram’s request for Ishmael. Yahweh said, “I have heard thee; lo! I have baraked (blessed) him, and will make him fruitful, and multiply him, exceedingly,—twelve princes, shall he beget, and I will grant him to be a great nation” (Gen. 17:20). Why did Yahweh barak Ishmael? Ishmael, as we are, was Abraham’s seed. Ishmael was blessed because he was the seed of Abraham through Hagar. How much more the blessing will be because we are the seed of Abraham through Sarah.<sup>18</sup>

One of the greatest acts of Abraham’s obedience was in the offering up of his son, Isaac. Yahweh told Abraham, “Take, I pray thee, thy son, thine only one, whom thou lovest [ahab], even, Isaac, and get thee into the land of Moriah,—and cause him to ascend there, as an ascending–sacrifice, on one of the mountains, which I shall name unto thee” (Gen. 22:2). Abraham obeyed but a messenger stopped him and said, “for, now, know I that, one who reverest Elohim, thou art, when thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only one, from me... Because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only one, That I will, richly barak (bless), thee, and, abundantly multiply, thy seed, as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the lip of the sea,—that thy seed may take possession

<sup>12</sup> By faith, being called, Abraham obeyed—to come forth into a place he was destined to receive for an inheritance; and he came forth, not well knowing whither he was coming. Heb. 11:8

<sup>13</sup> and, with Abram, dealt he well for her sake,—so that he came to have flocks and herds, and he–asses, and men–servants, and maid–servants, and she–asses, and camels. Gen. 12:16; So Abram came up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, towards the South. Now, Abram, was very rich,—in cattle, in silver, and in gold. Gen. 13:1-2

<sup>14</sup> Then took Abimelech sheep and oxen, and men–servants and maid–servants, and gave to Abraham,—and restored to him Sarah his wife. (Gen. 20:14)

<sup>15</sup> Now, Melchizedek king of Salem, had brought forth bread and wine,—he, being priest of El Most High. So he blessed him, and said,—Blessed be Abram, of El Most High, possessor of *the* heavens and earth; And blessed be El Most High, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. So he gave unto him a tenth of all. Gen. 14:18-20

<sup>16</sup> Now, these, are the days of the years of the life of Abraham, which he lived,—a hundred and seventy–five years. Gen. 25:7

<sup>17</sup> And I will make thee fruitful, exceedingly, and grant thee to be nations,—Yea, kings, out of thee, shall come forth; Gen. 17:6

<sup>18</sup> Yet, even the son of the bondwoman, will I appoint to become, a nation, because, thy seed, he is. Gen. 21:13 For it is written, that, Abraham, had two sons—one by the bondmaid, and one by the free woman; But, he that was of the bondmaid, after the flesh, had been born, whereas, he that was of the free woman, through means of a promise. Gal. 4:22-23

of the gate of his foes: So shall all the nations of the earth barak (bless) themselves in thy seed,—Because thou didst hearken unto my voice.” (Gen. 22:12-18). Abraham’s great reward for hearkening unto the voice of Yahweh was that he would be richly baraked. A manifestation of Abraham being richly baraked is that his body was complete, even past the age of 100. Sarah died at the age of 127,<sup>19</sup> which made Abraham 137 years old. He had six other children from the age of 137 to 175.<sup>20</sup> These children came from the man who at the age of 99 laughed in his heart and said, “...To one a hundred years old, shall a child be born? And shall, even Sarah, who is ninety years old, give birth” (Gen. 17:17)? Yahweh was with Abraham! Abraham was a baraked man as also would Isaac become. Why? Isaac was the seed of Abraham and he obeyed the voice of Yahweh.

Yahweh appeared to Isaac, when there was a famine in the land and said, “...Do not go down towards Egypt,—Make thy habitation in the land, which I may name unto thee: Sojourn in this land, that I may be with thee, and barak (bless) thee,—for, to thee, and to thy seed, will I give all these lands, So will I establish the oath which I swear to Abraham, thy father; and will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heavens, and will give to thy seed, all these lands,—And all the nations of the earth shall barak (bless) themselves in thy seed: Because that Abraham hearkened unto my voice,—and so kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws” (Gen. 26:2-5). If Isaac would have disobeyed Yahweh and had gone to Egypt then Yahweh could not have been with him and baraked him in the capacity desired. Isaac did obey Yahweh by staying in the land that was experiencing a famine. The reward of his obedience was that he waxed exceedingly great; reaping a hundred fold from sowing; possessions of flocks, and possessions of herds, and a large body of servants.<sup>21</sup> Yahweh was with Isaac! Yahweh’s blessing upon Isaac was visible to mankind. Abimelech told Isaac that, “We, saw plainly, that Yahweh was with thee” (Gen. 26:28)! People should be making this statement about our lives.

Jacob was exceedingly baraked by Yahweh, even though his father-in-law abused him. Yahweh, standing by Jacob said, “I, am Yahweh, Elohim of Abraham thy father and Elohim of Isaac,—The land whereon, thou, art lying, to thee, will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall become, as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt break forth westward and eastward, and northward and southward,—And all the families of the ground shall be blessed in thee, and in thy seed. Lo! then, I, am with thee, so will I keep thee in every place whithersoever thou mayest go, and will bring thee back unto this soil,—For I will not forsake thee until I have done that of which I have spoken to thee” (Gen. 28:13-15). Laban, Jacob’s father-in-law, who was a pagan, saw that he was being materially blessed,

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<sup>19</sup> And the life of Sarah came to be, a hundred and twenty-seven years,—the years of the life of Sarah. Gen. 23:1

<sup>20</sup> And Abraham took another wife, and, her name, was Keturah; and she bare to him Zimran, and Yokshan, and Medan, and Midian,—and Ishbak, and Shuah. Gen. 25:1-2

<sup>21</sup> And Isaac sowed in that land, and found, in the same year, a hundredfold,—seeing that Yahweh had blessed him. So the man waxed great,—and went on and on waxing great, until that he had waxed exceeding great. So he came to have possessions of flocks, and possessions of herds, and a large body of servants,—and the Philistines envied him. Gen. 26:12-14

by Yahweh, because of Jacob.<sup>22</sup> Yahweh gave a revelation to Jacob on how to exceedingly increase his wealth through Laban's herds.<sup>23</sup> Jacob obeyed the revelation and "thus came he to have flocks in abundance, and maid-servants, and men-servants, and camels, and asses" (Gen. 30:43). Yahweh protected Jacob, from Laban, by warning Laban, in a dream, to "take heed to thyself that thou speak not with Jacob, either good or bad" (Gen. 31:29). Jacob was exceedingly blessed because he was the seed of Abraham and he obeyed the voice of Yahweh. Yahweh was with Jacob!

Joseph, even after being sold into slavery, walked in faith and obedience to Yahweh, which resulted in him being blessed (empowered with success and prosperity). Even under extreme hardship, Yahweh's blessing on an individual can be seen. Joseph was sold to Potiphar as a slave but Yahweh was with Joseph. Potiphar "...saw, that, Yahweh, was with him,—and that, whatsoever, he, was doing, Yahweh, was causing to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favour in his eyes, and waited upon him,—and he made him overseer over his house, and, all that he had, gave he into his hand. And it came to pass, from the time that he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that Yahweh baraked (blessed) the house of the Egyptian, for Joseph's sake,—yea it came to pass, that, the baraking (blessing) of Yahweh, was with all that he had, in the house, and in the field; so that he left all that he had in the hand of Joseph, and took note with him, of nothing, save only the bread which, he himself, was eating..." (Gen. 39:3-6). Yahweh was also with Joseph when he was delivered up to the prison. "And it came to pass, that, Yahweh, was with Joseph, and extended unto him lovingkindness,—and gave him his favour in the eyes of the chief of the prison. So the chief of the prison delivered up, into Joseph's hand, all the prisoners who were in the prison,—and, of all that was doing there, he, was the doer. After nothing, was the chief of the prison looking, of whatever was in his hand,—in that, Yahweh, was with him, and, whatsoever, he, was doing, Yahweh, was causing to prosper" (Gen. 39:21-23). Joseph then became Pharaoh's second in command; "So Pharaoh took his ring from off his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand,—and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put the chain of gold upon his neck; and made him ride in the second chariot which belonged to him, and they cried out before him, Bow the knee! thus setting him over all the land of Egypt" (Gen. 41:42-43). Joseph, who was the seed of believing Abraham, was blessed by Yahweh for Abraham's sake and because Joseph hearkened unto Yahweh's voice. Yahweh was with Joseph!

Yahweh was with the children of Israel because they were of the seed of Abraham; they hearkened unto His voice and they walked in faith. Moses told the children of Israel, "For, Yahweh thy Elohim, hath blessed [barak] thee, in all the work of thy hand, he hath

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<sup>22</sup> And Laban said unto him, If, I pray thee, I have found favour in thine eyes, ...I have divined that Yahweh hath blessed me for thy sake... For it was, little, that thou hadst—before I came, and then it brake forth into multitude, and Yahweh blessed thee at my every step... Gen. 30:27-30

<sup>23</sup> And the messenger of Elohim said unto me in a dream, Jacob! and I said, Behold me! Then he said, Lift, I pray thee, thine eyes and behold, All the he-goats that are leaping upon the flock, are ring-straked, speckled, and dappled,—for I have seen all that, Laban, has been doing to thee. Gen. 31:11-12

considered thy traversing of this great desert,—these forty years, hath Yahweh thy Elohim been with thee, thou hast lacked, nothing. Blessed [barak], shalt thou be beyond all the peoples,—there shall not be in thee a barren male or female, nor among thy cattle; and Yahweh, will turn away, from thee, all disease,—and, as for all the sore sicknesses of Egypt which thou knowest, he will not lay them upon thee, but will put them upon all who hate thee; and thou shalt devour all the peoples whom, Yahweh thy Elohim, is delivering up unto thee, thine eye shall not look with pity upon them, neither shalt thou serve their elohims, for, a snare, would it be unto thee. Although thou mightest say in thy heart: More in number, are these nations than I,—how can, I dispossess them? thou must not be afraid of them,—thou must, remember, what Yahweh thy Elohim, did, unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt:” (Deu. 2:7, 7:14-18). The blessings promised to the children of Israel are listed in Deuteronomy chapter twenty-eight. Their one requirement was to “...hearken, unto the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim, to observe to do all his commandments which I am commanding thee, today, then will Yahweh thy Elohim set thee on high, above all the nations of the earth; and all these blessings [barak] shall come in upon thee, and reach thee,—because thou dost hearken unto the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim” (Deu. 28:1-2). The blessing of Abraham will be upon anyone who will hearken unto the voice of Yahweh.

What hinders believers from receiving the blessings that Abraham had upon his life? Sins, false teachings and fears are the usual obstacles that will block the blessings from Yahweh from coming upon our lives. These obstacles are the reasons for people disobeying the voice of Yahweh. Sins are easily corrected by breaking the sinning habit. False religious teachings can be a major problem because many Christian religions teach that Yahweh’s blessing is contingent upon His will and not yours, which is the opposite of what we have just read. Also many religions teach that you cannot hear from Yahweh or Christ, which also is contrary to our Father’s Word. Walking by revelation is absolutely necessary to receive Yahweh’s full blessings. Fear is also a major reason for believers not receiving the blessings of Abraham. The Israelites were originally afraid to cross into the land of Canaan, which hindered Yahweh’s blessing upon their lives. Abraham, on the other hand, left his city for the wilderness “not well knowing whither he was coming,” which can be frightening but he was exceedingly rewarded for his obedience.

We are the seed of Abraham.<sup>24</sup> The blessing of Abraham will come to us through Christ.<sup>25</sup> Yahweh will exceedingly endue us with power for success, prosperity, longevity etc., because we are the seed of Abraham. Our only requirement is to hearken unto His voice by obeying His spoken and written Words, which will require faith. Obeying words of religion or walking in fear will hinder or stop the blessings of Yahweh. We have received the spirit of Yahweh, whereby Yahweh or Christ will communicate their will to us by

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<sup>24</sup> “... they who are of faith, the same, are, sons, of Abraham... so then, they who are of faith, are blessed with believing Abraham” (Gal. 3:7-9).

<sup>25</sup> for ye, all, are, sons of Yahweh, through the faith in Christ Yahshua...now, if, ye, are of Christ, by consequence ye are, Abraham’s seed, according to promise, heirs. (Gal. 3:26-29).

revelation or through Yahweh's written Word.<sup>26</sup> If we reject Yahweh's or Christ's voice then a blessing cannot be received in its fullness. People could see that Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph etc. were blessed (baraked) when they walked in Yahweh's will. These individuals brought glory to our Father. Their walk of faith encourages us to walk as they walked, in order that we also can receive the blessing of Abraham from our Father. We must examine our own lives and determine whether we are receiving the fullness of the blessing of Yahweh. If we are not, then we must seek His voice and submit to His will, whereby we can then hearken unto His voice, resulting in us waxing exceedingly great. People should be speaking about us, as Abimelech, Potiphar and Pharoah spoke about Yahweh's servants. They proclaimed that, "Yahweh is with them." Yahweh is in Christ and Christ is in us.<sup>27</sup> We must always remember that, "if Yahweh *is* for us, who *shall be* against us? He, at least, who his own Son did not spare, but in behalf of us all delivered him up, how shall he not also, with him, all things upon us in favour bestow" (Rm. 8:31-32)? The blessing of Abraham will come upon you if you will obey Yahweh's written and spoken Words, which requires walking in faith. "According to your believing, be it done unto you" (Mt. 9:29).

### **My Supplication for You**

That, the Elohim of our Lord Yahshua Christ, the Father of glory, would give you a spirit of wisdom and understanding in gaining a personal knowledge of him,— The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that ye may know—what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what the surpassing greatness of his power unto us who believe,—according to the energy of the grasp of his might which he energised in the Christ, when he raised him from among the dead, and seated him at his right hand in the heavenlies, Over—above all principality, authority, and power, and lordship, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the coming one, And did put, all things, in subjection beneath his feet. And gave him to be head over all things unto the assembly, Which, indeed, is his body, the fulness of him who, the all things in all, is for himself filling up. (Eph. 1:17-23)

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<sup>26</sup> 1Co 2:12 But, as for us,—not the spirit of the world, have we received, but the spirit which is of Yahweh,—that we might know the things which, by Yahweh, have been given in favour unto us:

<sup>27</sup> Joh 14:20 In that day, shall ye get to know, That, I, am in my Father, and, ye, in me, and, I, in you.