



The Commitment of Blessing

The blessing was a guarantee that God would not just bless the best of us, but the rest of us - all His people.



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Misconception: Only when we stop sinning will God desire to bless us.

Reality: Despite our sin, God desires to bless us.



Numbers 6

22-23 The **LORD** spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons...

24 The **LORD** bless you and keep you;

25 the **LORD** make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the **LORD** lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



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The LORD is the source of all our blessings.



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27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and **I** will bless them."

This is the great challenge - in a world marred by sin, can you see the blessing of God?



"God Must Hate Me" by Catie Turner

Do you ever see someone and think "Wow, God must hate me"
'Cause He spent so much time on them and for me, He got lazy

...

If Jesus died for all our sins

He left one behind, **the body I'm in**

Same hands that made the moon and the stars

Got carpal tunnel and forgot some parts



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I don't know what I believe
But it's **easier** to think
He made a **mistake with me...**



The big sin is **not** in our constant struggles or moments of indulgence when we've lost all self-control, whether it be addiction, anger, or any other vice.

The big sin lies in our **mistrust**—the mistrust that questions the goodness of God and the blessings He has promised us in life.



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There is always a reason to doubt,
but if you are willing to look,
you will see God's blessing in your life.



The Habit of Blessing



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The worship service is not primarily to **teach the head**,
but to **shape the heart**.



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Our world is full of a thousand invisible habits of fear, anger, anxiety, and envy that we unconsciously and consciously adopt. Should we do nothing, we will be **taught to love the very things that tear us apart**.

-James Earley



Habit of Blessing

The worship service isn't meant to be passively **received in the mind** but actively **embraced in the heart**.



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Leviticus 9:22 Then Aaron **lifted up his hands** toward the people and blessed them.

Luke 24:50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and **lifting up his hands** he blessed them.



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Despite our sins, God desires to bless his people.

Our hope is found in a gracious God,
who acts not as we deserve,
but according to his steadfast love.



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The common thread present in all churches around the world is a profound personal love for Jesus and a deep appreciation for His grace.



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the freedom to define and validate oneself is
superficially liberating, it is also exhausting: You and
you alone must create and sustain your identity. This has
contributed to unprecedented levels of depression and
anxiety and never-satisfied longings for affirmation.
- Tim Keller

