

## Outline

I. Regardless of where you live, you're blessed:

*Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.*

Deuteronomy 28:3

A. Your location doesn't determine your prosperity if you would believe God.

B. You and all that's yours will be fruitful in every way:

*Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.*

Deuteronomy 28:4

C. You can use this verse to pray over your dog, cat, goldfish, or whatever else you have.

D. They're blessed because they belong to you!

II. God can't bless your storehouse if you don't have one:

*Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.*

Deuteronomy 28:5

A. If you don't have any extra set aside somewhere, the Lord can't bless it.

B. The Lord will bless your savings—your storehouse.

C. You need to start some savings.

III. We need to remind ourselves that it doesn't matter whether we are coming or going—we're blessed:

*Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.*

Deuteronomy 28:6

A. We are blessed anywhere we are.

B. If we're born again, then we're blessed through Jesus whether or not we know it and believe it.

- C. God told us to choose (Deut. 30:19).
- D. Since we get to choose, we must choose—and continue to choose—to be blessed.

IV. This is powerful:

*The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.*

Deuteronomy 28:7

- A. “*Thine enemies*” isn’t only talking about people.
- B. “*Thine enemies*” could be poverty, sickness, worry, stress, and anything else that’s against you.
- C. They will not prosper (Is. 54:17)!

V. Verse 8 agrees with verse 2 of the same chapter:

*The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee.*

Deuteronomy 28:8a

*And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee.*

Deuteronomy 28:2

- A. We can’t outrun the blessing of God.
- B. The blessing of God is pursuing us, chasing us, and trying to get us blessed.
- C. But we have to cooperate.
- D. We have to believe and start speaking it.
- E. The blessings of God are voice-activated.

VI. God doesn’t have anything to bless if you aren’t setting your hand unto something:

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*The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto.*

Deuteronomy 28:8

- A. One hundred times zero is zero.
- B. A person can prosper more by working at McDonald's—even though they may take a cut in their welfare payment—because they're doing something, and God can multiply that.
- C. But He can't multiply welfare.
- D. You can reject it if you want to, but it's the truth.

VII. Isaac had a king ask him to leave because he was mightier and wealthier than that king's whole nation (Gen. 26:12-17).

- A. This is the way it's supposed to be.
- B. God wants you to be so blessed that other people can see it:

*The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. [10] And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.*

Deuteronomy 28:9-10

- C. It may take a while because there's got to be a time of renewing your mind and of sowing and reaping.
- D. You don't just jump into this automatically, but this ought to be your goal.
- E. You ought to be saying, "I'm blessed of God, and everybody's going to see it. It will manifest, and they'll recognize the Lord's blessing in my life."
- F. All glory to Jesus!

VIII. These verses are powerful:

*And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. [12] The LORD*

*shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.*

Deuteronomy 28:11-12

- A. You can break droughts.
- B. Jamie and I have prayed and broken droughts.
- C. We may not have been the only ones who prayed, but I believe that our prayer and faith made a difference.
- D. Yours can too.

IX. You are supposed to be the head and not the tail:

*And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.*

Deuteronomy 28:13

- A. When I ask someone how they're doing, and they answer, "Not too bad, under the circumstances," it makes me wonder, *Well, what are you doing down there?*
- B. You're supposed to be above only and not beneath.
- C. You have no business being **under** the circumstances!
- D. The head and not the tail, above and not beneath—that's what the Lord says you are to be, and those are blessings.
- E. You don't have to let life knock the wind out of you, keeping you down and under, the way it does other people.

X. Read all of Deuteronomy 28 to mine it for all of the blessings.

- A. And remember, anything you can see that was a curse, you don't have to have it.
- B. Through Christ, the curses have been turned into blessings.

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- C. You can believe and receive the opposite.
- D. You're blessed!

## Discipleship Questions

1. True or false: According to Deuteronomy 28:3, your location doesn't determine your prosperity.
2. Deuteronomy 28:4 says, "*Blessed shall be the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy body, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy ground, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.*"
3. All you have is blessed. Why?  

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4. *Discussion question:* What is the purpose of a storehouse?  

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5. Deuteronomy 28:5 says, "*Blessed \_\_\_\_\_ be thy basket and thy store.*"
6. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself that it doesn't matter whether you are coming or going—you're blessed.
  - A. Thank
  - B. Remind
  - C. Nag
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above
7. True or false: Deuteronomy 28:6 says, "*Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.*"
8. *Discussion question:* Since God has blessed you, how does your choice determine whether you actually are blessed (Deut. 30:19)?  

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9. Deuteronomy 28:7 says, "*The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be \_\_\_\_\_ before thy face: they shall come out against thee \_\_\_\_\_ way, and \_\_\_\_\_ before thee \_\_\_\_\_ ways.*"

10. Besides people, what could "thine enemies" be?

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11. According to Isaiah 54:17, your enemies will not \_\_\_\_\_.

12. True or false: You can outrun the blessing of God.

13. *Discussion question:* What do you see when you imagine the blessing pursuing, chasing, and trying to get you blessed?

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14. How do you cooperate with the blessing of God?

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15. The blessings of God are \_\_\_\_\_.

16. True or false: God doesn't have anything to bless if you aren't setting your hand unto something.

17. Deuteronomy 28:8 says, "*The LORD shall \_\_\_\_\_ the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto.*"

18. Why can a person prosper more by working at McDonald's than by welfare?

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19. Why did a king ask Isaac to leave (Gen. 26:12-17)?

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20. Why might it take a while for you to be so blessed that other people can see it?

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21. Deuteronomy 28:9-10 says, "*The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath \_\_\_\_\_ unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. [10] And all people of the earth shall \_\_\_\_\_ that thou art \_\_\_\_\_ by the name of the LORD; and they shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of thee.*"

22. Deuteronomy 28:11-12 says, "*And the LORD shall make thee \_\_\_\_\_ in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. [12] The LORD shall open unto thee his \_\_\_\_\_ treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ unto many nations, and thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_.*"

23. With your prayer and faith, what can you break?

- A. Bread
- B. Traditions
- C. Fasts
- D. Droughts
- E. Eggs

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24. According to Deuteronomy 28:13, you are supposed to be the \_\_\_\_\_ and not the \_\_\_\_\_.

25. You have no business being where?

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26. *Discussion question:* How do you plan to overcome obstacles to receive your blessings?

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27. Through \_\_\_\_\_, the curses have been turned into blessings.

28. You can believe and receive the opposite of what?

- A. The curses
- B. The blessings
- C. The circumstances
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

## Scriptures

### DEUTERONOMY 28:2-13

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. [3] Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. [4] Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [5] Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. [6] Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. [7] The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. [8] The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. [9] The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. [10] And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. [11] And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. [12] The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. [13] And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.

### DEUTERONOMY 30:19

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

### EPHESIANS 6:11-13

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. [13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

ISAIAH 54:17

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

GENESIS 26:12-17

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. [13] And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: [14] For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. [15] For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. [16] And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we. [17] And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.