

The God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob: Blessed in Every Season

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[Mat 22:31-32 NASB95] 31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God: 32 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

[Act 3:13 NASB95] 13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, [the one] whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

[Act 7:31-32 NASB95] 31 "When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he approached to look [more] closely, there came the voice of the Lord: 32 'I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB.' Moses shook with fear and would not venture to look.

[Gen 12:1-3 NASB95] 1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

- Many people believe God's blessing only works when circumstances are favorable. They assume prosperity comes when the economy is strong, opportunities are plentiful, and people treat them fairly.
- Yet the stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob reveal a different reality. God's blessing is not dependent upon economic conditions, cultural trends, favorable markets, or even the actions of others. The covenant blessing followed these men through abundance, famine, opposition, deception, and uncertainty.
- Abraham became wealthy while walking with God. Isaac prospered during a famine. Jacob increased while working for a dishonest employer. Their stories testify that God's blessing is greater than every season of life.

How does God's blessing remain active and effective regardless of economic conditions, opposition, or unfair treatment?

The lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob reveal three powerful truths about the covenant blessing of God.

I. The Blessing of God Can Prosper You in Seasons of Plenty

- a. Abraham - **[Gen 13:1-2 NASB95] 1** So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him. **2** Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.
- b. Abraham's prosperity was not accidental; it was covenantal.
- c. God blessed him because He had promised to bless him.
- d. Abraham's wealth became a testimony of God's faithfulness.
- e. God's blessing affects every area of life.
- f. Application: God is not intimidated by abundance. He can trust believers with resources when their hearts remain surrendered to Him.

II. The Blessing of God Can Prosper You in Seasons of Famine

- a. Isaac

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- i. [Gen 25:5, 11 NASB95] 5 Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac; ... 11 It came about after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac lived by Beer-lahai-roi.
- ii. [Gen 26:12-14 NASB95] 12 Now Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him, 13 and the man became rich, and continued to grow richer until he became very wealthy; 14 for he had possessions of flocks and herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him.
- b. Isaac sowed when others were withholding.
- c. He obeyed God when circumstances suggested retreat.
- d. The famine did not limit God's ability to provide.
- e. His harvest became so great that others noticed.
- f. [Psa 37:19 NASB95] 19 They will not be ashamed in the time of evil, And in the days of famine they will have abundance.
- g. [Phi 4:19 NASB95] 19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- h. [Mal 3:10 NASB95] 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.
- i. Application: The Holy Spirit still gives wisdom, direction, and courage to obey God when everyone else is operating out of fear.

III. The Blessing of God Can Prosper You Despite Opposition and Unfair Treatment

- a. Jacob
 - i. [Gen 28:20-22 NASB95] 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear, 21 and I return to my father's house in safety, then the LORD will be my God. 22 "This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."
 - ii. [Gen 30:43 NASB95] 43 So the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.
 - iii. [Gen 31:12-13 NASB95] 12 "He said, 'Lift up now your eyes and see [that] all the male goats which are mating are striped, speckled, and mottled; for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. 13 'I am the God [of] Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you made a vow to Me; now arise, leave this land, and return to the land of your birth.'"
- b. Jacob committed himself to honoring God. Laban repeatedly changed the terms of their agreement.
- c. Unfair treatment could not stop God's favor.
- d. God's blessing proved stronger than human manipulation.
- e. [Pro 3:9-10 NASB95] 9 Honor the LORD from your wealth And from the first of all your produce; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.
- f. [Deu 8:18 NASB95] 18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as [it is] this day.
- g. [Gal 6:9 NASB95] 9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.
- h. Application: People may hinder opportunities, but they cannot cancel God's purpose for your life.

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IV. The Blessing of God Flows Through Faithful Stewardship

- a. Abraham built altars.
- b. Isaac obeyed God's instructions.
- c. Jacob committed to honor God with his increase.
- d. God's blessing is not merely about receiving; it is about stewardship.
- e. God blesses people not merely to increase their standard of living but to increase their standard of giving.
- f. [Luk 16:10 NASB95] 10 "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.
- g. [2Co 9:6-8 NASB95] 6 Now this [I say,] he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one [must do] just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;
- h. [Pro 11:25 NASB95] 25 The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.

V. The Blessing of God Reveals Yahweh Jireh

- a. [Gen 22:14 NASB95] 14 Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."
 - b. [Rom 8:32 NASB95] 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
 - c. Abraham knew Him as Provider.
 - d. Isaac experienced Him as Provider.
 - e. Jacob discovered Him as Provider.
 - f. The same God remains Yahweh Jireh today.
 - g. The God who provided for the patriarchs still provides for His people today. He is not limited by inflation, recessions, job markets, or human systems. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to walk in faith, generosity, wisdom, and provision.
- **The blessing of God is stronger than famine, opposition, economic uncertainty, and unfair treatment because Yahweh Jireh remains faithful in every season.**
 - Abraham was blessed in abundance. Isaac was blessed in famine. Jacob was blessed in adversity.
 - Different seasons. Different challenges. Same God.
 - Provision, Tithing, Breakthrough, Faith