

BLESSING #1 THE NEED FOR A SPOKEN BLESSING

Have you ever been to a place you wondered if God was going to bless you? Have you thought God will bless others before he blesses you? Have you wondered if God is running out of blessings? Such is the case with Esau.

Gen. 27 ³⁸ And Esau said unto his father, **Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even me also*, O my father.** And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

I. WE NEED A BLESSING TO FREE US FROM VERBAL CURSES.

1. The power of the tongue.

Pro 18 ²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death,

2 . The effects of the tongue on relationships.

James 3 ⁹ Therewith **ble^ss we God**, even the Father; and therewith **curse we men**, which are made after the similitude of God. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. KJV

Have you ever met someone that it his hard to bless them?
They can't accept gifts, praise, or recognition?

- a. They feel **unworthy**- shame, guilt, sinful
- b. They feel **inferior**- less than others because of curses spoken over them.
- c. They feel **insecure**- they cannot trust others,
They cannot commit because no one has committed to them.

II. WE NEED A BLESSING TO GIVE US DIRECTION.

Ill. D. L. Moody and Ira Sankey, his singer, were conducting a crusade in London. A camp of gypsies lived near by and they went out and preached to

them. As they were leaving a group of young boys gathered around the carriage and Sankey laid his hand on one of the boys and said, “The Lord make a preacher of you my boy”.

Year later before he started his first crusade this boy invited Sankey to come to it. He asked him if he remembered the event.

Sankey acknowledged that he did. That boy was Gypsy Smith. He had never attended a day of school. Yet he would influence millions.

Ill. Gladys- a missionary walked by her and said, “You would make a great pastors wife”. She forgot those words until I asked her to marry me. I informed her that before she answered she needed to know that I felt a call to preach. Then she remembered!

III. WE NEED A BLESSING TO AFFIRM OUR RELATIONSHIP.

We need our father's blessing.

A. In desperation **Esau** comes for his fathers blessing as the elder son. Isaac has already given that blessing away.

But the need for a fathers favor was burning in his heart. He asked, “**Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father**”

Esau knew surely there was more left!

God always has more.

B. When **the prodigal** comes home he is affirmed by his father with gifts of sonship.

The father wants to bless you in the same way he did his prodigal son.

When he returns to his father he has spent all. It appears his brother has all that is left, yet the father has more.

What did the father give him?

1. **A party- affirmation-** He is still my son
2. **A Robe- acceptance-** an identity
3. **A Ring-** it was used for getting **provision.**

4. **Shoes-** guidance and direction.

Do you need a blessing?

MERCY- Ezra 3 11 His mercy endureth forever.
Lam. 3 22 His mercy is new everymorning

GRACE- Rom 5 20..where sin abounds grace does more abound.

PROVISION- He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.

WISDOM- James 1 5 If any man ask wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally.

Rom. 8 32 He spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all. He shall he not with him also freely give us all things.

Have you never had a blessing spoken over you?
He one for you!