

Imparting Blessings on Our Children



Matthew 19:13-15

- There are four Goals for parents.
 1. To enjoy their children.
 2. To raise children that is a joy to be with and blessings to those around them.
 3. To raise children who are well-prepared for life (9 Spiritual Principles).
 4. To be used mightily by God.

- God planned for life and blessings to be imparted to His children through the spoken blessing.
 1. The Old Testament fathers expected their blessings to be fulfilled in the lives of their children.
 2. God used the spoken blessing personally to impart divine favor to His people.
 3. Jesus began His three-year training program with His disciples by speaking a series of blessings over their lives (Matt. 5:1-6).
 4. Isaac blessed his sons Jacob and Esau (Gen. 27).
 5. Moses taught Aaron and sons to speak blessings over God's people each time they meet (Num. 6:22-26).
- The record is endless throughout the Bible of blessings being spoken over the people of God.
 1. The value of your child (Psalm 127:3).
 - A. Children are: (1) God's heritage; (2) God's arrows; and (3) Our reward.
 - B. No one can place a value on your children.
 - C. Satan sees covenant children as the greatest threat to his plans.
 - D. Failing to impart to children the blessings of God help to assure Satan that he can foil or abort God's plans for them.
 - E. Child – a sign of the covenant.
 - F. Educating parents to bless.
 - G. Blessing in the New Testament
 1. Blessing in the New Testament falls under two main categories having to do with (1) redemption and (2) the imparting of divine favor (Gal. 3:13-14).

2. A special blessing comes to those who receive Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives by faith.
3. The second form of blessing mentioned in the New Testament is one that has been neglected in the Christian church.

2. Blessing God's people – a biblical overview (Num. 6:23).

A. God's first act was to speak a blessing over Adam and Eve (Gen. 1:26-28).

B. God gave special grace to man by imparting the power of fruitfulness to him through the blessing.

1. Genesis 9 records the blessing of fruitfulness which God imparted to Noah and his sons after the flood.

2. God spoke blessings to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; 17:2).

3. Melchizedek, King of Salem, spoke a blessing over Abraham (Gen. 18:19-20).

4. Rebekah received a spoken blessing from her family when she prepared to leave (Gen. 24:60).

5. Ruth and Boaz were blessed by the people just before their marriage (Ruth 4:11).

6. The concept of blessing takes on greater significance in Chapter 27 of Genesis.

7. Jacob's personal desire to be blessed demonstrates the importance he placed upon the spoken blessing (Gen. 32:24-30).

C. The Priestly blessing.

1. He gave Moses a three-part blessing which he required to be spoken over His people each time they assembled together (Num. 6:22-27).

2. The New Testament offers evidence that the practice of blessing was common among the Jewish people and continued in the life of the church.

- Such evidence in both the Old and New Testaments leaves little doubt that God has planned for the blessing to be used to impart life to those who receive it.