

## **Our Covenant Relationships Blessings**

### **General**

- During a covenant ceremony, covenant friends pronounce blessings over each other.
- Assets become legal property of covenant friend.

### **God's Covenant with Adam & Eve**

- Gen 1:28, "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"
  - Blessings?
- Gen 1:29, "Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.'"
  - Blessings?

### **God's Covenant with Noah**

- Gen 9:1, "Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.'"
  - Blessings?
- Gen 9:2, "The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands."
  - Blessings?
- Gen 9:3, "Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything."
  - Blessings?

### **God's Covenant with Abraham**

- personal blessings, to Abraham
  - Gen 12:2, "I will bless you; I will make your name great."
  - Gen 15:1, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."
  - Gen 15:5, "He took him outside and said, 'Look at the heavens and count the stars — if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'"
  - Personal blessings?
- national blessings, great nation comprised of

Abraham's descendants

- Gen 12:2, "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you."
- Gen 17:8, "The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."
- National blessings?
- universal blessings, all people of earth
  - Gen 12:3, "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
  - Universal blessings?

### **God's First Covenant with Israel**

- Lev 26:3 "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will . . ."
  - followed by 10 verses listing specific blessings

### **God's Second Covenant with Israel**

- Deut 4:1, "Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you."
  - Blessings?
- Deut 28:1-2, "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God."
  - followed by 11 verses listing specific blessings

### **David and Jonathan's Covenant**

(no scriptural references to stated blessings or shared possessions?)

### **God's Covenant with David**

- 2 Sam 7:9 (God told Nathan the prophet to tell David), "Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth."
  - Blessings?
- 2 Sam 7:16, "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."
  - Blessings?
- Jer 23:5-6, "'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a

King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.”

- Blessings?
- Mt 1:1, “A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham.”
- Rev 22:16, “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

### **God’s New Covenant with Christians**

- blessings we receive from God
  - redemption
    - Includes payment of our obligation, deliverance from bondage, imparting value to us
    - Every aspect of redemption is to be thought of in terms of God’s covenant blessings.
  - 1 Th 5:9, “For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
    - Blessings?
    - Greek, *soteria*: salvation, safety, security, preservation, deliverance, wholeness
  - Mt 26:28, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”
    - Blessings?
  - Ro 3:22-24, “There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”
    - Blessings?
  - 1 Jn 5:1, “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.”
    - Blessings?
  - Ro 8:16, “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”
    - Blessings?
  - Ro 15:16, “. . . so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”
    - Blessings?
  - 1 Th 4:3-6, “It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in

passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him.”

- Blessings?

- Eph 1:4-5, “[He] predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.”

- Blessings?

- adopted as son (Gk, *huiiothesia*): placed in position with rights as mature son/daughter

- Ro 8:30, “And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”

- Blessings?

- Jn 16:14-15 (Jesus speaking), “He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”

- Blessings?

- Heb 9:15, “For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.”

- Blessings?

- 2 Co 5:5 “Now it is God who has . . . given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

- Blessings?

- Rev 2:26 “To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations.”

- Blessings?

- many other blessings, including healing, miracles, deliverance, eternal life and others

- Blessings God receives from us

- Mt 5:16 “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

- Blessings?

- Heb 13:15 “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name.”

- Blessings?

## **God's New Covenant with Israel**

- Jer 33:6-9
  - “I will bring health and healing to [Jerusalem]; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity and will rebuild them as they were before. I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.”
  - Blessings?

## **Marriage**

- In marriage ceremony we find such statements as, “All that I am and all that I have I give to you.”
  - Blessings?

## **Blessing**

- May you recognize the many covenant blessings you receive from God and enthusiastically bless him in return.