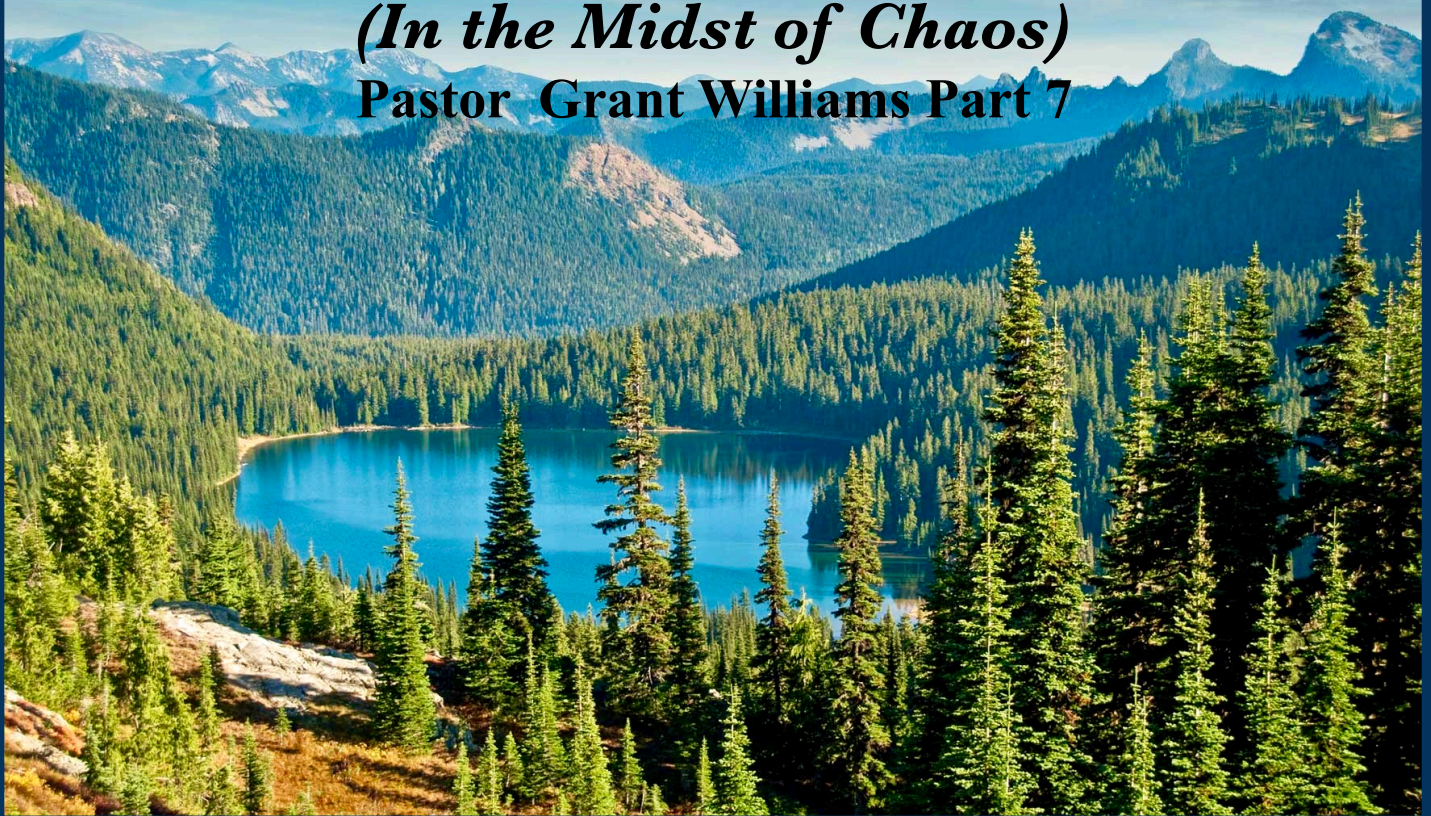


# Staying Under God's Blessing

## *(In the Midst of Chaos)*

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We have been learning and studying about the Covenant that God has with us under the Blessing. This covenant or contract is with: The one's who are obedient to His Word or commands, and walk by faith under the Blessing - not knowing how...

This is Paul's reminder, speaking to the New Testament church regarding Abraham and the oath and the Promise that God gave him and now it is for us as well. Remember, the followers of Jesus Christ were going thru a terrible time by the Roman government: being killed, businesses targeted, illegal taxing etc.

#### **Hebrews 6:18-20 KJV**

*18 That by two immutable **things**, in which it was impossible for God to lie.....*

What are those 2 immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie,? What did Melchizedek have in his hands when he met Abram? The bread and the wine. Signs of the Promise **covenant**/contract, and the Oath (which was spoken), the body and blood of Jesus. Back then Abraham didn't know it meant that but he knew it meant blood covenant. God is all about the covenant. He made a rainbow covenant with Noah to be ever reminded of HIS WORD. The Promise to bless you.

We, you and I, have a covenant with God under the Blessing... a Promise and Covenant. In the last part of the his series I will be tying this altogether, every**thing** that we have under the blessing.

Melchisedec, he was king of the most high God who met Abraham after the slaughter of the kings and blessed him.

**Hebrews 7:6 NRSV**

*6 But this man Melchisedec, who does not belong to their ancestry, collected tithes from Abraham and **blessed him who had received the promises.***

He received the tithes then blessed, he received the tithe then blessed. That's what Melchisedec was ordered to do. Jesus the high priest of whom we are partakers of His priest hood (we learned that last week in Hebrews 3) has exactly the same orders.

**Hebrews 7:7 KJV**

*7 And without all contradiction... The less is blessed of the better.*

We want to be prepared for when the trumpet sounds we are leaving these old mortal bodies and into our glorified bodies. The Bible says we will be changed in the twinkling of an eye and we are joint heirs with Jesus.

After the resurrection, Jesus came back down and stayed for 6 weeks in His glorified body. Some people recognized Him and some did not.

On the road to Emmaus there were **2 disciples** in Luke 24 who didn't recognize Him. They weren't expecting to see him, He just kept teaching and preaching to them out of the Word of God. Sowing the seeds of revelation in them and when they sat down to dinner with Him what did Jesus do?

**Luke 24:27-31 AMPC**

*27 Then beginning with Moses and [throughout] all the Prophets, He went on explaining and interpreting to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning and referring to Himself.*

*28 Then they drew near the village to which they were going, and He acted as if He would go further.*

*29 But they urged and insisted, saying to Him, Remain with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. So He went in to stay with them.*

*30 And it occurred that as He reclined at table with them, He took [a loaf of] bread and **praised [God] and gave thanks** and **asked a blessing**, and then broke it and was giving it to them*

*31 When **their eyes were [instantly] opened and they [clearly] recognized Him**, and He vanished (departed invisibly).*

He blessed the meal and then they recognized him... then they recognized Him. They recognized the Blessing. The moment the Blessing was released in their presence it rose up inside of them. Not because HE looked familiar but because of the Blessing inside of them already they recognized who HE was. Then what did he do? HE immediately disappeared. Why? To keep from messing up their faith by something they saw.

He gave them the Word, Blessed them and then disappeared. **So they could believe the things that they did not see and keep that blessing going – living by faith.** He didn't want to have continued doubting Thomas moments and have to prove everything in His natural body but now, we could and should recognize His Word being done thru the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told His disciples in John 16, before HE went away - go wait for the promised Holy Spirit and why....

**John 16:7-13 AMPC**

*7 However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].*

*8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:*

9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];

10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;

11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

12 **I have still many THINGS to say to you**, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you **or to grasp them now**.

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and **He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]**.

Remember...

**Proverbs 10:22 KJV**

22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

**Proverbs 10:22 AMPC**

22 The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].

The blessing maketh, it's the blessing that maketh. Psalms 73 says the ungodly who are in the world are after riches (money only) so they can be blessed. That's the only way they have of doing it. But we know *it's the blessing of the Lord that maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow to it.*

Now, I want to remind you that we have already learned in the last couple of weeks that the blessing of Abraham was activated by Abraham's faith. We studied that in the 4th chapter of Romans. It still is, The blessing of Abraham is still activated by Abraham's faith.

**Galatians 3:7-9 KJV**

*7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

*8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*

*9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*

The Bible says that Abraham was very rich in silver, gold and cattle and you can check out scripture and find out all the ways that Abraham was blessed - all areas of his life. He had more than enough for Gods Plan in his life.

He wasn't like that before God called him out of the city of Ur. He was a moon worshiper.

Look at verse 13 in Genesis 3...

**Galatians 3:13-14 KJV**

*13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

*14 So that the blessing of Abraham might come on all the rest of us through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Remember Paul is writing the church...

**Galatians 3:28 KJV**

*28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**Luke 4:18 KJV**

*18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; who are the broken hearted that need healing, to preach deliverance to the poor who are captive, and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

**Hebrews 6:13-17 KJV**

*13 For when **God made promise to Abraham**, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,*

*14 Saying, **Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.***

*15 And so, **after** he had patiently endured, **he obtained the promise.***

*16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.*

*17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:*

What did God say to Isaac in Genesis 26? I will perform the oath that I swore to your father. The oath was the blessing of Abraham.

Included in that blessing is your: Salvation, is your Healing, is your prosperity (prospering in everything- family, peace, rest, wisdom - more than enough for Gods Plan), and Heaven in your future is all part of the blessing of God.

Do you remember the 25th chapter of Matthew when Jesus said they were to divide the sheep and the goats?

**Matthew 25:32-34 KJV**

*32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:*

*33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.*

*34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, **ye blessed of my Father**, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*



The Blessing of the Lord is for those who walk by faith and call those things to be not as though they were, who are obedient to God's commands. They stop being a thermometer and start being the thermostat.

Why am I talking about the blessing? Because God has so much more for us, but we walk in defeat, we live like the Babylonians do. What kind of a witness is that? trying to fill the void within us by things, money, people, jobs etc... that's what the world is doing. We live in fear, filled with anxiety, paralyzed by the unknown so we act and speak like those who are not in covenant with God.

Trust God, turn everything over to him – your life, your family, your finances, your way of doing things.

***Psalms 37:25-31 AMPC***

*25 I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread.*

*26 All day long they are merciful and deal graciously; they lend, and their offspring are blessed.*

*27 Depart from evil and do good; and you will dwell forever [securely].*

*28 For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked [in time] shall be cut off.*

*29 [Then- after doing these thing] the [consistently] righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.*

*30 The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice.*

*31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.*