

1: Speak the Word of God, and Jesus speaks through your voice

The word of God is full of inspiring assurances of how God will provide for his followers. God is fully aware of our needs and the Bible tells us of how God wants us to come to him with every need and care and worry that we may have.

The truth is, that the blessing Jesus has made available to us is much more glorious than we could comprehend! Blessing is an Enjoyable, but Occasional Event As Christians, we often say that God has blessed us when something good happens. Or we may say that we are blessed when we are experiencing happiness in relationships, health or financial success. However in the Bible, God speaks a blessing over our lives ahead of time. The first words that God spoke over Adam and Eve were words of blessing! This blessing consisted primarily of three things: You are blessed to have a significant life, to be someone who makes an eternal difference in the lives of others. Dominion Authority Gen 1: Your spiritual DNA is to be an overcomer in life; a victor, not a victim. Even those practical provisions like food, come from Me! Throughout scripture God reveals Himself to His people, bringing individual words of commissioning, as well as the promise of His Presence and provision. Prophecy often taps into this personal blessing. I am not Blessed when I am Going Through a Difficult Time Our common view of blessing leads us to believe that if we are struggling with problems or long-term trials, then we are not being blessed. We are blessed when we are going through trials. I remember a number of years ago, in a desperate state with nothing left to give, coming across these words of Jesus: With less of you there is more of God and his rule. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you. He spoke words of blessing over children, over the poor and bereaved and over those persecuted. He commanded His followers to bless their enemies. We can rest assured that no matter what is happening now, the blessing of God over our lives is acting like a great magnet, drawing us irresistibly towards the fulfillment of that blessing. My Father has already blessed me by His word. I have His blessing because of what Jesus has done, not because of anything I can do to earn it. Adam and Eve were blessed by God before they had ever accomplished anything. This blessing strikes at the very root of our drive to perform to please God. Before they ever did anything to deserve it, the Father blessed them. They were blessed just by virtue of being His children. And so are we. The belief that blessing is based upon performance is an Old Testament viewpoint. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and removed themselves from the place of relationship with God from which His blessing flowed. When God introduced the law of Moses, blessing became tied to obedience of the law. Deuteronomy 28 describes blessings and curses related to keeping the law. But the law could never be perfectly kept. In Galatians, Paul points out that the law was designed to lead us to Jesus. Because of what Jesus has done, we now live under an open heaven of favour and blessing over our lives The blessing that Adam and Eve enjoyed, and the blessing that Jesus has, now belongs to you and me. Here are some ways in which we can do that: Jesus came to give us abundant life. Stay in an intimate place of relationship with God. This is the most vital key of all. Maybe you, like me, would enjoy more nuggets of truth from the Bible on this topic. Just for you, I am including a few more thoughts and findings in the comments section of this post. You may like to add your own thoughts and feedback, too. If the comments section is not visible, click on this link and scroll down.

2: 21 Bible Verses About God's Provision

The power of spoken blessings comes from God, Who Himself "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians). A Blessing Is an Instrument of God's Love Our words have potential to do good or to do harm.

Align yourself with the word of God and allow its transforming to change life for the best. I am blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Ephesians 1: I am chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world that I may be holy and blameless before the Father Ephesians 1: I am predestined to adoption as a daughter by the Father through Jesus Christ according to the good pleasure of His will Ephesians 1: The Father has accepted me in the beloved Ephesians 1: I have obtained an inheritance in Christ Ephesians 1: I am sealed with the Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of my inheritance Ephesians 1: God raised me up in heavenly places to sit with Him in Jesus Christ Ephesians 2: I am saved by grace through faith. I am not saved by my own works Ephesians 2: He created me anew in Christ Jesus so I can do the good things He planned for me long ago Ephesians 2: I have been brought to Father by the blood of Christ Ephesians 2: For He, Himself is my peace. He made the Gentiles and the Jews into one by breaking down the barrier of the dividing wall Ephesians 2: I am strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man according to the riches of His glory Ephesians 3: Christ dwells in my heart by faith. I am rooted and grounded in love Ephesians 3: God does exceedingly abundantly above all that I could ask or think according to His power that works in me Ephesians 3: God gives me the victory through Jesus Christ my Lord 1 Corinthians He always leads me triumphantly by the Messiah and through me spreads everywhere the fragrance of knowing Him 2 Corinthians 2: I have the mind of Christ 1 Corinthians 2: He made Christ who knew no sin to be sin for me that I might become the righteousness of God in Him. I am in Christ Jesus and therefore I am a new creation. Old things have passed away and all things have become new 2 Corinthians 5: I am qualified in Christ to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints Colossians 1: God my Father has delivered me from the power of darkness and transferred me into the kingdom of His beloved Son Colossians 1: As I live in God, my love grows more perfect. I can face Him with confidence on the day of judgment because I live like Jesus here in this world I John 4: I receive an abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness. I reign in life through Jesus Christ Romans 5: As a wife, I submit myself to my husband as is fitting in the Lord. My husband loves me like Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her Colossians 3: As a husband, I love my wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. I look out not only for my own interests but also for the interests of others Philippians 2: The heart of my husband trusts in me. He has no lack of gain Proverbs I express belief in my wife and encourage her. I have no lack of gain Proverbs I do my husband good and not evil all the days of my life Proverbs I cover my wife with the Word to present her holy and blameless before the Lord Ephesians 5: I am kind and tenderhearted to others. I forgive them as God in Christ has forgiven me Ephesians 4: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me Philippians 4: I ask God to set a guard over my mouth. He keeps watch over the door of my lips Psalm I let the peace of Christ rule in my heart. As a member of one body, I am called to peace and I am thankful Colossians 3: I walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in all respects. I bear fruit in every good work and I am increasing in the knowledge of God Colossians 1: I am being strengthened with all power according to His might. I have great endurance and patience Colossians 1: God has not given me a spirit of fear. He gives me power, love, and self-discipline 2 Timothy 1: God loads me daily with benefits. He is my salvation Psalm I am successful and prosperous Psalm 1: God makes all grace abound toward me so that I always have all sufficiency and an abundance for every good work 2 Corinthians 9: God abundantly blesses my provision Psalm I honor the Lord with my wealth and the first fruits of all my produce. Then, my barns will be filled with plenty. My vats will overflow with new wine Proverbs 3: I bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. I prosper in all things. I remain in health just as my soul prospers 3 John 1: I give and I receive. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will it be put into my lap Luke 6: Jesus Christ is generous in grace. Though He was rich, yet for my sake he became poor, so that by His poverty He could make me rich 2 Corinthians 8: Christ redeemed me from the

curse of the law by becoming a curse for me Galatians 3: I experience all blessings as I obey the Lord my God Deuteronomy I am blessed in the city and blessed in the country Deuteronomy I am blessed from the fruit of my body. My kneading bowl and basket are blessed. It is the means by which I am tangibly increasing Deuteronomy I am blessed when I come in and blessed when I go out Deuteronomy The LORD causes my enemies who rise against me to be defeated before my face; they come out against me one way and flee before me seven ways Deuteronomy The Lord has established me as a holy person to Himself. I keep His commandments and walk in His ways Deuteronomy The LORD opens to me His good treasure, the heavens to give the rain to my land in its season and to bless all the work of my hand Deuteronomy I lend to many nations but I will not borrow Deuteronomy The Lord makes me the head and not the tail, above and not beneath Deuteronomy I am always with Him and all that He has is mine Luke God blesses me and surrounds me with favour as a shield Psalm 5: He became to me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption I Corinthians 1: The God of hope fills me with all joy and peace in believing so that I abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit Romans The Lord of peace is peace. In every way, He always gives me His peace 2 Thessalonians 3: I always rejoice and pray without ceasing. I am steadfast of mind. He keeps me in perfect peace because I trust in Him Isaiah I am confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in me will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ Philippians 1: God works in me both to will and to do His good pleasure Philippians 2: I do all things without grumbling or complaining so that I will prove myself to be blameless and innocent. I am a child of God who is above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom I appear as lights in the world Philippians 2: I hold fast to the word of life. I always rejoice in the Lord and my gentleness graciousness or forbearance is known to all people Philippians 4: I am anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving I let my requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard my hearts and minds in Christ Jesus Philippians 4: I choose to meditate on anything that has virtue or is praiseworthy.

3: Prayer for Guidance and Protection from God

A large selection of scriptures from God's word on Blessings for personal edification or for bible study. All the scriptures have been taken from the New King James Bible unless otherwise stated.

Hearing from God begins by allowing your heavenly Father "access to all areas". Developing a deep relationship is as easy as letting your guard down! As we are vulnerable and asking God for guidance in prayer, we will be in the right frame of mind to receive it. God speaks to us all differently so his voice may come through a scripture, something you see, some words from a friend or a heartfelt feeling that directs the way. We were made to be emotional, physical and spiritual beings. Do not limit the ways in which you hear - and be prepared to test and filter your choices. Wherever possible, work things out through relationships, rather than on your own. Prayer for Guidance and Protection I do not walk in darkness But in your light and love. You carry me when my feet fail And hold me high above. And I do not drift in every tide But stand upon your truth. You are my map, my friend, my guide I put my trust in you. So as I walk, a shield of faith Surrounds my every move. Help us to weave this golden thread of love into the tapestry of our lives. That we may truly give to one another, in respect, kindness and gentleness. That we may be quick to forgive, ready to hope, and filled with your joy. May we reflect all these many colours of your kingdom. Lord, help us to complement each other, to support one another and to bring out the best in each other. I seek only after You. Still my troubled heart. I give you all the anxieties and fears I feel inside I release them all to You I seek only after You. I open up my life So that it becomes like an open book before You May You write in it Your words of inspiration and direction. I await Your voice.

4: 40 Powerful Blessings to Pray over Your Children

I speak God's word and His angels do the voice of His word (Psalm). I speak God's word and it does not return to Him void. His word accomplishes what He pleases and it prospers in the thing for which He sends it (Isaiah).

Add to Favorites The Bible is full of scriptures about your financial increase, wealth and prosperity. Pray these 18 Bible verses about wealth and prosperity, as you believe God for the breakthrough you need to gain victory—once and for all—in your finances. On Debt Proverbs Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender. Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. On Financial Responsibility 1 Timothy 5: Such people are worse than unbelievers. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get. On Giving Luke 6: Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine. Yet you have cheated me! When did we ever cheat you? You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. Put me to the test! While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. I will never abandon you. Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own. And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. Print them out, put them on your bathroom mirror, desk, or refrigerator, and remind yourself what the Bible says about money each and every day. Stand and be in prayer for financial breakthrough, and believe God for the increase and victory you need in your finances today! As always, if you need a partner to agree with you in prayer, please call our prayer ministers at or submit a prayer request.

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But God, in Jesus, stretches out his loving hands over us and speaks words of blessing and hope, showing us a future that is full of promise. To bless someone is also to speak words of affirmation over them.

Routinely, such letters go in the trash without my even opening them. I know that no matter how good their promises sound, they simply are not true. Such men say if we employ the right approach, their approach, usually for a donation, success is assured. One only needs enough faith to be confident God hears and answers our prayers as we desire. Divine blessing certainly is not well understood. Jesus simply did not fit the mold of Jewish expectations. His blessings were not the kind they wanted. So it is today. Few understand the blessings of God as they should. The same errors which plagued the Israelites and Christians of old are popular in evangelical Christianity today. If we would understand what in the world God is doing in these days, we must understand what the Bible teaches about divine blessing. A secondary goal is to accomplish the good of those who love God: The promised blessings of the Bible are the good which God has purposed and promised. As we study the promised blessings of God, my hope is that the present pleasures of this life will fade in the light of the glory awaiting us. Along with sin came the curse. Eve was cursed with pain in child-bearing and with the dominion of her husband over her. Adam was cursed with hard labor, providing for his family by the sweat of his brow. Both were cursed with death by being banned from the Garden and the tree of life. The blessing of God directly relates to two matters: The Abrahamic covenant takes up the promise of blessing: God promised to bless Abraham and his offspring. He also promised Abraham that he would become a blessing to all who would bless him. What an amazing promise--a promise which will surely be fulfilled! But just what has God promised to do for Abraham? How will Abraham be blessed, and how will he become a blessing to others? We shall see what they are, what they are not, and when they will be fulfilled. He was not only to be the son of Abraham but of Sarah as well Genesis Abraham had a twenty-five year wait for the blessing of a son. The son was just the beginning. Abraham was one-hundred and sixty years old when Jacob and Esau were born. This was the land of Canaan Genesis Abraham had to buy a small parcel of ground for a burial site for his family Genesis In his lifetime, Abraham would not possess the land of Canaan. God clarified the promise of the land in Genesis But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out with many possessions. And as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. Then in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete Genesis As a result, Jacob and his family moved to Egypt where they became a great nation. God was in no hurry to fulfill His promised blessings. He suffered because of his deception concerning Sarah. He suffered because of his impatience in acquiring a son through Hagar. The promise of blessing passed from Abraham to Isaac Genesis He struggled with Esau from the womb until the day he left Canaan. He and his mother struggled with Isaac and Esau. Jacob struggled with Laban see Genesis Jacob saw much strife in his family and suffered much over the loss of Joseph and then Benjamin. In summing up his life before Pharaoh, Jacob gave an account not of unceasing bliss but of much affliction: Later Judah and his brothers suffered much over their ill-treatment of Joseph see Genesis The Israelites were greatly blessed in number while they sojourned in Egypt Exodus 1: Their numerical growth concerned the Egyptians and brought about a time of great persecution and affliction. Foolishly, they sought to keep the Israelites subject to them as slaves and to keep them from leaving their land Exodus 1: The trials and afflictions of the Israelites did not end with their exodus from Egypt. Their journey to the promised land held many trials. These trials came from the hand of the God who had promised to bless them: And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. Thus you are to know in your heart that the Lord your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. Therefore, you shall keep

the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him Deuteronomy 8: If His people forsook the Law, then earthly cursings were promised: See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You shall not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them Deuteronomy If a nation repented of its sin and turned to God, its threatened judgment could be averted. If a nation turned from God, its promised blessings would be taken away: At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it; if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. These were much more perplexing times as we see from the agony of this psalmist: Through Thee we will push back our adversaries; Through Thy name we will trample down those who rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me. But Thou hast saved us from our adversaries, And Thou hast put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted all day long, And we will give thanks to Thy name forever. Yet Thou hast rejected us and brought us to dishonor, And dost not go out with our armies. Thou dost cause us to turn back from the adversary; And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves. Thou dost give us as sheep to be eaten, And hast scattered us among the nations. Thou dost sell Thy people cheaply, And hast not profited by their sale. Thou dost make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing and a derision to those around us. Thou dost make us a byword among the nations, A laughingstock among the peoples. All day long my dishonor is before me, And my humiliation has overwhelmed me, Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the presence of the enemy and the avenger. All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten Thee, And we have not dealt falsely with Thy covenant. Our heart has not turned back, And our steps have not deviated from Thy way, Yet Thou hast crushed us in a place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death. If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or extended our hands to a strange god; Would not God find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. But for Thy sake we are killed all day long; We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. Arouse Thyself, why dost Thou sleep, O Lord? Awake, do not reject us forever. Why dost Thou hide Thy face, And forget our affliction and our oppression? For our soul has sunk down into the dust; Our body cleaves to the earth. Rise up, be our help, And redeem us for the sake of Thy lovingkindness Psalm Surely God is good to Israel, To those who are pure in heart! But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling; My steps had almost slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant, As I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no pains in their death; And their body is fat. They are not in trouble as other men; Nor are they plagued like mankind. Therefore pride is their necklace; The garment of violence covers them. Their eye bulges from fatness; The imaginations of their heart run riot. They mock, and wickedly speak of oppression; They speak from on high. They have set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue parades through the earth.

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However in the Bible, God speaks a blessing over our lives ahead of time. And God's word of blessing has the creative power to bring that word to pass.

The Commissioning of Joshua Joshua 1: First, God speaks and commissions Joshua 1: In view of this word from God, Joshua speaks to the people and gives them instructions for preparing to cross the Jordan in three days 1: This is followed by the response of the people which, of course, had its source in the Word of God 1: The Commission Given 1: Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. The victory and possession of the land which follows is a direct result of the Word of God and of man, in this case Joshua, hearing and responding to His Word. This should illustrate for us that there is absolutely no victory or chance for us to experience the blessings of our new life in Christ apart from the Word of God. Whenever any believer begins to turn away from the Word through indifference or apathy for whatever reason, he is turning away from the Lord and into defeat. Moses was the great lawgiver who represented the Law of Sinai, that awesome legislation which demonstrates the perfect holiness of God and the sinful condition of man who stands separated from God Rom. But the Law, though holy and good, could never give life or spirituality nor could it provide justification. It was instead a ministration of death that revealed man a sinner and in jail to sin 2 Cor. Moses portrayed the law which cannot lead us into the saving and abundant life of Christ. It was only a tutor, a temporary servant which must pass away Gal. Though it did point to Christ in the tabernacle, priesthood, and sacrifices, it could not take away sin or provide deliverance from the flesh. Because it was weak in that it was dependent upon man and his ability Rom. The Law provided a righteous standard, but no power or grace for the flesh or indwelling sin Rom. Thus, Moses had to pass from the scene before Joshua could be commissioned and given orders to take the people across Jordan and into the Promised Land. While the Christian life involves obedience to the principles and imperatives of the Word, it is more. It is a life to be lived by faith in the power of God. We simply cannot live the Christian life in our own energy or by our own determination. The Christian life is not just being Mr. Nice or merely keeping a set of Christian principles and rules. It is a faith relationship with God to be lived out in the power of the Spirit and in the light of the Word. It is in Canaan, the place of deliverance and conquest. It is only limited by our lack of availability to His constant availability to us. Every believer is blessed with every spiritual blessing, is a priest of God with abundant grace available for every situation. It was just waiting to be possessed. And like that, from the moment of salvation, God has provided every believer with every spiritual blessing and provision. Of course, as this book makes perfectly clear, having title deed to the land or our blessings in Christ does not mean our lives will be without testing, conflict, struggles, and pressures. While the land was theirs for the taking, it would not be taken without conflict or battle. And likewise, as the land of Canaan was full of fortified cities and enemies that needed to be driven out, so the Christian life is a life of conflict with enemies which must be overcome. This is a wake up call, a reality that must be faced: We are not in Eden nor are we in the millennial reign of Christ. Rather we wrestle with the flesh indwelling sin, with the devil and supernatural powers of darkness, and a world system that is antagonistic to God, to His Word, and to godly living cf. Because of the infinite sufficiency of the saving life of the Christ through His finished work on the cross, His triumphant presence at the right hand of God, our identification with Him in His death, resurrection and session in heaven, and through His gift of the Holy Spirit, there is no enemy we can possibly face which the Lord our Joshua has not already conquered. Our need is to appropriate what He has already done for us through the wise faith-application of His Word. Though the sin principle still dwells within or the flesh is still active in our members, its power over us has been broken through our union with Christ in His death and resurrection. This means the victory of possessing our possessions is through the gift of the Holy Spirit Rom. We all entertain the desire to live in an ideal world, where life moves along smoothly without problems or stress. In fact, we were created for such and it is not wrong to long for that time which will come with the return of the Lord Jesus, our Joshua. But the doctrines of the apostasy of the last days, the evil nature of this day and time, plus the presence of our three enemies are constant reminders that such cannot be the case now any more than we

can have lasting and true world peace without the return of the Lord. We must face the facts and be prepared to face life as it really is. In Christ we are super-conquerors and through His saving life we can overcome the individual battles of life, but we must be prepared to fight the good fight. We all like to rock along without anything upsetting our schedules or forcing us out of our comfort zones. When we attempt to get away from the struggle, God jars us back into reality through some unpleasant condition or experience and we are again faced with reality. After vacation we must go back to work and face that co-worker who is so hard to get along with. We are going along and then suddenly, there is a threat to our health or that of our spouse or child. Or we may face the death of a loved one which brings heartache, loneliness, along with new pressures and responsibilities. Israel would get into the land the same way they got out of Egypt. Likewise, we enter into the abundant life of Christ the same way we were delivered from wrath by faith in the saving life of Christ. Just as we trusted in Christ and the accomplishments of the cross for justification and redemption, so we must reckon on those same accomplishments as the basis for our security and daily deliverance Rom. The Call to Courage 1: Be strong and courageous! And what was true for Joshua is equally true for us. There is a word or theme repeated at least three times in these verses that we need to pick up on and relate to. Then later, as it pertains to their obedience to God, Joshua will relate the same charge to the people 1: So the issue before Joshua was a call to be strong and courageous in view of the mantle of leadership that was being passed on to him. God was calling him to a very special and difficult ministry, one with tremendous challenges and obstacles far beyond his own skill or abilities. But life for all of us is filled with such challenges so let us not pass over this without seeing the personal application this can have for each of us. Verses are fundamental for obtaining the strength and courage anyone needs for the challenges of any ministry or responsibility. This passage is not just for a special class of leaders like pastors or missionaries. God has called each of us to ministry. No believer is exempt. We are all gifted, we are all priests of God, and leaders in some sense with personal responsibilities to others whether elders, deacons, moms or dads, etc. People often run from ministry or difficult situations because of fear or because of the obstacles. Others, being overconfident in themselves may seek to strike out in their own steam, an equally wrong way to try to serve the Lord as we will see illustrated in chapter 7 with the defeat at Ai. Biblically speaking, where does moral strength and courage come from and does it mean the absence of fear? Moral strength and courage come from 1 faith in the sovereignty and provision of God and 2 in the fact that we are convinced what we are doing is right and best and essential to life. But there is much more as this passage will show us. Courage is that quality of mind that enables men to encounter danger and difficulty with firmness and resolve in spite of inner fears cf. In other words, courage is not the absence of fear. In his excellent book on spiritual leadership, J. Courage of the highest order is demanded of a spiritual leader always moral courage and frequently physical courage as well Martin Luther possessed this important quality in unusual measure. It has been asserted that he was perhaps as fearless a man as ever lived. I shall not flee, much less recant. But Luther would not be dissuaded. The highest degree of courage is seen in the person who is most fearful but refuses to capitulate to it. Had they been without fear, the command would have been pointless. These concepts teach us several important ingredients: Without this understanding, one will hardly have the motivation or courage to move into the ministries God wants to call us to. There is a specific process to be noted here in verses Also, Joshua is reminded that he had been prepared and trained for this as the servant of Moses 1: Joshua being spoken to in verse 1 is equivalent to us gaining biblical insight. It is this that forms the foundation for courage and conviction and for faith and action. Being the understudy of Moses illustrates a couple of key principles: Joshua had been faithful in the little things and would be faithful in much. Service in the larger areas of responsibility starts with faithfulness in smaller things. We each need to find a place to serve and grow. It may become the training ground for other areas of ministry to which God may be calling you. This statement reminds us that no one is indispensable and leadership changes. If we are not training others and being trained ourselves, we leave gaping holes 2 Tim. And this is true for all of us in ministry for whatever reason there is a void left by the removal of the servants of God. But there is another element that is vital to courage and decisiveness in doing the will of God. Please note the promises given to Joshua here were given in relation to the ministry and work to which God had called him. This applies to each of us regardless of the particular ministry God has called us to in the body of

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Christ. Read these verses carefully and see what application you can make from them to your life. Do you feel the tug of God on your life to serve him in a particular way, but you are afraid? Are you afraid of failure?

7: A Prayer for God's Blessing: 21 Verses of His Favor and Sovereignty

Children are a gift - an amazing blessing from God. Every single day we may find ourselves doing a lot for our kids, loving and caring for them, nurturing, teaching, training, helping, leading.

Sometimes prayer is allowing Jesus to gently place his hands on us and speak words of blessing over us. To bless someone is to envision a positive future for them. We often envision the future in frightening ways. It is not always easy for us to think of the future as a place where God will meet us with grace, help and love. But God, in Jesus, stretches out his loving hands over us and speaks words of blessing and hope, showing us a future that is full of promise. To bless someone is also to speak words of affirmation over them. It is to verbalize belief in the person being blessed. It is to say specifically what one sees that is good and hopeful in the person. Too often we see ourselves through eyes of shame and judgement or, in an attempt to defend against this pain, we may see ourselves through grandiose lenses. My grandfather would set two candles on the table and light them. Then he would have a word with God in Hebrew. He would begin by thanking God for me and for making him my grandpa. He would specifically mention my struggles during that week and tell God something about me that was true. Each week I would wait to find out what that was. If I had made mistakes during the week, he would mention my honesty in telling the truth. If I had taken even a short nap without my night light, he would celebrate my bravery in sleeping in the dark. God speaks words of affirmation. God speaks to us about our infinite value. God shows us a future in which God is always with us, providing for us, helping us and empowering us to be all we were meant to be. This is what God, in Jesus, did for the children. It is what Jesus opens his arms and heart to do for all of us. I too often envision a future that is frightening. I often see myself through eyes of fear as never good enough, and at other times through grandiose lenses as anything but your humble, dependent child. But you speak words reminding me of your work in me, reminding me of my growth in love and grace, teaching me to be the much loved child I am. You bless me, God. Help me to receive your blessing. Listen for the words of hope and affirmation Jesus is speaking over you. Allow yourself to receive this blessing.

8: 3 Mistaken Beliefs About God's Blessing

PROMISES OF PROVISION! The Scriptures state plainly that God's plan for provision applies to every one of His children. Unfortunately, for most of God's people they either have little knowledge of these promises, or they lack the understanding of how to access them.

The tarmac was packed with a teeming hive of motorists eager to get to their destinations. No evil shall come near our dwelling. He was seated beside her in the front passenger seat, quietly listening to one of my CD sermons. Suddenly, Mavis felt her body whip forward as the sickening sound of metal smashing into metal ripped through the air. A speeding car had hurtled into the rear of their vehicle with such great force that the car flipped over and spun uncontrollably on the busy road. Amid the wreckage and chaos of a terrible accident that involved two more vehicles, Mavis and little Matthew stood by the side of the road, enveloped in the peace of their Savior. They had literally walked away from a potentially fatal accident without so much as a scratch! The passers-by who had rushed to their aid were amazed that they were miraculously unhurt. Hallelujah, all glory to Jesus for His favor and protection over this family! Nothing could have prepared mother and child for those terrifying moments. I thank God that the precious lives of Mavis and Matthew were preserved. They could have been killed or seriously injured, but Jesus saved them. My friend, I share this testimony with you to highlight the importance of speaking or declaring the blessings we already have in Christ. In my previous two articles, I talked about and showed how God is constantly supplying grace, health, protection, deliverance and whatever you need in life because of the finished work of Jesus. Here, I want to share with you how you can tap into the supply that is already available to you, so that you can experience these blessings in your life in a greater measure. Over the years, as I have preached and taught on the subject of faith, the Lord has shown me that many believers are not experiencing the breakthroughs they want because they are not speaking out what they believe about the Word, but are speaking out what they see, feel and experience in their circumstances. I just knew that I would catch this flu bug from my colleague. His will is for you to be healthy, prosperous and full of joy and peace. Or maybe you have a debt that you need to pay off. So instead of talking about how bad the situation is, start speaking life into your situation. My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory! But God wants us to walk by faith and not by sight. In the creation account in the Book of Genesis, God created good things by speaking. Salvation from eternal death, destruction, sickness, poverty and depression comes when you say what God says about your situation. Life and death is in the power of your tongue, so say what the powerful, life-producing Word of God says about you, your future and your life! God, however, wants us to speak to the mountain and not about the mountain. So instead of complaining about your problem to others and even to God, speak to your mountain! Use your God-given authority in Christ and command the problem to go! Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. My friend, are you bothered by a persistent or painful symptom in your body? Tell it to leave! You are simply reinforcing the victory and authority that Christ, by His finished work, has paid for you to have. So instead of allowing the symptom to control your life and begging God to do something about it, take charge and make it do what you want it to do! You will no longer tell me what to do. I command you to leave this redeemed body and never return! Our Lord is telling us that while believing is important, speaking is even more important! So start speaking to your mountain! What should I do? Let me share a personal testimony with you to encourage you. I used to have this rather huge mole on the left side of my neck. You could say that I was making a mountain out of a molehill! Wither, dry up and fall off! The next day, I looked in the mirror and it was still there. I went to the mirror, looked at my neck and discovered that the mole was not there anymore! And it happened because I finally decided to take authority over it and keep speaking to it. Keep speaking to your mountain, believing that what you say will indeed happen. You may not see immediate or obvious changes, but keep at it. All you have to do is believe that His life is constantly available to you, speak what you believe about His Word and believe what you speak. Speaking itself is putting action to your faith. What kind of diet did you go on? She only had to speak to see the result she wanted! Now, if your doctor has prescribed you medication or a special diet or

exercise regime, please adhere to it. Nevertheless, you can still release your faith by simply speaking to your body. Just believe and speak. He is listening and will bring to pass what you confess to Him in faith. Let me share with you a simple yet powerful secret about what you can say to see the blessings of God manifest in your life. Take the area of health and protection from diseases, for example. I have a key church leader who is in his fifties today and in the pink of health. He is one person I know who is just not worried about his health. Once, when we were eating together, he accidentally dropped some food onto the floor. What he did next surprised me. He just picked up the food and popped it into his mouth like it was the most natural thing to do! I take two things VERY seriously in church on Sundays—the Holy Communion and the blessing you pronounce over the people at the end of each service. We have a powerful time of communion with the Lord as we remember and receive all that He has done for us at the cross. Also, at the end of each service, I pronounce the Aaronic blessing over the people before I dismiss them. With long life, you will be satisfied. The Lord preserve you from sickness, from accidents and from all manner of evil. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. Lord, I receive it! I just love to bless the people at the end of each service. Every single week, around the world, Jewish fathers pronounce blessings over their children on the Sabbath. Not surprisingly, many Jewish children grow up to become movers, shakers and winners in the fight of life. So I encourage you to bless your children every night before they go to sleep or every morning before they leave for school I love to bless my daughter Jessica every chance I get! No harm shall befall you. God will put you at the right place at the right time and His angels will watch over you. So are you ready to speak forth the blessings of God into your life? If you are not sure what to say, let me help you along: If you need healing, you can say: Sickness and pain, I command you in the name of Jesus to be plucked out by your roots and cast out of my body. I will live and not die, and proclaim the goodness of God! If you need provision, you can say: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He took my poverty at the cross and gave me His prosperity. He supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory! If you have children, you can speak this blessing over them: The Lord bless you and the Lord keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and give you peace. No evil, no harm shall befall you and no weapon formed against you shall prosper. May you grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with man. Expect to walk in divine health, prosperity and protection. So keep believing and speaking. Good days are coming your way! Looking for more grace-inspired articles? Check out the rest of them.

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God's Promise of Provision Continued Consider for a few moments the importance of what Jesus stated in the above passage. He first explains to us that if God will see to it that if He attends to the needs of something as common and unimportant as GRASS - Then surely He will provide for.

This principle accompanies the one stated earlier: He modeled it for us as an example of how we can use the spoken Word of God to rebuke the devil. They are bullies, and bullies exploit us at our times of greatest weakness. In that passage, Jesus demonstrated for us how the spoken Word has power over temptations of the devil! Do you realize how awesome and how important that is? You speak an appropriate Scripture passage, and in so doing put the lie to whatever the devil is trying to get you to believe and act on. When you or I do that, the devil has to obey! Because to the devil, there is no difference between Jesus speaking the Word and you or I speaking the Word! In the following passage God revealed a glimpse of the grandeur and majesty with which He regards His spoken Word. Note the underlined text: And Look What Happened: He spoke and the universe came into existence. He spoke through Moses and the Red Sea parted. He spoke and the lepers were made clean. He spoke and Lazarus rose from the dead. He spoke and water turned into wine. He spoke and multitudes were fed. He spoke and the blind could see, the dumb could speak, the deaf could hear, and the crippled, the lame, the paralyzed, and the bleeding were healed. The Valley Of The Dry Bones The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. But there was no breath in them. Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live. But not just any old bones; DRY bones!! God instructed a mere mortal just like any one of us to speak words that He gave them. So the point is?? And the more of the Bible passages we know, the better equipped we are for victory over the devil. The devil will not pull up a chair and wait patiently while you look up a verse or call a friend. Scripture memory is the answer. Recall that in Isaiah We, as His ambassadors, are called to do what He would do if He were here in the flesh. Think Of It Like This: Suppose you were in desperate need of legal help. Which of these people would you rather have as your advocate? B A seasoned top-notch defense attorney with decades of experience. Right! So would I!

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