

God Decrees Our Well-being

Read 2 Samuel 6:11-15

When we talked about God as Creator, we said that His Word is sovereign. In Genesis 1, He didn't create by applying physical force to existing raw materials. He spoke, and all that is appeared from nothing, simply because He willed it. His authority over all reality is so absolute that He speaks, and it comes to be. God's word is powerful and creative and exercises His full control.

God's blessings are the same. Since all His words carry absolute authority, His blessings do as well. Unlike human blessings, His blessings are not weak wishes. They are sovereign decrees. When God blessed animal and human life (Genesis 1:22, 28), He was decreeing their fruitfulness and success on this planet. When God blesses an object or person, they are indeed blessed.

God is the source of all true blessing. He controls blessing and cursing. God's presence confers blessing. For example, read 2 Samuel 6:11-15. The ark of the Lord represented His presence among His people, and the household where it was kept was blessed.

God sometimes chooses to bless through His people. Human blessings can be powerful when they are spoken in His name. Remember, God's name is more than just a verbal handle, or a word we use to refer to Him or speak to Him. God's name is His identity. When human blessings are spoken at His command, they carry His authority and His blessing. For example:

- In Genesis 27:1-41, Isaac blesses his younger son, Jacob, instead of his older son, Esau. Despite the shady circumstances that brought about this blessing, God used it to work His will (see Romans 9:8-13). As a result, the Messiah came through Jacob's line, not Esau's.
- In Genesis 48:1-20, Jacob gives Joseph an extra portion of inheritance by adopting Joseph's two sons as his own. He then chooses to bless the younger Ephraim over the older Manasseh. As a result, Ephraim became a more dominant tribe (for example, Joshua, Jesus' namesake, came from the tribe of Ephraim).

Absolutely nothing in this world is as powerful and as precious as the blessing of the Lord. Seek His blessing. Treasure it above all else.

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