BLESSED OF GOD FOREVER

Gen 1:27 So **God created man in his** *own* **image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And **God blessed them**, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and **have dominion over** the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The Heb. Word for "image" is "tselem". It means illusion, resemblance; a representative figure.

Adam's spiritual life resembled God in every way; holiness, wisdom, might, in fact all of God's characteristics were found in Adam.

Adam was not only blessed, but he had power over "every living creature".

Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

God blessed Noah in order that Noah could bless the earth.

God gave the blessing first and commanded them to be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

- 1. Fruitful bring forth fruit (bear children)
- 2. Multiply to increase, enlarge, store, bring in abundance.
- 3. Replenish (fill) the earth.

The Heb. Word for "replenish" is "male". It means to fill; or be full of; accomplish, confirm, furnish.

God expects nothing less of us. Floods may destroy, but we must replenish!

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father' house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

The Heb. Word for "bless" is "barak". It means to kneel, to bless God (as an act of adoration). It also applies vice versa for man (as a benefit) to thank, praise, salute.

Note the phrase "thou shalt be a blessing". The Hebrew meaning is "and be a blessing"

The Heb word for "be" is hayah". To exist, come to pass, beacon, accomplish, committed, continue.

The Heb word for "blessing" is "b-rakah". Implies, prosperity, blessing, liberal, pool, present.

Genesis 48:14-20 The redeeming Angel, the Lord Himself.

Gen 48:19 And his father refused, and said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*: he also shall become a people, and **he also shall be great**: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed **shall become a multitude of nations**. 20And **he blessed them that day**, saying, **In thee shall Israel bless**, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

Firstly, he spoke of greatness, then he prophesied, "shall become a multitude of nations"

He also said, "In thee shall Israel bless".

We can bless by speaking the prophetic voice. We can effect changes in nations.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psa 3:8 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: **thy blessing** *is* **upon thy people**. Selah.

Act 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive.

LABOURING IS GIVING AND GIVING BRINGS BLESSING.

Mat 10:1 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mat 10:7 "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand." 8"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

The Gk.word for <u>received</u> is "lambano". It means: to take; to get hold of. The Gk. Word for "give" is "didomi". It means: adventure, bestow, bring forth, commit, deliver, minister, offer, have power.

Jesus gave the disciples spiritual power for this purpose. "freely give" Hence, signs, wonders and miracles follow those who "freely give".

Act 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Peter was able to give something greater than money. He gave the lame man the ability to walk for the first time. He shared the gift of miracles that God had given him.

"but such as I have give I thee"

The Gk. Word for "have" is "echo". It means: possession, ability, contiguity, relation or condition.

Act 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and **the number** of the men was about five thousand.

Act 4:14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

The minister's ability to bless or give depends upon the anointing in his or her possession.

The Holy Spirit anointing is like money (natural), we can only give what we have.