

Blessings All Mine

Deuteronomy 33.1-29

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Introduction

- what is a blessing?
- famous blessing passages in Scripture include
 - Jacob stealing Esau's blessing,
 - Jacob blessing his sons in Genesis 49
 - the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6
 - the beatitudes in Matthew 5
- why does it seem like some people are more blessed than others?
- what are the true blessings of God?

Main Points: the true blessings of God are:

1. To be _____ by God – vs. 3:
 - a. Romans 9.13 / Malachi 1.2-3: Jacob I loved, Esau I hated –
 - i. _____ and gnashing of teeth: Matthew 8.12; 13.42-50; 22.13; 24.51; 25.30; Luke 13.28
 - ii. _____: Rev. 20.14-15; Heb. 10.26-27; Isa. 26.11
 - b. The stipulation of the covenant leading to blessing is _____ manifested through obedience.
2. To experience God's _____ – vs. 26-27a:
 - a. What does it mean to rest in God's everlasting arms?
 - b. E.H. Merrill – “This lordly one, transcendently glorious as he is, also cares for those who know and trust him. He is their shelter (*me'onah* [4585, 5104], “hiding place”) and also their safety net, the God who holds them forever in his mighty arms.”

3. To be under God's _____ – vs. 27b-29:
 - a. The figure of a deity riding on a chariot through the heavens is an ancient Near Eastern motif known to the Canaanites, but occurring also in the Old Testament (Pss. 18:10; 68:33; Isa. 19:1; Ezek. 1).
 - i. _____ -- Elisha and servant surrounded by angels;
 - ii. Daniel 3.13-29 -- the _____ in the furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,
 - iii. Revelation 19.11-16– the rider on the _____
 - b. if there is a lesson here to be learned, and there is, it is this: stay close to the warrior king, our saviour king, the King of kings and Lord of lords

Conclusion

To be truly blessed by God is to be _____ by God, experience the _____ of God, and live under the _____ of God. All of these blessings are anchored in the sovereignty God who chooses who he loves, who he allows into his presence, and who he decides to shield and protect.

Amen.