

Lesson: **The Prayer of Blessing**

Supportive scripture:

- Psalm 129:8 (*Victory over your enemies*)
- Proverbs 6:2 (*Dangerous promises*)
- Acts 1:8 (*The Holy Spirit promised*)
- II Corinthians 12:9 (*God's grace is sufficient*)
- Romans 10:17 (*Faith comes by hearing*)

Definition: Blessing.

Blessing comes from the “root” word “bless”. The word “bless” has many meanings such as:

1. To make holy by religious rite (Sanctify)
2. To invoke divine favor on
3. To honor as holy (Glorify)
4. To confer well-being or prosperity on
5. To endow, as with talent

The suffix “ing” on the word “blessing” is known as a *gerund* which is the form that names the action of the verb or noun. Therefore, by definition, the word “blessing” is an action word that names the form of the action to be continuously performed.

Introduction: In this prayer, the class will discuss the significance and characterization of this type of prayer. Not everything is a blessing nor is it a blessing from God. James 1: 17 says “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Because everyone seeks the presence of God for a blessing, the nature of the “Prayer of Blessing” will be closely examined. Therefore, let’s approach this bible lesson with a determination to obtain a more fluent biblical knowledge and understanding of the subject topic.

I. The Prayer of Blessing

- a. The blessing of the Lord be upon you.
- b. As a result of our unawareness and inexperience, regarding godly and kingdom matters, at times we may fail to recognize the heavenly gifts for which the Lord has made available unto us.
- c. Be careful as not to become an emotional cripple unwilling to resolve your many life circumstances.
- d. You can be entrapped by the words of our mouths. Therefore, be mindful and cautious of those audible and inaudible messages. (Proverbs 6:2)

II. *The Prayer of Blessing Partitions For:*

- a. God's power (Act 1:8-*His power is a gift for us to use*)
- b. Strength that makes picture-perfect (II Corinthians 12:9)
- c. Faith (*Faith is a gift from God which enables us to believe, but we have to obey by building on that faith----*Romans 10:17)
- d. Wholeness: The very God of peace sanctify you wholly. (I Thessalonians 5:23 & III John2)