

POWER OF BLESSING

I. What is blessing

A. Mark 10:16; Luke 24:50, 51; Pr. 10:22; 11:11

B. OT word “Barekah” – We get our word benediction

1. To consecrate; to make or pronounce holy, (or happy, joyful, blessed)
2. To empower to prosper; confer prosperity to; grant divine favor to
3. To invoke (call forth/down; summons) a blessing upon

C. NT word “eulogia” - To speak well of (or good of)

D. Contrasted to “curse” someone - to pronounce evil, injury, or misfortune upon

II. Types of blessing

A. God to a person Gen. 1:28

B. A person to God Ps.103:2

C. God or a person to things Matt. 14:19-21

D. A person to another person 2 Sam. 6:18; 1 Kings 8:55; (Nu.6:23-27)

III. Family blessing

A. Gen. 48; Gen. 49; Nu.6:23-27 are examples

B. It is the power of words Pr. 18:20, 21