

From Curse to Blessing **(Parallel: Abraham's Future is Ours Series – Part II)**

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NOTE: Until Gen. 17:5, Abraham has the name of Abram, but to simplify the discussion we will be using the name God gives him, Abraham.

1. Since the message focus on curses and blessings, take time to define and contrast each of those two terms: “curse” & “blessing”.

2. Given the tone of the words describing curse, read Gen. 3:14, 17 and see if you need to add some more words.

3. Now look at the curse described in Gal. 3:13 and compare and contrast it with what you just saw in Genesis.

4. Read Deuteronomy 33:29 and see if this makes sense in relation to your definition of blessing.

5. Now read Matt. 5:3 – 12 and describe the message of the passage as a whole.

6. So, is Abraham blessed or cursed? Read Gen. 12:1-3 and describe what you find there.

7. Gen. 12:2 describes a chain reaction in which Abraham is blessed and then becomes a blessing to others. Have people done things that changed the course of your life for the better? What did that feel like?

8. At the end of life we will likely look back and see where God's hand has been supporting us and blessing us throughout our lives. Why is it that we can't see it while it is happening to the same extent that Abraham did?