

SELAH #8: PSALM 134 "BLESSED BY THE BEST"

CALL AND ANSWER: PEOPLE AND PRIESTS

Fewer words > variety uses than bless: Sneeze bless you. Eat blesses food. Pop culture shirts/cups *to blessed to be stressed*. Humble brag #blessed. South - bless your heart *something like: oh u poor little idiot*

- IMPORTANT WORD FOR CHRISTIANS. **MOST POWERFUL PRINCIPLES BBL**

MP: The word bless reflects the nature of the relationship between God and His people.

- o IMP: BC TRANSACTIONAL ATTITUDE WE SOMETIMES. **GOD VENDING**

Psalm 134 "**Baruch** בָּרֻךְ bār-ūk – **say Baruch**": Reciprocal word: **GOD**: to endue with power, favor, peace, and joy. **PPL**: Reverence, honor, exaltation and heartfelt gratitude.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

- PaleoHebrew: to fill the palm. Kneeling down at a body of water and your hand is filled with water. **VIDEO1: HANDS OPEN/HANDS RAISED**

Numbers 6:24-26 The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

WE COME W/PURPOSE AND EXPECTATION. **BC PEOPLE OF FAITH. W/O FAITH**

Faith in Jesus enables you to bless God and receive blessings from God. **FAITH=STRLNK**

WE ARE A FAITH COMMUNITY THAT BLESSES GOD – HANDS RAISED

BC WE ARE BLESSED: Appears we initiate and God responds. COVENANT PPL COMING

- On their way up to Jerusalem to the temple to worship God. **PSALM OF ASCENT**
THEY WERE GOING TO JERUSALEM WITH PURPOSE AND EXPECTATION. SAY IT

God's people bless Him because they have been blessed. **HANDS FILLED. FROM FULL**
DAVID PSALM 23 full. Green pastures. Still waters. Restored soul. Paths of
righteousness. Protection and comfort from his presence in danger. Exaltation among
enemies. Chosen. Provided for. Eternal life.

BLESS THE LORD

GIVE: Reverence, Honor, exaltation and heartfelt gratitude. EVERY1. EXPRESSIVE

- MOUTH: Speak it. Say it. Declare it. **POWER. DEV. SILENCE. LOUD MOMENT**
 - o The night shift worshipers. Not SUNDAY SPECIAL. SUNDAY XIAN.
 - o Not.. when's the last time you blessed the LORD – last Sunday

Living from Sunday to Sunday will leave you spiritually weak and anemic

Behind the scenes. In the hard times. Promot falls. Child prod. Stck Mrkt Craters

- LIFT UP HANDS TO THE HOLY PLACE: **PALMS OUT > TO HIM**

DO IT. LIFT UR HANDS AND BLESS THE LORD. Even when others watchin. House Full

THIS IS OUR FUTURE

Revelation 5:11-12 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a

loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

WE ARE A FAITH COMMUNITY THAT IS BLESSED BY GOD

HANDS STRETCHED OUT TO BLESS + HANDS OPEN TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSINGS

When you 'baruch' the Lord He 'baruchs' you right back.

(HOLY PLACE) IN HIS PRESENCE. HE IS WITH US. BY FAITH WE KNOW THAT. 11:6

- God blesses us with power, favor, peace, and joy. **PRIEST CONVEY HEART GOD**

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AS THE CREATOR: Blesses you in YOUR SERVICE TO HIM...

The first act of God over Adam and Eve was to bless them.

- Before He commissioned them to subdue and have dominion **(VIDEO2)**

God's blessing precedes His mission. FROM THE OVERFLOW

- **YOUR HANDS NEED TO BE BEING FILLED GIVE FROM OVERFLOW**

Constantly positioned to appreciate and receive (MOM. FRIENDS)

- o **STAY IN THE PLACE OF GOD'S BLESSING. DISTRACTION AND SIN**

BECAUSE THE BLESSING OF GOD TRANSFORMS YOUR LIFE

- **Abram:** chosen by God and blessed. SO BIG GOD CHANGED HIS NAME
- **Jacob:** Pleaded with the Angel of the LORD. So transformational GOD CHANGED HIS NAME FROM JACOB TO ISRAEL

You can't remain the same when God's blessing is upon you. IMPACT EVERYONE

- **BLESSED LIFE IS THE ONE WHO HAS SURRENDERED TO JESUS**

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.