

Beloved, there is a Divine Certainty in our blessings from a Covenant God... The Almighty. Charles Wesley said it greatly:

If what I wish is good,
And suits the Will divine,
By earth and hell in vain withstood
I know it shall be mine.
Still let them counsel take
To frustrate His decree;
They cannot keep a blessing back
By Heaven designed for me.
If what my soul requires
Evil to me would prove,
His Love shall cross my fond desires
His kindly-jealous Love.

When shall we find out *"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it."* Proverbs 10:22 When shall we rise to a place Whittier was when he wrote: "I dimly guess, from blessings known, of greater out of sight."

Truly our blessings are the least heeded, because the most common events of life. Well has been said: "Blessings star forth forever; but a curse is like a cloud, it passes." Did not Jacob-Israel find it so? Oh the bliss that can be told is but half-bliss...but the Blessed Gospel reveals it all! Jesus did not say "Blessed are they that mourn, because THEY MOURN, but because THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED!" And, what is the Ministry of the Holy Spirit of God?

What an outright lie in the face of the Gospel Message are the words of the poet POPE...in his essay on Man 1. 96.

"Man never IS. but always To be, Blest."

A Bible Dictionary informs us: In the Bible, acts of blessing may be considered: When God is said to bless men. Gen. 1:28 & 22:17. For God's blessing is accompanied with that virtue which renders His blessing effectual, and which is expressed by it. Since God is eternal and omnipresent, His omniscience and omnipotence cause His blessings to avail in the present life in respect to all things, and also in the life to come. How so? Well, He is ever-present. And, He knows. And, of course He has all-power to accomplish it. Is He not the All-Mighty? The putter-forth-of-power?

And, when we bless God; we ascribe unto Him those characteristics which are His, we acknowledge his sovereignty, and with it also express gratitude for all His multiplied mercies showered down upon us, etc.

Upon examination of THE ISRAEL BLESSING of Numbers 6:22-27; we find it was an important part of the Temple services at Jerusalem in later times. The Priests were required to discard their footwear and wash their hands before facing the congregation to chant the BLESSING with upraised hand.

Numbers Chapters 6 & 7 go together. The subject of SEPARATION and DEDICATION are the key-notes. Right in the middle of this life of Separateness and complete offering up of "self" unto God is placed this TRIPLE BLESSING from THE ONE GOD OF ISRAEL known as YAHWEH. (Jehovah).....