

Study Notes for 9/25/16

Series:

**Built to Be Blessed:
God's Promise to
Prosper the Family**

The Blessings From the Lord

Reading Genesis 12-24

Focus:

**Receiving the
Blessings of God, His
Way**



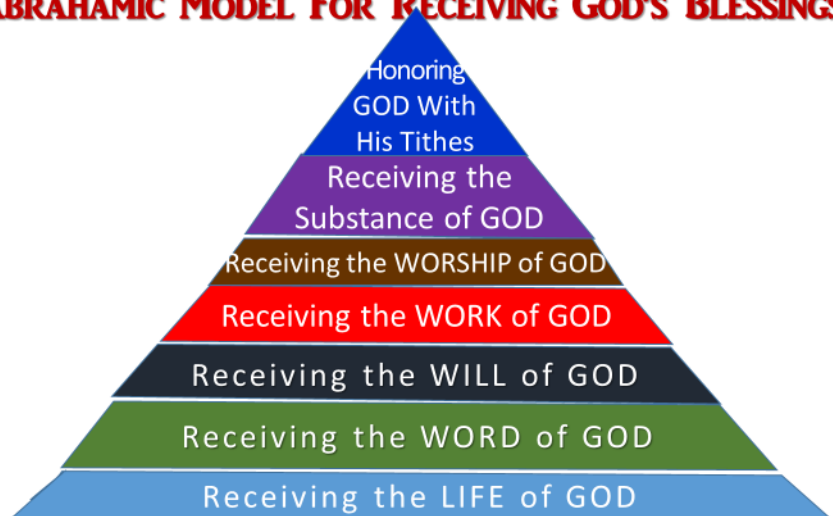
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Key Scriptures:

Genesis 12-24 NIV
Proverbs 3: 5-6 NIV
Acts 2: 14-21 NIV
1 Thessalonians 2:13
NIV
Hebrews 11:17-19 NIV
John 20:21-22 NIV
Acts 2:41 NIV
James 1:5-8
Numbers 23:19-20
NIV
Luke 21:33 NIV
Isaiah 55:8-11 NIV
1King 17:16 NIV

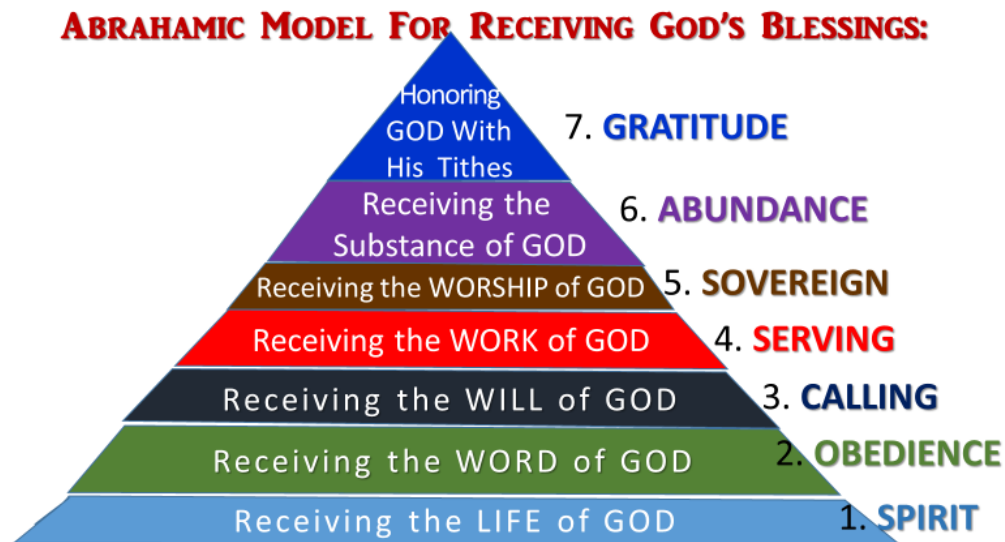
Abrahamic Model For Receiving God's Blessings:

ABRAHAMIC MODEL FOR RECEIVING GOD'S BLESSINGS:



Abrahamic Model For Receiving God's Blessings:

Reduced to One WORD



Abrahamic Progression And Pattern

- **Genesis: Chapters 12-24**
- We Progress Through These Stages To Arrive In A Place Of ABUNDANCE
 1. Existing
 2. Surviving
 3. Striving
 4. Thriving
- *Examples: Abraham, Ruth, Esther, David, the Widow of Zarephath & Solomon*

Step 1: Receiving the Life of God

- **Proverbs 3: 5-6 NIV**

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

- **Acts 2: 14-21 NIV**

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are

not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

Receiving means to **Trust** and **Do**. Simply put, it means to **Obey** God's instructions!!!

To **Accept** and **Practice**.

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

➤ **1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV**

- ¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted (received) it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

➤ **Hebrews 11:17-19 NIV**

- ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

➤ **John 20:21-22 NIV**

- ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

➤ **Acts 2:41 NIV**

- ⁴¹ Those who accepted (received) his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

We Do What We Receive, NOT Necessarily

What We Believe!!

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

The Danger of Not Receiving

James 1:5-8

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

Encouragement For Our Struggle to Receive

Numbers 23:19-20 NIV

¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? ²⁰ I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it.

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

Encouragement For Our Struggle to Receive

Luke 21:33 NIV

³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

Encouragement For Our Struggle to Receive

Isaiah 55:8-11 NIV

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the

sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Step 2: Receiving the WORD of God

Encouragement For Our Struggle to Receive

1King 17:16 NIV

¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.