

**Beatitudes**  
**What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed**

**THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM**

Text: Genesis 12:1-3

Introduction:

1. Biblically, the word “blessed” refers to those whose sufficiency comes from God and not from the circumstances of life.
2. A deeper understanding of this term “blessed” comes from a study of the promise made by God to Abraham.
3. Understanding this promise will help us realize how to be “blessed.”

I. **The Nature of the Blessing**

- A. God would bless Abraham.
- B. Abraham would bless others.
- C. All nations would be blessed.
  1. This verse teaches us the truth about election.
  2. God foreordained a group, not individuals.
  3. The Gospel is for all!

II. **The Object of the Blessing**

- A. Being one of the blessed depends upon one’s relationship with God (12:4).
- B. Ultimately, this relationship is found in Christ (22:18; 26:4).
- C. Galatians 3:6-29
  1. 3:8-9 - *It is through faith.*
  2. 3:13-16 - *It is through Christ.*
  3. 3:26-29 - *It is through obedience.*

III. **The Legacy of the Blessing**

- A. This passage lays the foundation for the Beatitudes.
- B. Fourteen passages in the Psalms
- C. The Sermon on the Mount.
- D. The Seven Beatitudes of the Book of Revelation.

Conclusion: *Are you part of the blessed? It depends upon your relationship with God.*