

# The Way To Be Blessed

(Part 3)

The bible is full with verses and passages that teach us the way to live for God and to be blessed by Him. We will review in these series more ways of God that we can learn from His word.

1- *“After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley).<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.” (Genesis 14:17-20)* Abram went out to rescue his nephew from the five kings who raid on Sodom and took Lot and all what he had as captive. The Lord blessed Abraham with a victory and delivered his enemies into his hands. In response to the goodness of God Abraham acted in a faithful way. When he returned back from defeating the five kings, two kings went out to meet him. The first one was the king of Sodom who represent devil, and the second king is the *Melchizedek king of Salem* who represent the Lord Jesus Christ as we can read here in *Hebrews 7:1-3* *“This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.” (Hebrew 7:1-3)* Abraham after he had the victory he came to the Lord and he gave to the Lord the tenth of all what he had gained. Abraham considered carefully that the Lord was with Him and the Lord is the one who gave him the victory and all the plunder, therefore after the victory he came and had fellowship with the Lord and tithed his income to the God.

What we learn here is the following: When God relieves us, deliver us and help us in times of trouble then we need not to forget that God but show faithfulness to Him. If we do that then more blessings will flow into our lives and that what had happened to Abraham as he showed his faithfulness to the Lord, he was blessed more by the Lord. The same is for you, *“The more you are faithful and grateful to God the more you are blessed by the Lord.”*

2- *“<sup>d</sup> When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods-who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”<sup>2</sup> Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.”<sup>3</sup> So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.<sup>4</sup> He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods; O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”<sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.”<sup>6</sup> So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.<sup>8</sup> They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and*

*sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’<sup>9</sup> “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people.<sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”<sup>11</sup> But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “O LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?<sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.<sup>13</sup> Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’”<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.<sup>15</sup> Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back.<sup>16</sup> The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.<sup>17</sup> When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”<sup>18</sup> Moses replied: “It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear.”<sup>19</sup> When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.<sup>20</sup> And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.<sup>21</sup> He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”<sup>22</sup> “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil.<sup>23</sup> They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’<sup>24</sup> So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”<sup>25</sup> Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies.<sup>26</sup> So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’”<sup>28</sup> The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died.<sup>29</sup> Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.” In this story we found that the Levites did not stand and support their brothers or their sons and with other people from other tribes who were worshipping idols and do wrong things against the Lord. But they stood with the Lord against their brothers and sons and that was the reason for the Lord to set them apart for his service and that is why he blessed them. So we can clearly conclude that we don’t need to side with blood relatives or friends with their wrong doings, traditions and practices or try to please them, but to please the Lord so we can receive his blessings.*

**My Dear and Beloved:** God’s way is clear to us and it helps us and directs us to do God’s will and walk in His way and be blessed as we agree to pray.

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that teaches me clearly your ways. Lord I commit myself to apply what I read in this message and to dedicate my life to serve you, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.