

OBEDIENCE & BLESSING

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14

Our obedience to God's conditions will go far beyond our own lives to affect others around the world. (Genesis 12:1-3)

1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. (Matthew 22:36-40)

God's blessings will not just follow you; they will overtake you!

2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:

You will be blessed whether you live in the city or in the country.

3 "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

God will bless your family and all you own and give you abundant provision. (Malachi 3:10-12)

4-5 "Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. "Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Divine protection against spiritual and physical enemies.

6-7 "Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. "The Lord will

cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

We will be successful in all that we do.

8 "The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

We will be set apart and will be seen as God's people, His possession. (Exodus 19:4-6)

9-10 "The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.

God's abundant blessing will increase in our own lives and will flow out of us to others, even other nations.

11-13a And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath,...

The conditions for God's blessings.

13b-14 ...if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them. (Matthew 22:34-39; John 6:28-29)



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