

## Blessed to Be a Blessing

### Sermon Summary

The sermon emphasizes the Christian calling to not only receive God's blessings but to also become conduits of those blessings to others. It draws from various scriptures to illustrate that God's intention for blessing us is so that we can, in turn, bless others. The message challenges the congregation to shift from a consumer mindset to one of stewardship and generosity, reflecting on how the blessings received from God in material, emotional, and spiritual forms can be shared with those around us.

### Scriptures

- **Genesis 12:1-2** (NIV): "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."

- **Exodus 19:3-5** - Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

- **1 Peter 2:9** (NIV): "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

- **Matthew 10:8** "Freely you have received, freely give."

- **2 Corinthians 1:3-4** (NIV): Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

- **2 Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (NIV)

- **Colossians 3:16**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom ... (NIV)

### Study and Application Questions

1. How have you experienced God's blessings in your life recently?
2. In what ways can we become a blessing to others in our daily lives?
3. How does the concept of being "blessed to be a blessing" change your perspective on the purpose of God's blessings?
4. Can you share a time when you were able to bless someone else because of a blessing you received?
5. How can we ensure that we don't become consumers of God's blessings but rather stewards?
6. What are some practical steps we can take to share God's comfort with those who are troubled?
7. How does the idea of being a "royal priesthood" influence our role in the community and the world?
8. What blessings do you feel called to share with others this week?