

INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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The Thousand Generation Blessing

In the Bible passage that introduces the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:4) we discover that curses can trouble a family for 4 generations but blessings can extend over a family for a thousand generations. This is amazing since the human race has only been around for 300 generations. Calculate with me; let us say that a new generation comes every 20 years; then in 100 years there are only 5 generations. At that rate, there are 50 generations in every one thousand years. If humankind has existed for 6 thousand years since Adam then the human race contains only 6 X 50 generations. That adds up to 300 generations since Adam. If you earn God's thousand generation blessing it means that you and all of your generations are blessed for all of this life and for all of eternity as well.

Besides the length of time involved in the thousand generation blessing, the intensity of the thousand generation blessing is even better. It is extremely powerful; it is accumulative and progressive. If 2 consecutive generations walk with God the power of blessings over that family will be great. If 3 or 4 generations in a family walk close to God the blessings over that family will be even more potent. There is a build-up of spiritual strength and a special anointing that every godly grandparent wants to see produced for their great grandchildren. This is the battle for the glory of God. Great families reach high for this blessing and it is in the reaching that they touch the heart of God.

The problem is that curse-causing sins bring judgments that undo God's blessings. Man's folly requires restoration and the next generation must reestablish the power of the thousand generation blessing over a family if it has been lost because of curse-causing sins. This requires repentance, intercession, godly living, good works, sacrifice, intimacy with God and a powerful, active faith. There is no blessing more powerful than the thousand generation blessing and those who press into God for it can restore entire families to the path of greatness. These warriors fight for the glory of God; they are partners with Jesus in bringing the kingdom of God to their families and to the earth.

Salvation and even the gifts of the Holy Spirit are not earned; God gives them freely to all who will receive Him and exercise faith. Even first generation Christians can have a powerful ministry and great anointing. The thousand generation blessing however, is quite different; it releases a level of peace, joy, godliness and holiness that causes a family to glow with spiritual strength. It is a godly anointing on a family that leaves a blessings on every family member, on a neighborhood, a community and even a nation.

The children of the thousand-generation-blessing family, shine bright and the parents are admired as patriarchs who walk with God. The family who has the thousand generation blessing becomes a royal family of the kingdom of God. They are seen as noble people full of honor, dignity and strength. They will radiate God's peace, express a never-ending joy and possess a righteousness that is refreshing and wholesome. This righteousness can never be found by obeying legalistic rules or heavy handed religion. The thousand generation blessings is a deposit of God's glory on a family that only He can give. It comes out of friendship with God. Christians should partner with God until they receive the thousand generation blessing for their families.

Most of us are not thinking of the thousand generation blessing; we are concerned only for the immediate generations that we can see; for our children and grandchildren. The thousand generation focus however, embraces the heart of God. It looks to the millennial reign of Christ and to eternity. It inspires us to reign in this life as though we were already in the millennium. That in essence, is being seated in heavenly places with Christ; being overcomers, ruling and reigning with the Lord.

Adam had the thousand generation blessing on his life but the sin of witchcraft (communicating with and obeying the devil) caused him to lose the fullness of the blessing. He was driven out of the garden.

Even after the Adamic curse was in effect, the early patriarchs lived to be almost a thousand years old. It was easy to see the effects of blessings and curses on the generations because people lived long enough to personally see many generations alive at the same time. They were witnesses of the long-term effects of sowing and reaping on families. They saw terrible judgments caused by accumulated sin and they also saw the powerful intensity of accumulated blessings as well.

For example, Adam lived for 930 years. His son Seth, knew Enoch; after all, Enoch was Seth's great, great, great grandson. Seth was still alive for another 53 years after the great man, Enoch, who walked with God, was taken up into heaven without dying.

Noah lived for 950 years. Abraham and Sarah were alive and more than 50 years old when Noah died. They could have met him. They were related to him even though they were born 11 generations after him. It is no wonder that Abraham had the faith to look for a city that had foundations built by God.

Shem, the son of Noah, died when he was 600 years old. Jacob and Esau, the grandchildren of Abraham, were 48 years old when Shem died. They could have met him or talked to people who knew Noah's family personally. Surely, they talked about the godly man named Noah, who they were all related to. Noah walked so close to God that he found God's grace to be saved when the rest of humanity was destroyed in the flood. Adam, Enoch, Noah and Abraham saw the power of the thousand generation blessing.

In the millennium, after the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead, people will live for a thousand years again. At that time most people will be immortal but some will be mortal. We know that many are mortal because they die when Satan is released from the Abyss to tempt the nations. (Rev. 20:9) These mortals will have babies and will live for a thousand years seeing many new generations emerge. (Isa. 65:20,23)

We are living between the patriarchs and the millennium. In this age, life is much shorter and we can only see a few generations on the earth at one time, but the power of the thousand generation blessing is still in effect. Great days are ahead of us; some of us will walk so close to God that this powerful blessing will overtake us. Some of us will gain the power to live through the great tribulation and witness the second coming of Christ. Some will even overcome the devil during the great tribulation. (Rev. 12:11)

Walk with God and find the thousand generation blessing. When this blessing comes, you will receive the grace of Noah, the intimacy of Enoch and the faith of Abraham. A Ω

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