

## The Theology of Divine Blessing

### 5 Types of Blessings Found in the Bible

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- 1. The First Type of Blessing** – The \_\_\_\_\_  
Blessing given to everyone freely \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Luke 6:35 (NLT) — 35** “Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for **he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.**
  - **Matthew 5:45 (NLT) — 45** In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.
  - **Requirement:** Just existing qualifies you.
  - **God’s Response:** God shows His mercy regardless of the actions of the recipient.
  - **Benefits:** The recipient receives a measure of God’s blessings without any positive actions on their part.
  
- 2. The Second Type of Blessing** – The \_\_\_\_\_ Blessing  
given on the basis of God’s Mercy and grace to those who \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Genesis 32:26 (NLT) — 26** Then the man said, “Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” **29** ... Then he blessed Jacob there.
  - **Psalms 67:1 (NLT) — 1** May God be merciful and bless us. May his face smile with favor on us.

- **Requirement:** Ask God for something that He alone has the ability to give you.
- **God's Response & Benefit:** God will give certain underserved gifts, not based on conduct, simply because the recipient asked.

3. **The Third Type of Blessing** – The \_\_\_\_\_ Blessing given to those who meet the requirement of saving \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Acts 3:26 (NLT) — 26** When God raised up his servant, Jesus, he sent him first to you people of Israel, to bless you by turning each of you back from your sinful ways.”
- **Romans 4:7–8 (NLT) — 7** “Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. **8** Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of sin.”
- **Ephesians 1:3–4 (NLT) — 3** All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. **4** Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.
- **Requirement:** Come into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Messiah or Savior.
- **God's Response:** God will save you and bestow his blessings on you because you have a relationship with His son, Jesus Christ.
- **Benefits:**
  1. Forgiveness
  2. Eternal Life
  3. The Spirit of God lives on the inside.

4. **The Fourth Type of Blessing** – The \_\_\_\_\_ Blessing given to those who meet the revealed requirement of \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Matthew 6:6 (NLT) — 6** But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.
- **Deuteronomy 28:1–6 (NLT) — 1** “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. **2** You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: **3** Your towns and your fields will be blessed. **4** Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. **5** Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. **6** Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed.
- **Requirement:** Obedience to God’s commands
- **God’s Response:** The Lord will bless those who obey his commands according to the level of their obedience.
- **Benefits:** The Lord has already predetermined that He will bless those who follow His commands, and the recipient has the ability to release God’s blessings through their actions.

5. **The Fifth Type of Blessing** - The \_\_\_\_\_ Blessing Given to everyone according to their good works and distributed after \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Luke 14:12–14 (NLT) — 12** Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. **13** Instead, invite the poor, the crippled,

the lame, and the blind. **14** Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”

- **Requirement:** Give to those who cannot REPAY you.
- **God’s Response:** Promised Future Blessing
- **Benefits:** You will receive repayment from God during the resurrection in heaven, which will far exceed anything that you did on earth.