

EYES ON THE PRIZE

Deuteronomy 28: 1-10

The Book of Deuteronomy

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Deut 27:26

“Cursed be he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.”

“Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.”

“For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.”

“Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.”

Matt 5:19-17

Matt 5:1

“Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain and when He sat down His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them...”

Deut 28:1

“Now it shall be if you diligently obey the voice of Yahveh your God...”

He looks at a people anything but blessed and begins expounding brilliantly on the 10 Commandments and starts with the 8-fold blessing of Deuteronomy 28.

Deut 28:1

**“Now it shall be if you
diligently obey**

**(shama): Hear, listen, obey,
also see truth and consume
(internalize) it.**

**the voice of Yahveh your God,
being careful**

**(shamar): Guard as watchman,
hedge about.**

**to do all His commandments
which I command you today,
Yahveh your God
will set you high**

**(elyown): Set up on high as an
example.**

**above all the nations of the
earth.”**

**When you
SHAMAR /
guard the
WAY**

**And
SHAMA /
see and
internalize
the TRUTH**

**And
SHAMA /
listen to
and obey
Yahveh**

**Then
Yahveh will
raise up
your LIFE as
an example
for the
people
around you**

MATTHEW 5:1-19
(Who is Blessed?)

MATTHEW 5:1-19
(What is the Blessing?)

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-10

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit (beggar – total dependency)	Because of them is the Kingdom of Heaven	Vs 3. Where – In the city and the field (everywhere)
2. Blessed are those who mourn (grieve over sin as death, act)	Be comforted	Vs 4. How – There will be life (human, plant, animal)
3. Blessed are the meek (Ps 37:11 – humbled by suffering)	Inherit the earth	Vs 5. How – they will rise victorious in life as dough in a kneading bowl
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (desperately toil for survival)	Be satisfied	Vs 6. How – in coming in (to a feast) and going out (with hands full laden)
5. Blessed are the merciful (answer the cry of the needy)	Receive mercy (when they cry out)	Vs 7. When –Yahveh dissipates the united force of their enemies
6. Blessed are the pure in heart (heart is fully devoted to God)	See God	Vs 8. Where – their store which is full and also their undertakings
7. Blessed are the peacemakers (shalom – bring wholeness)	Called sons (children) of God	Vs 9. Why – Yahveh will clean, set them apart as holy and whole
8. Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake	Kingdom of God (Yahveh's reign)	Vs 10. People will consider their life and fear / revere / honour them

Blessed am I when I Shamar and Shama God's instructions and acknowledge my spiritual poverty. Because of my total dependence on God, His reign is seen everywhere regardless of the powers that be.

Blessed am I when I Shamar and Shama God's instructions and am grieved over the sin and death I see around me and within me. Because I will be moved to repent and take action and there will be life, even the redemption of all creation.

Blessed am I when I Shamar and Shama God's instructions even when I am kneaded and punched as dough in the kneading bowl of life. Because I will rise victorious and fill the earth with those like me, just as surely as dough rises and fills the kneading bowl.

Blessed am I when I Shamar and Shama God's instructions and hunger and thirst after it for my very survival. Because I will be totally satisfied as one who comes into a banqueting hall and has their fill and goes forth laden.

Blessed am I when I Shamar and Shama God's instructions and respond in mercy to the cry of those around me. Because when I cry out on account of my enemies, God will answer my cry and extend mercy to me, He will remove my enemies from my life.

Blessed am I when I Shamar and Shama God's instructions and have filled my life with His ways, when my heart is fully His. Because I have made what is His – mine, He will make what is mine – His and I will see Him attend to my needs and undertakings.

Blessed am I when I Shamar and Shama God's instructions and am stirred to make shalom with Him and others, ushering in wholeness into my relationships. I will be called His child because only those whom He sets apart as holy and shalom can bring shalom to others.

Blessed am I when I Shamar and Shama God's instructions even when I am reviled and persecuted on account of it. Because of the example of my life, God's reign will be seen by all the people of the earth and they will fear and honour Him Who lives in me.

Deut 28:2

**"all these
blessings**

**(berakah): Blessing, father's benediction, father's inheritance, treaty of peace,
praise of God, gift, present.**

will come

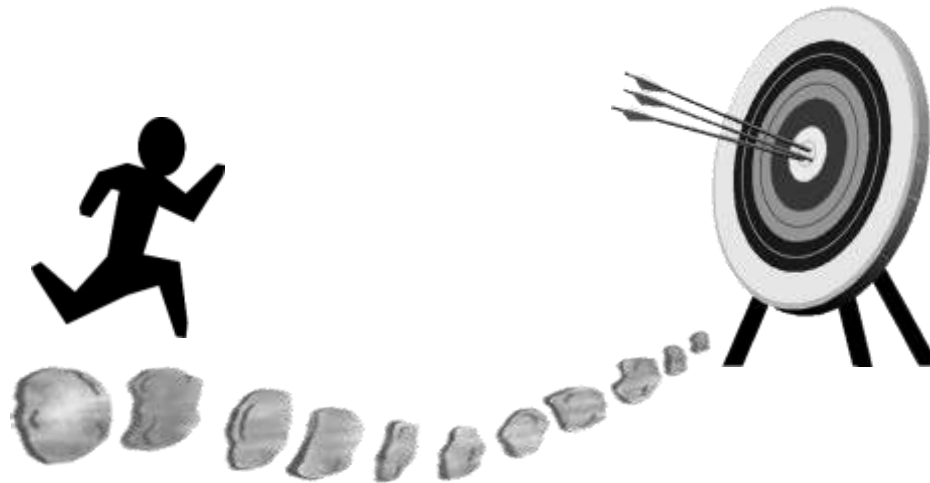
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(nasag): Overtake, reach to, take hold, overcome limits.

if you obey the voice of Yahveh your God."

Blessings

**Contemporary
Formula
For
Christian
Success:**



If you do 1+2+3 correctly then = Blessings

**Issue: What happens when people do what God
requires and still suffer as a consequence?**

Will the lack of blessing = Presence of hidden sin?

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**We CANNOT control blessings
or manipulate their arrival in our lives**



**The Blessings
That Overtake Us**



**The Instructions
Of God**

Hebrews 12:2

And let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us,
fixing our eyes on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of faith.
For the joy set before him
he endured the cross,
scorning its shame,
and sat down at the right hand
of the throne of God.

fix your
EYES
on him