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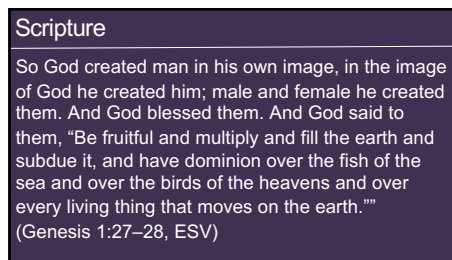
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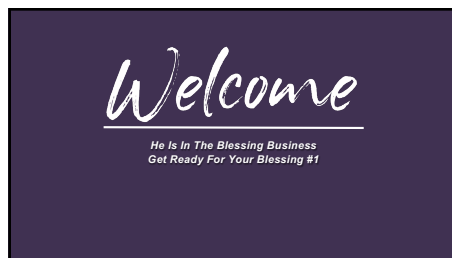
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meaning of the word, bless

Bible Sense Lexicon | to bless (favor) x +

to bless (favor) Actual Size Fit

**to bless (favor)** v. — to invoke (or enact) divine favor, often implying a positive disposition or kind actions toward the recipient.

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### Point

#### 1. God Yahweh spoke blessings at the beginning of the birth of the first man

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."<sup>1</sup> (Genesis 1:28, ESV)

Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created." (Genesis 5:2, ESV)

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### Dig Deeper

<sup>5</sup> This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, "he made him in the likeness of God."<sup>2</sup> Male and female he created **them**, and he **blessed them** and named **them Man** when they were created.<sup>3</sup> When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in <sup>Hebrew: adam</sup> **ness**,  
Genesis 5:1-2 (ESV)

he him: <sup>2</sup> Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name **Adam**, in the day when they were created.<sup>3</sup> And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his  
Genesis 5:1-2 (KJV)

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## Point

## 2. God Yahweh spoke blessings at the beginning of the rebirth of man

## God's Covenant with Noah

<sup>1</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>2</sup> And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again 'curse' the ground because of man, for <sup>3</sup> the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. <sup>4</sup> Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. <sup>5</sup> While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, <sup>6</sup> day and night, shall not cease."

<sup>9</sup> And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."

Genesis 8:20-9:1 ESV

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## Point

## 3. Jesus spoke blessings at the beginning of the new birth of man

## The Sermon on the Mount

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, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the

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## Point

merciful, for they shall receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:1-12, ESV)

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*REFLECTION*

From the beginning of time until now, God Yahweh has ordained us to be blessed by Him at all times.

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*WHOLE TITHE SUNDAY*

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