

**DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14**

- This passage of scripture is known as the Mosaic covenant, as it's the covenant God made with His people under Moses' leadership
- As great as it may seem, it was dependant on the obedience of the people. Three times, the word "if" is mentioned in the NLT(New Living Translation), in Deuteronomy 28:1,9,13 for these blessings to come pass. Three of 1595 "if"s in scripture.
- No promise of blessing is without a condition.
- Now the Israelites do not have such a good track record in obeying God and sadly, neither do we
- However, the real blessing is Jesus Christ paying the price through His death. For us to receive God's blessings, because He knows the condition of the human heart:

**JEREMIAH 17:9(NLT)** "The human heart is the most deceitful, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

- God's precious promise:

**EZEKIEL 36:26(NLT)** And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart

**GENESIS 12:1-3(NLT)** "The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

- This is known as the Abrahamic covenant. It's not dependant on the people's obedience, but on God honouring His word.
- In Genesis 15, only God moves between the halves of the sacrificial animal, while Abraham slept, indicating God's commitment to the covenant.
- So Jesus' sacrifice changes everything, so that we can receive there blessings of the Abrahamic covenant:

**GALATIANS 3:10-14(NLT)** But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." 11 So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

12 This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."

13 But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon Himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

14 Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing He promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

- The three nails of the cross, cancels out the three "if"s of Deuteronomy 28, so we can be blessed.

**CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Discuss the different forms a blessing take
2. What is the difference between the Abrahamic covenant and the Mosaic covenant?
3. What blessings can we expect in Christ?