



PRAYER FORCE

The WAR is DECIDED in the HEAVENS

Prayer Focus

October 17 - 23, 2022

Power of Blessing

The last two chapters of Deuteronomy remind us of the importance and power of blessing. *"Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death."* Deuteronomy 33:1 Moses spent his last moments of life blessing the children of Israel.

This is a pattern that many gave us in the Old Covenant, for example Jacob blessed his sons prior to his death (Genesis 49) and David blessed Solomon prior to his death (1 Kings 2). God, Himself, commanded that His name would be put upon the children of Israel through the priestly blessing, *"²²And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: 'The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶The LORD lift up His countenance upon you; and give you peace.' ²⁷So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.'"* Numbers 6:22-27

I had the opportunity to celebrate Sukkot this week at an event in St. Louis called Tabernacle as One with the Altar of Prayer, Civil Righteousness, and Return ministries. We enjoyed a Shabbat (Sabbath) meal together and remembered the Shabbat customs of the Jewish people. One of the very important customs is the blessings given prior to the meal. First and foremost, God is blessed and thanked for who He is and His provision of the bread and the wine/juice.

Husbands bless their wives by singing Proverbs 31:10-31 over them. The result of this over the weeks and years is that the children *"rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her."* Proverbs 31:28 Likewise, the parents bless their children in a form of declaration over their lives that they will be like Ephraim and Manasseh, and Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah. This blessing comes from Genesis 48:20, which states *"So he [Jacob] blessed them that day, saying, 'By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'"*

We have the power daily to bless ourselves, our family, and those around us, may we be purposeful and speak life-giving words of blessing at every opportunity. *"Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."* Proverbs 18:21 (BSB)

- Melody Divine

Pray

- We thank You, Lord, for giving us such a beautiful example of blessing.
- Forgive us, Lord, for not being careful with our words. Help us to recognize the power of the tongue and only speak words of life. May we heed the caution of Jesus when considering our words. *"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."* Matthew 12:36-37
- Show us more, Lord, about how to bless and the power of blessing.

The Blessing – Joshua Aaron in Hebrew

<https://youtu.be/vcnVRWYaFds>

Events

[Prayer Force Website: http://www.prayerforce.live/](http://www.prayerforce.live/)

[Prayer Force Room Sign-Up](#)

Prayer Force Equipping Hour – Every other Tuesday at 1:00pm, Pacific

[Pray California Conference – October 21-22, 2022](#) THIS WEEK