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## SECTION 9 – God’s Anointing & the Covenant Blessing

### Lesson 36 - The Commanded Blessing Part 2

God came to restore the commanded blessing.

**Genesis 1:28** *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

This is the process that God has set up for overcoming. In every church, in every city, in every country, in every region, this is how God says you are to rule and reign. There is a five step process here before you can take dominion. You can’t just bind everything and take dominion in Jesus name. You can pray all day long if you want, but it isn’t going to happen because there is a process here.

People assume that when He tells them to be fruitful He is telling them to have babies. That’s not what He’s talking about; He’s not talking about having babies. He was talking about taking authority over the entire natural and spiritual realm.

This is powerful; He says “BE”. He doesn’t suggest; He’s not recommending. He’s saying BE. He’s speaking it into existence: be fruitful. God always intended for man to BE fruitful. He never intended for us to be fruitless. He never intended us to be fruity. He just intended us to BE fruitful; to always produce and reproduce.

**John 15:5-8** *I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

He said if you abide in Him and His Words abide in you, you will bear much fruit, and you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. Here’s the fruit. The fruit is when you ask, what you ask for comes to pass. He says if you abide in Him, what you ask will come to pass and by this will the Father be glorified. The Father is glorified when you ask and receive what you ask for. Be fruitful.

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### How are you going to be fruitful?

What you speak comes to pass. What you ask for happens, and He says by this is the Father glorified.

God created us in His image. He is a God that speaks, and what He speaks come to pass. So He gave Adam and Eve the power of the commanded blessing that what they speak, what they ask for, will come to pass. This is the fruit He's talking about.

God is going to restore the commanded blessing. He is going to restore the power of answered prayer. We will ask and what we ask for will come to pass; and what we speak will come to pass. This goes back to the anointing messages; you can't do it in and of yourself. He made us to be totally reliant and dependent upon Him. We are to live in that perpetual, eternal state where we have to make requests of Him and He fulfills those requests. Jesus and the Father are glorified when He hears and answers your prayers. God want to answers your prayers more than you want them answered. He said to be fruitful. Begin to ask, begin to speak, and what you speak will come to pass.

### What is the next step in the process after “Be fruitful”?

The next step is to multiply.

How do we begin the process of multiplication?

**Luke 6:38** *Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.*

Seed time and harvest is the function of the universe that God set up. He said if you sow sparingly you're going to reap sparingly. If you sow bountifully, you're going to reap bountifully.

*The kingdom principle of multiplication is this: What you release will increase.*

As we begin to pray God's blessing begins to come on us, our prayers are answered, and we begin to become fruitful and to prosper in things. Then we are to multiply. We are to take what God gives us and begin to sow out of it. He wants us to release it; and as you begin to release it, it will begin to multiply.

**Matthew 10:8** *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*

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Jesus taught His disciples to freely give as they had freely received. He wanted the anointing to multiply on the planet. The more you release the anointing, the more it will increase in your own life. The more you release it, the more it will increase into society. So many Christians stop when they learn to pray in Jesus name according to the Word and the Father gets glorified in answering their prayers, but then they squander it on themselves. They just keep it for themselves instead of sowing some of what they get. We have to take the next step if we want to ultimately have dominion. God wants us to live in a life cycle of receiving, then releasing, and it increasing.

We can look at this principle with money, because money works is something people's minds can easily relate to. God moves on us and we give an offering. We release something of significance and we sow a significance seed. We released it and then a few weeks or months later we get a tremendous financial breakthrough; a chunk of money comes in. Often the first thing that comes to mind is what we can buy. We had some fruitfulness, but we stopped the multiplication process because we only allowed it to work one time by squandering it on ourselves instead of realizing that God wants a multiplication process to take place.

He said to be fruitful, multiply, and fill. He wants the multiplication process to take place until we are overflowing. If you want to get more of what you have, start giving it away. If you want more of the anointing, start giving the anointing you have away. If you want to get more of the touch of God, start praying for everybody you can find. Find somebody to give it to.

*Whatever you release is going to increase.*

The next step is to fill the earth. We are to keep releasing until it becomes filled. Jesus told us that He came to give us life and that more abundantly (John 10:10). He says that out of our belly should flow rivers of living water (John 7:38). The Bible talks about being filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

I want you to look at this over every area of your life. If a person is dealing with depression, then they begin to pray, and they begin to realize the joy of the Lord is their strength. They begin to seek God for His joy and bind the spirit of depression. Then fruitfulness of joy begins to release in their lives. But if they aren't releasing joy, it will dry up. I've seen people get touched with the joy of God and then only a little later they're griping about how tough their job is, and they release negativity. What they release will increase. They should release what they received from the Lord onto someone else. They received joy and should look for someone to encourage, to pray for somebody else to get touched with the joy of God. What they release will increase whether it be negativity or the joy of the Lord. It starts with the seed of fruitfulness. When it is released, it increases, and multiplies into a place that we become filled with joy, and once we are filled with joy then we have the power to subdue the depression and to ultimately have dominion over it.

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The same is true for everything. You want to reach your city for God? You need to become fruitful. You need to begin to pray and get answers to prayer. Then you need to take what God has given you and release it. Freely you have received freely give. You need to release it out so it begins to multiply, until you begin to become filled, and then you have the power and authority to subdue the demonic strongholds, to subdue the religious spirits, to subdue the things of the enemy and ultimately take dominion.

**What is the 5 step process before we take dominion?**

The will of God is that we be fruitful, multiply, fill, subdue, and ultimately take dominion.

We are to take dominion over the spiritual realm; over the spiritual atmosphere. This is what happens in true revival. The presence of God comes, there's answers to prayer, and God is glorified. Then those people begin to share it with everybody. They begin to share what God did in their life; they begin to testify. The Bible teaches us that they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony (Revelation 12:11). People began to gather, then the work began to multiply. Everybody started getting filled: the church is filled, the city is filled. They become so filled and on-fire, sold out for God and they have a spiritual power. They begin to subdue the sin in the region and they ultimately had dominion. So that like in the days of Charles Finney, even six years after he left, all the bars were still shut down. They were fruitful, and they multiplied, and they filled, and they subdued, and ultimately had dominion over the entire spiritual region. God was restoring a dimension of the blessing.

We hit these road blocks all along the way. We have to break the poverty mentality. We are not believing for the great stuff, we're not believing for the huge stuff. Many people aren't experience revival because they don't really believe for it. They're just hoping one day it will happen.

**What is the definition of hope?**

Hope is a desire with an absolute expectation for fulfillment.

They're just hoping and praying, but it's not real hope. They're just waiting for God to spin the spiritual lottery wheel and give them a revival. They get the prize, and everybody is just going to show up. No, it always begins with a cloud the size of a man's hand. It always begins with a small little pop somewhere. It always begins with a crack somewhere. It always begins with somebody getting an answer to prayer and then they begin to receive something, and what they receive they start releasing.

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It was the same with the Brownsville revival. It started with a handful, and quickly began to multiply. In fact their first altar call started with a single old man coming forward, and when the people came forward it wasn't anything super great, but it began to pop as Steve Hill, who had already received a breakthrough, began to release it. It started multiplying right in that service, and the atmosphere started to get filled and it went from night, to night, to night.

The 25 month long I-55 revival God honored us to host did the same thing. It began with something happening just to the little children the first night. It began to break. It wasn't as powerful in the first few days and in the first few weeks, but as we got a few months into it, it was multiplying and filling and subduing. The strongholds of racism began coming down in that city. The strongholds of religion began coming down. We were subduing, we were taking dominion, and we had an outbreak of God because of these principles.

God said BE fruitful. It is not a suggestion. We're not talking about babies. He talking about prospering in everything we do. BE fruitful and take everything He gives you and release it. Freely you've received, freely give, and watch it begin to multiply.

That's why one of the greatest curses on the church today is that God's people hoard for themselves, and often even when God's people are giving they're giving to hoard on themselves. They're not giving to operate in this principle of multiplication so that they can rise up to meet every need, so that they can subdue all lack and ultimately have total dominion. They stop at some point along the way and the poverty mentality begins to kick in as they are willing to accept something less than God's best.

The poverty spirit is also rooted in fear. It's the fear that if they do have something today, they won't have it tomorrow, so they better hold on to it. The poverty spirit will cause you, even as the abundance begins to flow, even as the favor of God begins to happen, even when the commanded blessing begins to flow, it'll cause you to pull back and not release. That's when the death process begins.

The enemy always wants to come in and cut off this process of the commanded blessing. Adam and Eve had the commanded blessing, but the devil told them they didn't really have what they thought they had. He tells us we're missing out; we're losing something. So we grabbed a hold of something that we should never touch and we lose the blessing.

That's why God does not want us to grab the glory for ourself when He uses us in signs, wonders and miracles. We need to be more like Jesus who often told people not to tell anybody that it was Him that the miracle flowed through. If we are truly interested in the glory of God we'll be like John the Baptist who said, "I must decrease that He might increase." (John 3:30) Who of us today would have such a holy attitude?

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When the miracles start flowing the fruitfulness happens, and if we don't release the glory, honor, and fame to God it's not going to multiply, fill, subdue, and have dominion. If we don't release it and we start hoarding it for ourselves, the death process begins. We hold onto it because we're afraid that if nobody knows that it was us, that we won't have the same opportunity tomorrow that we do today. So we grab onto something that we shouldn't hold onto.

This applies to every element and aspect of life. God is going to release His commanded blessing. He sent Jesus to restore it. He started the restoration of the commanded blessing with Abraham because we have to have it in order to fulfill His destiny. But in order for us to handle the commanded blessing we are going to have to grow up to a whole new level. Only then will we be a people that will be fruitful so that what we speak will come to pass. We will multiply, fill, subdue, and have dominion in every area of our lives, and every realm of our sphere of influence.

#### **For Further Study:**

**Ephesians 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*

**Genesis 9:1** *So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."*

**Genesis 48:4** *"and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.'"*