

**“...AS MUCH  
AS THEY  
WANTED.”**

*John 6:11*



*Receiving*

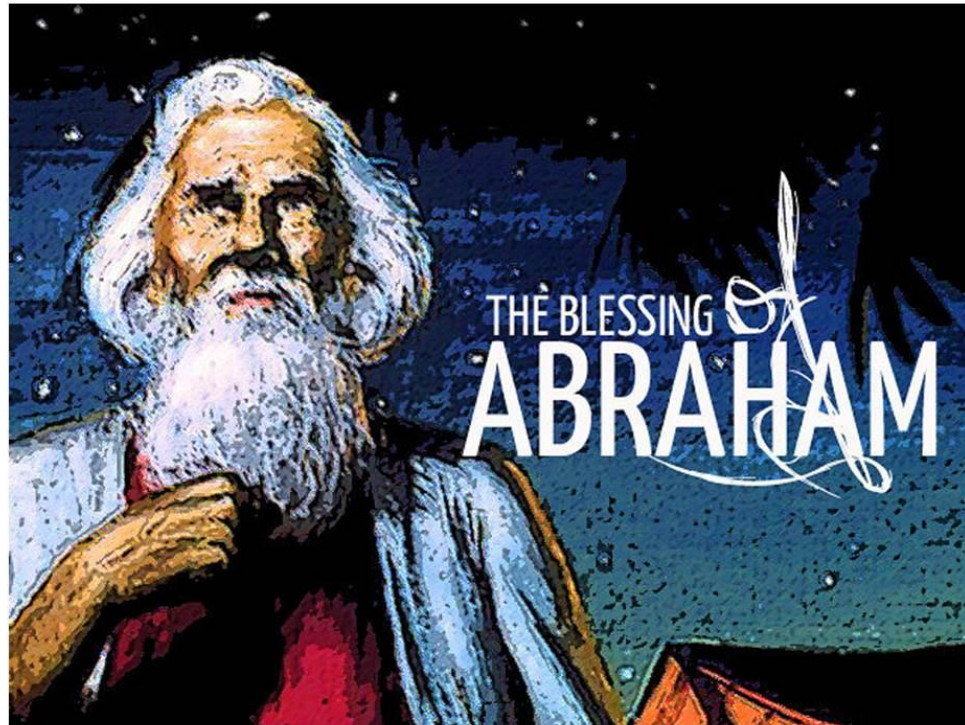
**GOD'S**

*Blessings*

## HIGHLIGHTS

1. Types of Blessings.
2. The Blessing as a Choice.
3. Causes for Blessing.

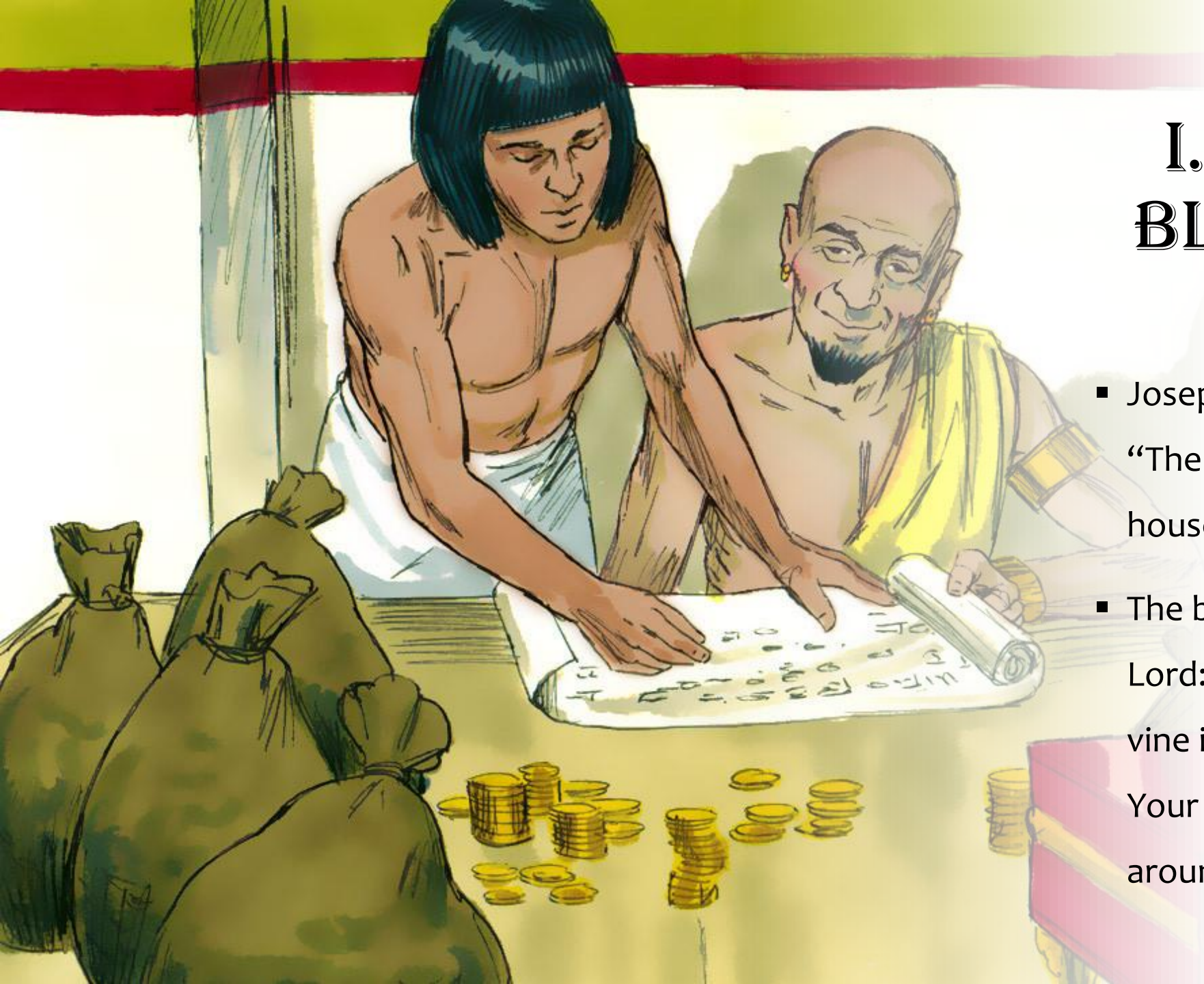
# I. TYPES OF BLESSINGS (1)



1. A personal blessing – and the blessing of becoming a source of blessing to others:
  - The Lord to Abraham: “And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” *Genesis 12: 2 - 3*

# I. TYPES OF BLESSINGS (2)

- Joseph in Potiphar's house:  
“The LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake” *Genesis 39:5*
- The blessing of the man who fears the Lord: “Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants all around your table” *Psalms 128:3*



# I. TYPES OF BLESSINGS (3)

2. Materialistic and Spiritual blessings:
  - “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” *Ephesians 1: 3*
  - St. Mary: “blessed *are* you among women!”  
*Luke 1:28*



## II. THE BLESSING AS A CHOICE (1)



- Blessing or curse – the choice lies in our hands: “Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse”

*Deutonomy 11:26*

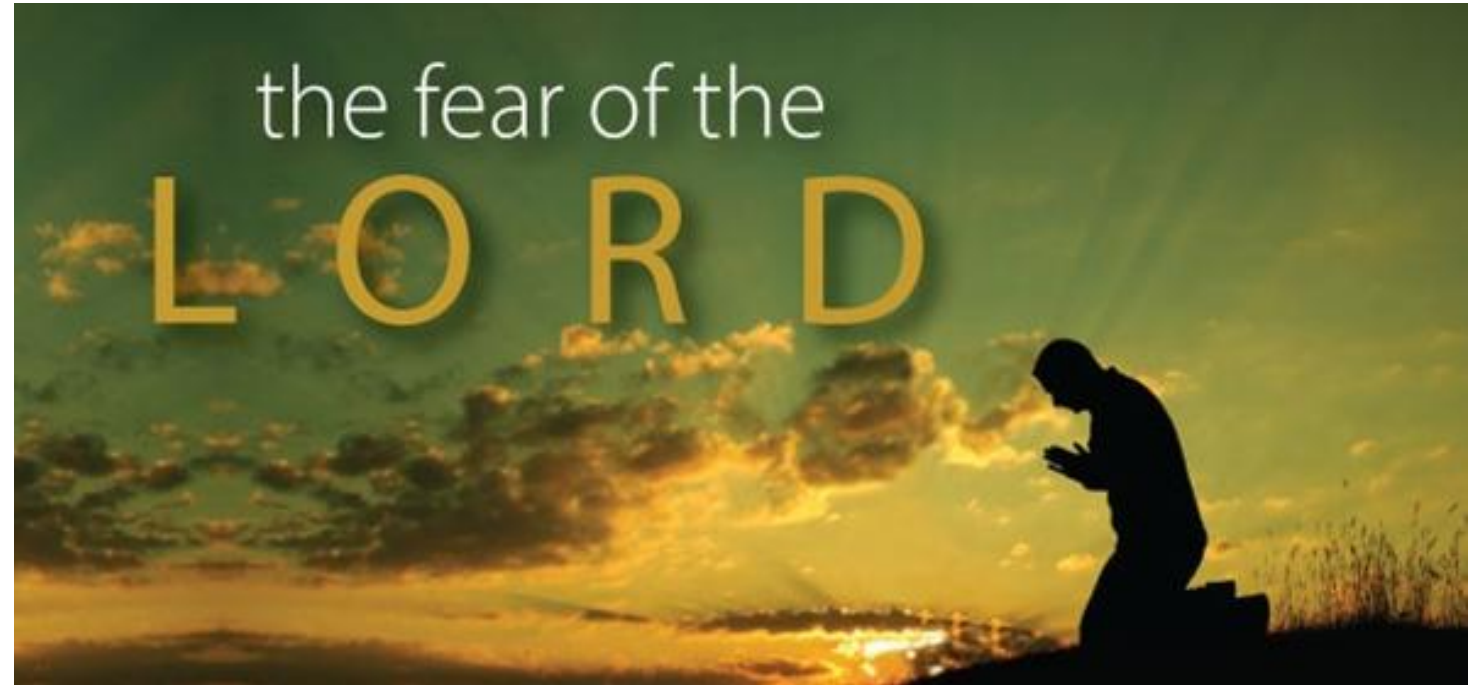
- “As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him”

*Psalm 109:7*

### III. CAUSES OF BLESSINGS (1)

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1. A life lived in reverence for God:
  - “Oh, how great *is* Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, *which* You have prepared for those who trust in You”  
*Psalm 31:19*
  - “Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways”  
*Psalm 128:1*



### III. CAUSES OF BLESSINGS (2)

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2. The Lord's presence:
  - Feeding the multitude.
3. Considering the poor:

“Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble” *Psalm 41:1*



### III. CAUSES OF BLESSINGS (3)

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4. When God comes First:
  - “...because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants”

*Genesis 22: 16 - 17*



# III. CAUSES OF BLESSINGS (4)

## 4. When God comes First: *(Cont.)*

- *The absence of blessing when God's house was ignored after the return from captivity:*  
“You have sown much, and bring in little;  
You eat, but do not have enough;  
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;  
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;  
And he who earns wages, Earns wages to  
*put into a bag with holes.” Haggai 1:6*





### III. CAUSES OF BLESSINGS <sup>(5)</sup>

5. Thanksgiving:
  - “There is no gift without increase except the one without thanksgiving” *Mar-Issac*

# III. CAUSES OF BLESSINGS (6)

6. When the heart is focused on the right pursuits:
- ***Abraham pursues Peace with Lot:*** “And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are— northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever”

*Genesis 13: 14 – 15*



# III. CAUSES OF BLESSINGS (7)

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- ***Solomon asks for wisdom:*** “Then God said to him: “Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. *And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor*, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days”

*1 Kings 3: 11 - 13*

