

## HE TOOK BREAD AND BLESSED IT

### Declaring God's Blessing

TEXT:	Matthew 14:13-21
KEY VERSE:	Matthew 14:19; Mark 8:6,7; Luke 9:16; John 6:11

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For the last few days, something has happened. The spoken blessing. The LORD opened my understanding again. "and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude."<sup>1</sup> Notice, He **did not** ask the Father to bless the bread. He blessed it. To the Father, He gave thanks, but He **declared** the bread to be blessed. Am I nit-picking? Splitting hairs? I don't know, but let me tell you what has happened...

A few days ago, I changed my meal prayer. Instead of **asking** God to bless my food...you have been there:

*"Dear LORD, thank you for this day. Thank you for this food. 'Pray that you would bless it. In Jesus' name, amen."*

Now I declare my food blessed, actually **expecting** my meals to **be** blessed, no matter what may be on my plate!

*"Father, I thank You that, in Jesus' name, this food is blessed with abundance of health and prosperity. I am blessed, and my body is blessed because of it. I speak it so, in the powerful name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen!"*

God has already declared that my bread, and the bowl I make it in, are blessed.<sup>2</sup> That is God's will. So, I am declaring, "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."<sup>3</sup> Today, at lunch, I realized something. In the last two days, I have had three people **give me their meal – unasked!** The same guy did it twice! At lunch, a guy at my table did not want most of his meal, so I asked. There was enough to split with two other guys! Coincidence? I think not.

I am sitting here at midnight, writing down what I just fully realized. In fact, it occurred to me that I thanked one guy, and *declined* his offer. So:

1. I told the LORD, "If You are going to bless my faith confession, I will not turn down the abundance!" "My cup runneth over, anyone?"
2. That "Still Small" sat me up as I was falling asleep with, "Suppose you declared My blessing over EVERYTHING in your life that I have called blessed...hmm?" (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)

<sup>1</sup> Matthew 14:19

<sup>2</sup> Deuteronomy 28:5

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 6: 10

Suppose I bless all my life as I have done over a little thing like lunch!

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*"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith,*

*without wavering, He is faithful who promised."*

*Hebrews10:23 (KJV)*

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Well, I am tired. It is late. I am going to bed. "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lo-" No! No, that's gonna have to change...

"Father, I thank You that I am blessed when I lay down and blessed when I rise up! I lay me down in peace, and my sleep is sweet.<sup>4</sup> I wake, rested in the almighty name of Jesus! Glory to God! Amen! It is so!"

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It is now a week that I have been declaring God's blessing over my meals, and people continue to bless me with food. Today, the menu called for hot dogs. They served baked chicken instead.

Meanwhile, I am speaking God's blessing over the rest of my life as well, according to Deuteronomy 28. In the last week, God has arranged to cancel about \$1000 of my debt and secured my ride home from prison. I am blessed when I come in and blessed **when I go out**. God has blessed my bread and my kneading bowl.<sup>5</sup>

All these blessings shall overtake **you**, too!

Addendum:

I have been out of prison for over four years now.

Upon my release, thousands of dollars of my medical debt vanished. Shortly after my release, God cancelled a debt of \$120,000 in a 10-minute phone call.

I do not cease to declare God's blessing on my life.

God's blessing has nothing to do with merit. It is all about an eternal, blood sworn covenant that God made with those who believe.

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<sup>4</sup> Jeremiah 31:26

<sup>5</sup> Deuteronomy28:5,6