

# A Blessing Is On The Way

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Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother you need the Word!

I'm here today just to tell you that "A Blessing Is On The Way".

(Hymn)

I may never climb a mountain so I can see the world from there  
I may never ride the waves and taste the ocean... I am blessed...

Amen, and God sent me here today simply to give you the message that "A Blessing Is On The Way". And when I heard God speak that, I had to ask God, I said Lord, who do I tell the blessing is on the way because I've always been skeptical whenever I hear just make a blanket statement to everybody that a breakthrough is coming because I don't breakthrough is coming for everybody. So, I said Lord, who do you want me to tell "A Blessing Is On The Way"? Because I just don't think that a blessing is on the way for everybody, but God says, tell them "A Blessing Is On The Way" to those who can receive it.

Many times I've send blessings but my people cannot and will not receive the blessing. So God is saying to you right now that a blessing is on the way if you will receive it. And as I thought about it and looked through my life and looked through the Bible, often times God will send you a blessing and it just doesn't look like a blessing at the time. When God told Joseph and he showed him in a dream that he would rise in power and his family would be bowing down to him and fundamentally if God could have spoken explicitly what it was, God would have been able to say, "You will be the number two man and the most powerful and richest country in the face of the earth. I am going to take you from a farm to a palace, where you will be second only to Pharaoh."

That was the blessing, if he could receive it but to bet the blessing, Joseph had to go through a few things. He had to be thrown into the pit and he had to be thrown into prison but is on the way to the blessing. The problem was, the blessing didn't look like a blessing at that time. So God is telling you now – he is getting ready to send you a blessing for those who can receive it.

So everything that comes to you, I want you to start looking with different eyes that many times, blessings don't come packaged in pretty wrapping paper and ribbons. Often it comes packaged – the red ribbon is blood and pain and struggle and strife.

I just gave a young man a thousand dollars this morning because he brought his high school diploma and there were three men a few years ago that I made a promise to for anyone who completes their diploma, they'll get a thousand dollars. And I am sure that there were times when this young man didn't see a high school diploma as a blessing. There were times when he had to go through Trigonometry and Algebra and History, and English. There were times when he had to sweat

through homework and projects. There were times when this did not look like a blessing, it looked like a problem. So God is saying to you today, I'm sending you a blessing if you can receive the blessing.

There have been times just in our business world when we have had situations that just didn't look like a blessing. I remember the first one that came. My mother called me and she told me – she said, “Son, Cottonwood is on fire.” Now, Cottonwood is a resort, it's a Bronner family owned in Cottonwood Alabama about ten miles outside of Dauphin. It has hot springs, it had a 90-room hotel, a very nice facility and my mother called me and she said, “Son, Cottonwood is on fire.” We got in the car and we drove there and when we got there the place was just in a blaze. As they say in the country, slumped to the ground, it was completely destroyed.

And as we stood there and looked at it, it looked like a disaster. But wrapped up in it was a blessing, the insurance company paid us more than what we paid for the place. We lost the building but still had 700 acres of land. And more money than we had paid for the place and the very time that the blaze came was the very time the business was in dire need of money. And what looked like a disaster, what was fire from heaven that looked like something that was horrendous was actually a blessing in disguise.

See, sometimes God will send you a blessing and the thing that looked like a blessing, it looks like disaster. The second fire that we had, the alarm company called me about 2 O'clock in the morning. Says, Mr. Bronner, your building, your factory, the fire alarm has gone off and there is a fire in the building. I got dressed, drove over to the building, got there about 2:30 in the morning, still dark and there I could see from the roof of the building smoke coming up and this is our main manufacturing plant and I'm saying to myself there in the dark of night, “Oh my goodness, this is horrible, the plant is on fire.”

That – we need to manufacture our product is going up in a blaze and the fire department came and I opened the door and let them in and they went inside and a few hours later came out and they told us that a tank, the insulation around the tank, it caught fire and it blazed up and it buckled in the roof but fortunately nothing else in the plant was damaged but the roof was severely damaged. Now, what happened was this, the plant was shut down for a while but the insurance company had to pay us for interruption of business, then they had to pay us for the damage that was done to the roof and the damage that was done to the roof, the roof was still solid but it was buckled and to fix that roof was several hundred thousand dollars.

We never did fix the roof because the roof stayed solid, it just looked bad. But the money that the insurance company paid us for interruption of business for the roof damage, we took that money and put down on a new plant. Right in the nick of time

God sent a fire – see sometimes God will send blessing and it just doesn't look like blessing at that time, so I want to gear your spirits and your spiritual eyes to what God has spoken to me and through me that a blessing is on the way. But I want you to look at everything that comes in your life.

I want you to be able to see beyond the immediate because sometimes when we think of blessing we only think that the blessing is fully mature right there and it comes to us completely ready to go and ready to roll. And sometimes you don't understand that the thing that God is sending us a blessing and as a breakthrough doesn't look like a blessing and a breakthrough. With my company, we manufacture nutraceuticals or vitamin products. We have one of the top liquid vitamins on the market called miracle 2000. We have one of the top detoxins on called the Cleaner. Both of those came out of disaster. The product used to be called another name. I had it made by a company out in California.

They messed up a batch someone who had a name similar to the first name that had sued me and I lost. I had to change the name and we had a messed batch of product all at the same time. I was hit by a double whammy I could no longer trust the company who made it to make our products. So I had to at that point set up a facility to begin manufacturing our own product. It cost me nearly half a million dollars to set up that facility. I set up the facility, began manufacturing the product, change the name all in one swoop. I would have never set up the facility if the disaster had not come.

Now that I look back on it, the facility pays for itself because of the money that we save, the quality control that we can now exercise that we could not before, it has been a blessing but God had to send me through something because I would not have moved. There is no way I wanted to set up a food grade manufacturing plant; I just didn't want to do it. I would have never done it, had not the blessing come wrapped up in the form of disaster. The Cleaner now are in major stores all across the country. The Cleaner came first of all, it came when God told me to do the Fat Defined Seminar, and as I was preparing for the seminar, James said, you need to include a detox in the seminar.

He said there are some decent ones on the market; we can use one of ours. We are not going to use anybody else's detox, we'll make our own. That's where the Cleaner came from. But when I first got the first batch of the Cleaner we got another company to make it because that's another whole set of equipment and processing to make capsules. I spent \$15,000.00 for the first order. When the first order came in, the product didn't work. I had \$15,000.00 worth of product at our cost, not selling price, that's what it cost. I had \$15,000.00 worth of product that I had to put literally in the dumpster.

And I said, I'm not going to give this people another \$15,000.00 to modify the formula. I said, we've got to do this in-house so we can test it and get it perfected. And as a result, we now have our own high speed capsule manufacture but I never would have – and if we have not have it, we would have not been able to go into some of the major stores that we are in because we would have paid too much and we would not have been profitable.

So God had to send something that caused me to make the change but it was wrapped up – when I first sought the Lord, this is a disaster. \$15,000.00 got to go in the trash but I never would have done what was required if disaster had not come but in truth, it was not a disaster. It was a blessing. And last week, we had, when I got home about 8 o'clock one night and when I got home coming through the gate, there were two big fire trucks in front of me coming through the gate. My next door neighbor, his house was on fire. Then my wife told me that the developer of the subdivision who was a doctor and actually that's where we take our son for his check-ups and everything.

She said that office had called and said that morning their roof had caved in. So here, in the subdivision, the developer and my next door neighbor, one roof falling in, one house on fire. But I have learned that disasters are sometimes blessings in disguise, if you can view them with the right eyes and I'm here to tell you today that sometimes stuff will happen on your left and stuff will happen on your right. And sometimes will happen to you. But if you can view it through the eyes of blessing, you'll be able to see the blessing that God has sent for you.

So how do you get in position to receive the blessing that God is sending? Because see, if God sends the blessing, he says he – he's sending the blessings but my people cannot and will not receive the blessings so many times. So how do you get yourself in position to receive the blessing? You have to walk with God and obey his voice.

The first mention of blessing is in Genesis 12:2 and it says:

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

<sup>2</sup>And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

<sup>3</sup>And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

<sup>4</sup>So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

When I walked into the sanctuary this morning the praise team was singing the blessings of Abraham. That was the first mention of blessing in the Bible. So it confirmed just even the message today. But Abraham was seventy-five years old when God told him, he was going to make him a blessing and his seed would populate the earth. He was seventy-five years old but Abraham was a hundred before the blessed child – it was twenty-five years, and Abraham thought that God had overlooked him in his blessing. He went through all of this delay and all of this wait but right now when you look throughout the world the two largest religions in the world, Christianity and Islam, both of them from the seed of Abraham.

So when you look at what God had promised him, it didn't come like Abraham wanted, God said, when he spoke it to Abraham and Abraham was seventy-five, Abraham – well surely – I'm going to be – have my wife pregnant by seventy-six. And then 77, and 78, and all this stuff went by and Abraham didn't understand it and we think that Ishmael was a mistake but it wasn't a mistake. God delayed it, Ishmael, we may not agree with him, but that's the largest seed of Abraham.

So God knew what he was doing and sometimes a blessing, it comes wrapped up in a package that didn't look like a blessing and delayed is never a package that looks like a blessing. Lord this stuff is taking too long. Delay is never a package that looks like a blessing. But I'll tell you this, the greater the blessing, often the greater the challenge and tribulation of the blessing. The greater the blessing, the greater the challenge and tribulation of the blessing.

So, to get the blessing that's coming, you need to walk with God and obey his word and his voice, Deuteronomy 11:26:

<sup>26</sup>Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

<sup>27</sup>A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

<sup>28</sup>And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

And I stand before you right now, the victim of blessing and curse. I'm in a curse right now, what are you talking about? When I got here on Thursday, Marcus was out in the hall and he was telling me that he had pulled something in his back and I was talking with him, - Man, I got a pull in my knee. I got a pull in my knee, I was raising my son Christian. I've been going out with him a couple of days earlier and we were in the park jogging and he said, "Daddy, I want to race you." So, we did about five or six hundred yard dash sprint, just flat out. And I beat him every time but he's still little but he's fast – but then Marcus said, I thought you said, God told you not to compete? And he did, and I didn't follow it and I realized that's why my

knee was hurting because I had competed and I just ran flat out and it pulled something in my knee.

When God tells you something, he has a multitude of reasons for telling you that. So my knee is hurting, my foot is hurting and my wrist is hurting. So pastor you did all that? No I didn't do all that from that race with Christian, that was the other thing, I go to Karate class, I take my children to Karate class every Saturday at the Tony Young Academy. And as we were in class on Saturday, at the end of the class, the instructor put up some punching bags and big heavy bags in the front. And he said I want all of the students and we came up four at a time, each one of us on a bag. So when all of the students – you are going to go full force for one minute on this punching bag. And he didn't have a stop watch he actually went over a minute.

So when I got to the punching bag, I wanted to be the strongest puncher and kicker in that room. And I mean, I went to work on that bag and the instructor saw me and he said, "Are you sure you're safe?" Because I was hit in the back so hard and so strong and then the receptionist over at the table, she even said, "Whoa, why are you tearing that bag up". I mean I was tearing that bag up. I was tearing the bag up more than anybody, more than any man in the class. I wasn't competing officially, there was no direct competition officially, but in my spirit, I wanted to out punch and out kick everybody in that room and that's what I did.

The problem was, and I made it through the first minute and a half, fine. But we had a second round. When I got to the second round, I was still going at it strong and in all of the element, they couldn't even make a full two minute, they got tired and had to stop. I was still going. The problem was, as I got in the middle of that – I was punching and the instructor was standing and looking at me, he was saying, "Man, you are going to town" and the more he said, man you are going to town, the harder I punched. The problem, I made one punch and I felt, it hit the back and I felt my wrist hurt as – I knew something strange in it when I hit it. And then I made a kick and I felt the skin pull off of my foot as kicked that bag. And I was telling my wife about it, I said, "Yeah baby, I felt my wrist pop when I hit that bag."

And she said, "Well, why didn't you stop punching?" I didn't stop punching, you all know why I didn't even know I was aching, my foot was hurting, my wrist was hurting, I didn't stop punching because I wanted to be the baddest puncher and kicker in the room. I wasn't competing officially, but in my spirit, and when I woke up the next morning my wrist was aching, my foot was aching and my knee was aching. All of it was pain due to disobedience.

I said before you this day, life and death, blessing and cursing, choose ye this day. And see there are some things God – there is nothing wrong with competing but if he has told you not to compete it becomes a violation for you. There is nothing wrong with anybody else competing. But if God has told you not to do it, it's a violation.

So when you've heard the voice of God on some things, but we get wrapped up in flesh and our own will on what we want to do, and then when the pain comes, we don't want to admit, the bag had nothing to do with the pain. The pain is there because of disobedience, because in my spirit, I wanted to win. And I won but I lost. And that's what will happen with a lot. See, you win the thing on the surface and when you look at what you want, there's nothing. You haven't won a thing. But you think you have won something and it may feel good for the moment but in truth, because you have disobeyed what God commanded you, you lose in the long run.

I set before you this day, blessings and cursings and life and death. God has sent me here today to just tell you this that a blessing is on the way. For those who can receive it, a blessing is on the way. And I believe that with all of my heart. So I want you to start looking for the blessing because, I'm telling you people, it's coming. It may be disguised as something different, but it's coming. God is blessing you but you need to be obedient to what he has spoken unto you.

We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word, "A Blessing is Coming to You". We thank you for joining us because brother you need the Word!

Amen, amen, and Amen! A blessing is coming your way, it's coming, I can guarantee you that without question. It's coming if you can receive it. Prepare for it. See, often times, you can only receive what you prepare for. You can only receive what you prepare for. Prepare for the blessing. Prepare to receive it. It is coming.