The Mark is Blessings Pastor John Bendixen 22 December 2024

If we are three dimensional beings, we must have come from some other dimension, and we all now know that is the God-dimension. We live in a three-dimensional world, but we are fourth-dimensional, or God-dimensional beings because He lives in us. In Genesis 1 the fourth-dimensional, God-dimensional Being created everything in the third dimension. He blessed them and gave them authority over everything. That word in the Hebrew, 'blessed,' is *barak* and it means *to kneel before as a sign of adoration*.

In this context God is saying, "I'm coming to kneel before you as a sign of My adoration and I'm blessing you." God made man in His image. He came to serve man, to show him how much He adored His own creation. He came to bless him, to give him all of what He is as a show of adoration. "Have dominion and everything I've put here is to serve you and everything you need is here for you. I'm showing you My adoration. I'm serving you with My dominion and giving you the same dominion as a show of My adoration."

God has marked us. He has marked man because He made us in His image.

Adam and Eve did a stupid thing. They listened to another creature that made them doubt the Word of God. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Some other creature says words to you that make you doubt the Word of God. Mostly those creatures come in the form of other humans. They come from news sources, and sometimes it'll come from your own mouth, your own thoughts. These words come to separate you from God.

You and I are a witness. God is always going to put a mark. He's going to make a witness. He's going to provide for Himself a testimony.

People that want what I do [pastoring], they have no idea what they're wanting. They want the influence of the position and the status that they think comes to someone like me, and especially the more thousands there are, the more they want it because the more status it has. If anybody stands in this place that is anything worth their service before the Lord, they will know what the burden of their responsibility is. Jesus refers to it directly in the New Testament in this way, that a true shepherd will give up his life for the sheep and he'll leave ninety-nine and go after the one so that he can bring it back into the fold and save him, because he understands the burden of his responsibility. That is the mark.

Deuteronomy 7:9, Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments. A covenant is a mark of God's redemption and it is for a thousand generations. Many people spend a lot of time preaching on a curse and you've got to break the bloodline curses. Well, I'm in the bloodline of Jesus, and my life and the people that I'm with are blessed for a thousand generations. We don't have a curse for three generations. We have a bloodline of a thousand generations.

In Deuteronomy 30:19 God the Father says, ¹⁹I call heaven and earth as a witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both you and your descendants a thousand generations of descendants, may live; ²⁰that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."



God made a promise to Abraham, "If you serve Me and show Me adoration, then I'm going to serve you with My adoration." So, when we talk about blessing, it means 'empowered to prosper.' That is just a part of what the blessing is because, yes, you are empowered to prosper, but actually, 'blessing' is God serving you with His unconditional love, with His complete adoration, and in the complete adoring of you, there is nothing He will withhold from you.

The thing that really put Abraham in covenant with God was when God said, "You circumcise yourself and then circumcise every male that is within you, that is around you, that belongs to you." He was looking for a mark and so from that day to this for all Hebrew boys to be circumcised on the eight day is to show that they belong to God.

God takes marking seriously. Now you know why it pleased the Lord to bruise Jesus so that He would carry around in His body the mark of obedience and the mark of the curse that we would never have to be cursed because in His body, He carried the marks of our healing and of our redemption.

God is a Being that wants to mark those who are His covenant people. What was the beginning of the mark that he had with Adam and Eve? He made them in His image and He blessed them. So, blessing was the mark. When He called Abraham and He said, "Go into a country I will give you," He blessed him. The mark that God gives us as covenant children is blessing. It's a part of His serving and His adoration to us.

The mark of the outward means nothing. What's the mark now? It is faith, working through love. You have a new mark. It's the mark of faith. It's the mark that Abraham had before he had the mark on his body.

You have the mark of Jesus, the New Birth Creature inside of you, that is now the whole deal.

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, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:3-6)

Say this: I have the mark. I have the mark of His blood, and because I have the mark of His blood, I have the mark of His blessing. He serves me. He adores me with all of His goodness. All the days of my life.

He's marked us. The blood of Jesus is all over you, upon you, in you, and all around you, and it has marked you forever eternally. Wherever you go, you take the blood of Jesus with you. You take the power of the promise of the Holy Spirit that you are sealed with. He goes with you and wherever you go,

Let me tell you. This is a grand thing because when you go out there and you say, "I am protected by His Blood, I am protected by the Word, I am protected by the glory of all of His presence." Then He's saying, "I'm favoring you and serving you with protection. I'm serving you with peace. The adoration of Me is upon you with peace, which means nothing missing and nothing broken, full wholeness in your life. In Jesus' Name." So may you go out there and be led forth with joy and peace.

