

“He is Able”
Blessed to Be a Blessing

I. Introduction

II. The blessing of Abraham

A. The promise of countless descendents.

1. Gen. 12:1-2, 4 (NLT) *¹Then the LORD told Abram, “Leave your country, your relatives, and your father’s house, and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will cause you to become the father of a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and I will make you a blessing to others. ⁴So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.”*
2. Gen. 18:14a (NLT) *Is anything too hard for the LORD?*
3. Matt. 1:1 (NLT) *This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of King David and of Abraham.*

B. I will make your name great.

1. Gen. 12:2ab *And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great.*

C. The blessing of giving away blessing.

1. Gen. 12:3 (NLT) *“I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you.”*
2. Jer. 29:11 *‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.’*
3. Jer. 29:4-6 (NLT) *⁴The LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, sends this message to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: ⁵“Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food you produce. ⁶Marry, and have children. Then find spouses for them, and have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away!”*

4. Jer. 29:7 (NLT) *“And work for the peace and prosperity of Babylon. Pray to the LORD for that city where you are held captive, for if Babylon has peace, so will you.”*
- (a) Actively seek the peace and prosperity of the city we live in.
- (b) Pray for the city we live in.

III. Conclusion

Upcoming weekend messages for “He Is Able”

- Oct. 8-9 **What is God Doing on the Earth Today?**
- Oct. 15-16 **Great Reasons to Fast**
- Oct. 22-23 **A Risk-Taking Church**
- Oct. 29-30 **The “Big Message” of Jesus**
- Nov. 5-6 **Myths About Giving**
- Nov. 12-13 **The Best is Yet to Come (1 Service held at the Glendale Arena)**
- Nov. 19-20 **The Kind of Church God Builds**
- Nov. 26-27 **What I Learned From our Building Campaign**

(Unless otherwise indicated all Scripture verses are in the New American Standard version.)