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The Blessed Life

John 10:10

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Cursed or Blessed

A curse:

- the result of an evil choice
- consequences of disobedience

A blessing:

- the result of a godly choice
- consequences of obedience

Galatians 3:13, 14

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse...that the blessing of Abraham might come...”

Joshua 8

- Mt. Ebal - “Curses”
- Mt. Gerizim - “Blessings”

Why a mountain analogy?

- A mountain – like a pile of curses crushing you! UNDERNEATH
- A mountain – like a platform of blessings elevating you! ON TOP

Results of being cursed:

- reduced ability
- reduced productivity
- absence of provision

Results of being blessed:

- releasing ability
- releasing productivity
- presence of provision

Steps up the Mountain of Blessing:

- Move toward God - Ps. 40:4
- Trust God - Ps. 34:8
- Receive God’s Forgiveness - Ps. 32:1
- Rely on God’s Strength - Ps. 84:5
- Walk uprightly - Ps. 1:1