

## **Benefits of a Shared Belief**

**Primary:** Deuteronomy 28:1-14

**Supplementary:** Genesis 1; Proverbs 18:21;  
Matthew 21:21

This year we will uncover the nature of a community.

Last week we talked about a shared belief.

The purpose of the community is to serve GOD with our whole heart. This can't be done without a shared belief.

A shared belief means that....

We must believe **IN** the same **GOD**.

We must have core beliefs **ABOUT** this **GOD**.

We must believe that the **GOD** is **EQUALLY CONCERNED** about each of us.

We must believe that the **GOD WILL PROVIDE AND PROTECT** each of us.

AND

We must also believe that there are requirements **FROM** that **GOD** and **TO** that **GOD**.

These shared beliefs provide community cohesion.

These shared beliefs provide a common identity.

AND.....

These shared beliefs provide a shared common strength. We are not victims!

These common beliefs have a promise attached to them. These promises are found in Deuteronomy 28:1-14.

I will rearrange the order for emphasis.

We are blessed!

But...do you really know what it means to be blessed....or to have/give a blessing?

## *baw-rak'*

A primitive root; to **kneel**; by implication to **bless** God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit); speaking

## *eulogeo*

*yoo-log-eh'-o*

From a compound of G2095 and G3056; to *speaking well of*, that is, (religiously) to *bless* (*thank* or *invoke a benediction upon, prosper*): - *bless, praise*.

Both have the understanding of speech. Why is this important? Speech is very important to GOD. GOD “spoke” the cosmos and everything....including **US** into existence.

Therefore, speech, specifically GOD’s speech and by extension, our speech has power.

Let’s go to Genesis 1.

Genesis 1:3 Then God **SAID**,  
"Let there be light"; and there  
was light.

9 Then God **SAID**, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear"; and it was so.

11 Then God **SAID**, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

14 Then God **SAID**, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

20 Then God **SAID**, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."

22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas,

and let birds multiply on the earth."

26 Then God **SAID**, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God **SAID** to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God **SAID**, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose

fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

Are you getting the picture?

And....since We are made in the image of GOD, we have the same abilities.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Matthew 21:21 So Jesus answered and said to them, "*Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this **mountain**, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.*"

**There are two criteria for speaking something into existence**

- 1. Speech, and,**
- 2. “No doubt” Faith.**

**We can therefore conclude that when we have the shared belief and we combine that with speech and “no doubt faith, we can “speak” things into existence....like GOD.**

**None of this is possible, unless we have this “Shared Belief”.**

**So...what are the benefits of this shared belief.**

**Let's turn Deuteronomy 28:1.**

**First there is the requirement of obedience and the promise.**

Deuteronomy 28:1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

**2** And *all these blessings* shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

**14** So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, *to* the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

## **Location of blessing**

**3** "Blessed *shall* you *be* in the city, and blessed *shall* you *be* in the country.

**6** "Blessed *shall* you *be* when you come in, and blessed *shall* you *be* when you go out.

**9** "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

## **Who is the recipient –**

### **a. Children and assets**

**4** "Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle



and the offspring of your flocks.

**b. How does it manifest**

**5** "Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

**8** "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

**11** And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

**12** The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

## Protection

**7** "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

**10** Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.

**13** And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe *them*.

There is a benefit to this “shared belief” in a community.

Therefore, if you want the benefits, you must be in a “shared” community with a “shared” belief.