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John 6:11

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and in which forms do they come
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Blessings



Abraham was multiplied in return for his obedience

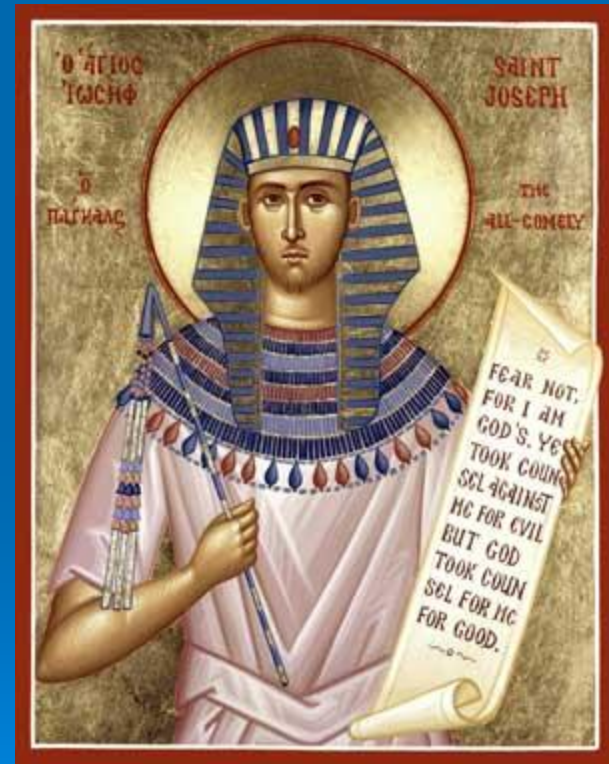
- “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore”

Genesis 22:16-17



Joseph found favor with everyone he worked with because he always placed God before him

- “And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him.” *Genesis 39:3-4*



Daniel and the three young men were given understanding and wisdom in return for their faithfulness

- “As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.”

Daniel 1: 17



We receive blessings through the priesthood

- “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ‘Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, “This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: ‘The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.’””

Numbers 6:22-26



Abundance is promised in return for faithful tithing

- “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.” *Malachi 3:10*



We receive blessings when we give thanks for the little we have

- “And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples.” *John 6:11*



We shall not want if we do not worry and trust in God's promises

- The story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath: "So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah"
1 Kings 17:15-16



Blessings are promised when we share what we have with others

- “When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands”

Deuteronomy 24:19



How do we attain “the blessings” and in which forms do they come to us?

1. In return for our obedience (Abraham)
2. When we always place God before us (Joseph)
3. In return for our faithfulness (Daniel and the three youths)
4. We receive blessings through the priesthood
5. Abundance is promised in return for faithful tithing
6. We receive blessings when we give thanks for the little we have
7. We shall not want if we do not worry and trust in God's promises (widow of Zaraphath)
8. Blessings are promised when we share what we have with others