

## **Diamonds for daily living**

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### **Blessings and Curses are Conditional**

All blessings and curses of Scripture are based on obedience and disobedience to the revealed will of God. Such conditions, as well as the curses and blessings of God, are so plain that anyone can understand them and obey. Furthermore, it is clear in Scripture that conditions must be met if blessings are to be received. Continued blessings are conditioned by continued obedience-not just for Israel, but for anyone. It is plainly stated that, if Israel failed to do the will of God and gave themselves to backsliding and rebellion, "as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other" ([Deut. 28:63-68](#)). This has been literally fulfilled and is still in fulfillment at the present time. Paul uses this example to warn Christians that if God did not spare Israel from cutting them off when they sinned, He would not spare others ([Romans 11](#)). Thus, the truth is that only with continued obedience will God continue to bless anyone. Furthermore, when the righteous turn from righteousness and commit sin, they are cursed again by God [Exodus 32:32-33](#); [Leviticus 26](#); [Ezekiel 18,33](#). There is no place under law or grace where a man can disobey and be blessed by God. If God failed to punish the sinner just once, it would result in a loss of respect for Him in the hearts of all who are assured of justice if they sin. There can be no partiality with God ([Romans 2:11](#); [James 2:9-10](#)), and there is no excuse for failure in man with the provisions God has made for him to remain in obedience ([Matthew 6:24](#); [Romans 6:16-23](#); [Romans 8:12-14](#); [2 Cor. 6:9-11](#); [Galatians 5:19-21](#); [Jude 1:5-7](#), [Deut. 11:29](#)

### **Seven Equal Blessings for Christians:**

1. All are children of God ([Galatians 3:26](#)).
2. All are baptized into Christ ([Galatians 3:27](#)).
3. All have put on Christ ([Galatians 3:27](#)).
4. All are equal and one in Christ ([Galatians 3:28](#)).
5. All belong to Christ ([Galatians 3:29](#); [Galatians 5:24](#)).
6. All are Abraham's spiritual seed ([Galatians 3:29](#)).
7. All are heirs by promise ([Galatians 3:29](#)).

### **Ten Blessings From God in Psalm 121**

1. Help in time of trouble ([Psalm 121:1-2](#))
2. Creation of heaven and earth ([Psalm 121:2](#))
3. Stability in trouble ([Psalm 121:3](#))
4. His keeping both day and night
5. His constant watchfulness against enemies ([Psalm 121:4](#))
6. Protection from sunstroke ([Psalm 121:5-6](#))
7. Protection from moonstroke ([Psalm 121:6](#); note, [Matthew 17:15](#))
8. Preservation from all evil ([Psalm 121:7](#))
9. Preservation of the soul
10. Preservation in travel forever ([Psalm 121:8](#))