Overview: Through His shepherding, the Lord brings us into the enjoyment of His blessing and causes us to become the source of blessing under the showers of blessing. First, we ourselves enjoy the Lord's blessing, and then the Lord will cause us to become the source of blessing to others so that they may be supplied (I). In order to do that we need to know that God is a God of blessing(II), treasure God's blessing (III) and be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it.(IV). Also we see the three—fold blessing in Numbers chapter 6(V), practice of he oneness in Psalm 133(VI), three—fold blessing of the Father, the Son and the Spirit in Ephesians chapter 1(VII). Furthermore, we see that the blessing of Abraham in Galatians chapter 3 is the Spirit (VIII), and God's blessing using the word "cup" in the various parts of the Bible(IX).

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 B. God will cause the showers of blessing to come down in their season

- II. God is a God of blessing:
- A. In His creation of man, God intended that man might enjoy God as his blessing, but through the fall of Adam, man lost God as his blessing and enjoyment
- B. God s blessing promised to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 consists of the blessings of creation and redemption, including all that God wants to give man—God Himself and all that He has in this age and in the age to come::
- 1. In His preaching of the gospel to Abraham, God promised that He would give Himself to the called ones as a blessing
- 2. According to Genesis 22:18, this blessing would come to all the nations through Abraham's seed, who is Christ:
- a. God's blessing of Abraham eventually issued in Christ as the unique seed in whom all nations of the earth are blessed
- b. All the believers in Christ, as members of the corporate Christ, are included in this seed as heirs of God's promised blessing

- Ⅲ. We need to treasure God's blessing:
- A. The normal life of a Christian is a life of blessing, and the normal work of a Christian is a work of blessing
- B. The day must come when we realize that in our work, in our Christian life, and in our church life, everything depends on God's blessing
- C. In serving the Lord, we should believe in and treasure God's blessing:
- 1. We need to learn to live and to practice the church life in a way that does not hinder God's blessing
- 2. We should rely on God's blessing and eliminate the barriers that prevent us from receiving it.
- D. We need to treasure and focus on the New Testament blessings: regeneration, the divine life and the divine nature, the indwelling Spirit, transformation, being one spirit with the Lord, and being like God and entering into His glory.
- E. Like Paul, we may experience "the fullness of the blessing of Christ"

- IV. In Genesis 1:28 God blessed man to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it:
- A. Before God had a man to express Him a d represent Him, there was no way to pour out His full blessing
- B. After God created man, He was able to see on earth a living creature bearing His image and having His dominion, so immediately, God bestowed His full blessing upon man.
- C. The qualifications for receiving God's blessing are image and dominion
- D. Because the priesthood is for God s image and the kingship is for God's dominion, God's blessing is with the priesthood and the kingship

V. In Numbers 6:23-27 the Divine Trinity is revealed in the threefold blessing of Jehovah to His people:

- A. The blessing in Numbers 6:23-27, like that in 2 Corinthians 13:14, is the eternal blessing of the Triune God:
- 1. This eternal blessing is the Triune God dispensing Himself in His Divine Trinity into us for our enjoyment.
- 2. In the entire universe the unique blessing is the Triune God, and this blessing comes to us through the dispensing of the Divine Being into us in His Divine Trinity—in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- B. In Numbers 6:24-26 we have the blessing of the Triune God:
- 1. "Jehovah bless you and keep you" can be ascribed to the Father 2. "Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you" can be ascribed to the Son 3. Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace" can be ascribed to the Holy Spirit 4. The Father blesses us, the Son shines upon us, and the Holy Spirit lifts up His countenance upon us; as a result, we are kept, we receive grace, and we have peace.

- VI. Psalm 133 reveals that the blessing of life is intrinsically related to the oneness of God's people; we must practice the oneness to bring in God's blessing:
- A. The life in Psalm 133:3 is the eternal life of God which is commanded by God as a blessing to those who dwell together in oneness in the church life:
- 1. Psalm 132 typifies the church life, and Psalm 133 typifies the church living—the highest living, a living in which the brothers dwell together in oneness.
- 2. Such a living causes God to come in to bless us with the anointing Spirit, the watering grace, and the eternal life
- B. If we would be under the Lord's commanded blessing of life, we must be on the ground of oneness
 C. The one accord is the master key to every blessing in the New Testament

- VII. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ:
- A. The Father is the source of the divine blessing, the Spirit is the nature and essence of the divine blessing, and the Son is the sphere, the element, and the means of the divine blessing.
- B. The nature and essence of the divine blessing are of the Spirit, but the element of this blessing is Christ Himself; for Christ to be the element of God's blessing means that Christ Himself is the divine blessing.
- C. Christ, the Son Himself, is the blessing; the Spirit is the nature and essence of the blessing; and the Father is the source who gives this blessing.

- VIII. Galatians 3:14 indicates that the Spirit is the blessing that God promised to Abraham for all the nations and that has been received by the believers through faith in Christ:
- A. The blessing promised by God to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 for all the nations of the earth was fulfilled; the blessing has come to the nations in Christ through His redemption on the cross B. In the gospel, we have
- B. In the gospel, we have received not only the blessing of forgiveness, washing, and cleansing; even more, we have received the greatest blessing, which is the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—as the processed, all-inclusive life—giving Spirit dwelling in us in the most subjective way for our enjoyment.

- IX. The Bible uses the word cup to indicate blessing:
- A. Under Christ's shepherding, our cup runs over as we enjoy the Father as the source of blessing
- B. In 1 Corinthians 10:16a Paul speaks of "the cup of blessing":
- 1. This cup is the new covenant, comprising all the rich blessings of the New Testament, including God Himself:
- a. In this new covenant God gives us forgiveness, life, salvation, and all spiritual, heavenly, and divine blessings.
- b. When this new covenant is given to us, it is a cup, a portion for us
- c. The Lord shed His blood, God established the covenant, and we enjoy the cup, in which God and all that is of Him are our portion.
- 2. At the Lord's table, when we drink the cup, we receive God's blessing—the blessing that is God Himself

Experience 1: Realize everything depends upon God's blessing

Do we truly treasure God's blessing? The Lord wants to bring us to a point where His blessing takes the first place, a point where we have never been. When the Lord brings us to such a point, He will have a way to go on.

If God brings us to the point of seeing that everything in God's work depends upon His blessing, it will bring about a basic change in our labor for God. We would not consider how many people, how much money, or how much bread we have. We would say we do not have enough, but the blessing is sufficient. The blessing meets the need that we cannot meet. Although we cannot measure up to the size of the need, the blessing is greater than our lack. When we see this, the work will have a basic change. In every matter we must look at the blessing more than we consider the situation. Methods, considerations, human wisdom, and clever words are all useless. In God's work we should believe in and expect His blessing. Many times we are careless and damage the work, but this is not a problem. If the Lord gives us a small blessing, we can get through any problem.

For Young Working Saints

The normal life of a Christian is a life of blessing, and the normal work of a Christian is a work of blessing. The day must come in which we realize that in our work, in our Christian life, and in our church life, everything depends upon God's blessing.

If your church life is normal, your business life is also under God's blessing. If the rain does not fall down from heaven, crops do not grow in spite of all the efforts of a farmer. In like manner if God's blessing does not come down from heaven, you cannot harvest blessing in spite of all your efforts. You should be a person who can cooperate with God properly and bring God's blessing into your business life. You need to realize that your God is the God of blessing and He desires to bless you, and you should treasure God's blessing.

In order to partake God's blessing, you need to have a proper church life. A proper church life is; i) a life enjoying Christ by pray-reading the word every day, ii) a life treasuring Christ and the church by seeking them as the first priority, and iii) a life relying on God's blessing without anxiety. Please read the following verses:

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

<u>6:31</u> Therefore do not be anxious saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed? <u>32</u> For all these things the Gentiles are anxiously seeking. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <u>33</u> But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <u>34</u> Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious itself; sufficient for the day is its own evil.

A brother's testimony: When my church life become busy, I used to pray to the Lord so that my work would not become busy. However in most cases, when my church life is busy, my work also became busier and busier. I was very confused and bewildered, but in that kind of situation, I could learn to take Christ and the church as my first priority. Actually, this kind of environment was a test given by God to me to test if I give truly the first priority to Christ and the church. By the Lord's mercy, I was able to receive many wonderful blessings through those tests. For example, if my work seemed a half-way at the end of the day, I finish up my work earlier to put the first priority on the church meetings and visiting to the saints, telling the Lord, "Lord Jesus, please work overtime on behalf of me." As a result, the Lord worked overtime for me, and avoided many problems to move the project forward. Through these kinds of experiences, I realized that God of blessing was blessing my business life.

Experience2: The one accord is the master key to evey blessing in the New Testament

Without the one accord all our doings will be in vain. We must realize that the practices in the Lord's recovery are not matters for others to copy. You must have the life. To do anything you need the life. You have to see what the landmark was of the one hundred twenty in the book of Acts. The landmark that divides the Gospels and the Acts was not the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The landmark was the one accord.... If you want to experience the baptism in the Spirit, you must have the one accord. If all the members of a local church have the one accord, the baptism in the Spirit will be there. If you really want to practice the proper way to preach the gospel, you need the one accord. Without this key, no door can be opened. The one accord is the "master key to all the rooms," the master key to every blessing in the New Testament.

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<u>Gen 1:26</u> And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sean and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

When God created man, He had two desires for the man. i) Man is to receive the life of God and express God; ii) Man is to represent for God's authority and reign all things, especially Satan. Therefore there is a need for man to enjoy God, bring out the leadership, and govern all things. As a Christian you can execute this. If you are normal as a Christian, you need to become a leader among people, and should asppire to become a leader for the testimony of the Lord.

<u>1Timothy 3:1</u> Faithful is the word; If anyone aspire to the overseership, he desires a good work.

<u>FT</u>: Aspiration with a pure motive differs from ambition with an impure motive.

Being a leader can be burdensome, but do not hesitate to be one. Even if it is not a leader of dozens, but it can be a leader of several, or even 2 or 3, learn to reign over all things in the Lord little by little when you are young. God created you as such and desires that you bring out the leadership in your school.

A good leader brings God's blessing to people. For people to be in God's blessings, they need to have one mind and one heart. In other words, a good leader can pull people together as one. In most cases, there is no one accord among people, whether it be in club activities or in school classes, each is having his/her own direction. If so, the group cannot be very strong.

At the Koshien National High School Baseball Tournament this summer, Hanasaki-Tokuharu High School of Saitama Prefecture won the championship. This was the first time for Saitama Prefecture to win. The manager of the baseball club got a wonderful result of victory by bringing the members together as one, with the goal of taking the champion flag back to Saitama. Oneness is necessary for God to bless even such a group of this world. The classes and clubs you belong to are not of the church, but you can become leaders in those organizations and place them under God's blessing.

Regarding the church services, the leaders need to ensure a strong one accord among the saints. In many cases in the church services, each saint tends to go in different directions little by little, even if it is not in the state of division, there is no strong one spirit and one mind. Because they are not ovbiously divided, they do not feel much about being in such a divided state. As a leader you need to bring the saints together in one accord, and head towards the ultimate goal that pleases God by building the Body of Christ, fighting against Satan, and shame him. By doing this, God will give great blessing to the church.

Scriptures:

I. Through His shepherding, the Lord brings us into the enjoyment of His blessing and causes us to become a source of blessing under the showers of blessing:

<u>Ezek. 34:26</u> And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there will be showers of blessing.

29 And I will raise up for them a planting place of renown, and they will no longer be consumed with famine in the land and no longer bear the disgrace of the nations.

Zech. 10:1 Ask rain of Jehovah At the time of spring rain, Of Jehovah who makes the lightning, And He will give them showers of rain, To everyone herbage in the field

II. God is a God of blessing:

<u>Gen. 12:3</u> And I will bless those who bless you, And him who curses you I will curse; And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Gal. 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles out of faith, announced the gospel beforehand to Abraham: "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

III. We need to treasure God's blessing:

Rom. 15:29 And I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

<u>Deut. 28:2</u> And all these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you listen to the voice of Jehovah your God.

- 3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.
- $\underline{4}$ Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your animals, the offspring of your cattle and the young of your flock.
- 5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
- 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.
- $\underline{7}$ Jehovah will cause your enemies, who rise up against you, to be struck down before you; on one road they will come out against you, but on seven roads they will flee before you. $\underline{8}$ Jehovah will command the blessing upon you in your storehouses and in all your undertakings; and He will bless you in the land which Jehovah your God is giving you.

<u>Psa. 84:4</u> Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will yet be praising You. Selah $\underline{5}$ Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

IV. In Genesis 1:28 God blessed man to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it:

<u>Gen. 1:26</u> And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

<u>Gen. 1:28</u> And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

<u>Gen. 14:18</u> And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.

V. In Numbers 6:23-27 the Divine Trinity is revealed in the threefold blessing of Jehovah to His people:

Num. 6:24 Jehovah bless you and keep you;

25 Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

<u>2 Cor. 13:14</u> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

VI. Psalm 133 reveals that the blessing of life is intrinsically related to the oneness of God's people; we must practice the oneness to bring in God's blessing:

Rom. 15:5 Now the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind toward one another according to Christ Jesus, 6 That with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>Psa. 133:3</u> Like the dew of Hermon That came down upon the mountains of Zion. For there Jehovah commanded the blessing:

VII. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ:

Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,

WII. Galatians 3:14 indicates that the Spirit is the blessing that God promised to Abraham for all the nations and that has been received by the believers through faith in Christ:

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IX. The Bible uses the word cup to indicate blessing:

1 Cor. 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ?

Gal. 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith

<u>Gal. 3:2</u> This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?

<u>5</u> He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit and does works of power among you, does He do it out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?

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- 1 なが愛の宴せき、パン、さかずき、しめす。 このしるし受け、なれを食べて飽く。 さかずき感謝す、しゅくふくいかに、 すくいのめぐみ、血により用意さる。
- 2 わがためながす 血によりゆるされ、 なが新契やくは、しゅくふくを得さす。 なれいかり飲み、わがため死にて、 しゅくふくを買い、わがための分とす。
- 3 うしなったかみを この分により得る。 なれの血により、かみ、めぐみとなる。 あがない、いのち、この分はふくむ。 御むねのすべて、この分により得る。
- 4 とわの分にあり、神聖は満ちあふる。 天のあじ見さす 計かくのさかずき。 愛にあり飲みて、なれを記念する。 霊にあり飲みて、カルバリを享受す。

#176 赞美主一对祂的记念

- 1. 在你爱的筵席上,有杯陪饼同陈列; 这些表记我分享,就得饱尝你超越。 为着这杯我感谢,就是你赐的福杯, 也是丰满救恩杯,你藉你血所预备。
- 2. 这是你流的宝血,使我罪恶得清洗; 这是你立的新约,使我得着神福气。 你已喝了忿怒杯,为我尝尽了死味; 如此买了这福杯,永作我分,福全备。
- 3. 亚当堕落失去神,在这分内我得回; 藉着你所流的血,神就成为我恩惠。 救赎、生命并一切,在这分内都包括; 凡神所愿并所筹,在这分内全归我。
- 4. 这是我们的永分,神圣、满溢的福杯; 在神设计的杯里,尝到属天的滋味。 在此因爱饮这杯,恩主,为着记念你; 灵中如此的饮领,满享加略的功绩。

Hymns #223

The Praise of the Lord - Remembrance of Him

- 1. On the table of Thy love,
 With the bread, the cup is spread.
 By partaking of these signs,
 We with Thee are richly fed.
 How we thank Thee for this cup,
 For the cup of blessing, Lord,
 Cup of Thy Salvation full,
 Cup of all Thou dost afford.
- 2. 'Tis the blood Thou shedd'st for us, That our sins may be forgiv'n; 'Tis the cov'nant made for us, That Thy blessings may be giv'n. Thou didst drink the cup of wrath, Thou hast tasted death for us, Thus the cup of blessing bought, As the portion gained for us.
- 3. In this portion we have God,
 Whom we lost thru Adam's fall;
 By the shedding of Thy blood,
 God becomes our all in all.
 In this portion all we haveLife and peace, redemption sure;
 All that God has planned and willed,
 In this portion we secure.
- 4 . An eternal portion, 'tis,
 Overflowing cup divine;
 Heav'nly taste do we enjoy
 In this cup of God's design.
 Here in love we drink this cup
 In remembrance, Lord, of Thee;
 Thus in spirit we partake
 All Thy work on Calvary.

Let us all speak the word of God in 3 minutes and supply God to people to build up the church!

<Note for your prophecy>

When we prepare your prophecy, we need to write them down with our main point and subordinate points.