

# Spiritual Vocabulary: Blessing

A **blessing** is defined as:

noun

1. the act of invoking divine protection or aid
2. the words or ceremony used for this
3. a short prayer of thanksgiving before or after a meal; grace
4. Also called: brachah, brocho Judaism
5. a short prayer prescribed for a specific occasion and beginning "Blessed art thou, O Lord..."
6. a section of the liturgy including a similar formula
7. approval; good wisher father gave his blessing to the marriage
8. the bestowal of a divine gift or favour
9. a happy event or state of affairs a blessing in disguise

We can say that in the case of this article, a blessing is approval and good wishes from the Lord of Hosts, of the Lord Jesus Christ. Along with the approval, at the behest of who is giving the blessing, you can add the bestowal of a divine gift or favour. Since we are led to this, let's see what **bestow** means:

verb (tr)

1. to present (a gift) or confer (an award or honour)
2. archaic to apply (energy, resources, etc)
3. archaic to house (a person) or store (goods)

Let's agree that **bestowal** is a presentation of a gift or to give an award or honour. Let's look at the word **favour** and see what that means:

noun

1. something done or granted out of goodwill, rather than from justice or for remuneration; a kind act: to ask a favor.
2. friendly or well-disposed regard; goodwill: to win the favor of the king.
3. the state of being approved or held in regard: to be in favor at court; styles that are now in favor.
4. excessive kindness or unfair partiality; preferential treatment: to treat some people with favor and others with neglect.
5. a gift bestowed as a token of goodwill, kind regard, love, etc., as formerly upon a knight by his lady.

6. a ribbon, badge, etc., worn in evidence of goodwill or loyalty, as by an adherent of a political party.
7. a small gift or decorative or festive item, as a noisemaker or paper hat, often distributed to guests at a party.
8. Usually favors. sexual intimacy, especially as permitted by a woman.
9. Archaic. a letter, especially a commercial one.

verb (used with object)

1. to regard with favor: to favor an enterprise.
2. to prefer; treat with partiality: The father favored his younger son.
3. to show favor to; oblige: The king favored him with an audience.
4. to be favorable to; facilitate: The wind favored their journey.
5. to deal with, treat, or use gently: to favor a lame leg.
6. to aid or support: He favored his party's cause with ample funds.
7. to bear a physical resemblance to; resemble: to favor one's father's side of the family.

Idioms

1. find favor with, to gain the favor of; be liked by: The play found favor with the opening-night audience.
2. in favor of,
3. on the side of; in support of: to be in favor of reduced taxation.
4. to the advantage of.
5. (of a check, draft, etc.) payable to: Make out your checks in favor of the corporation.
6. in one's favor, to one's credit or advantage: All the comments were in your favor.
7. out of favor, no longer liked or approved; no longer popular or fashionable: He's out of favor with the president and may soon be fired.

So let's grab to prefer, to treat with partiality, to aid or support, the state of being approved or held in regard and to be liked by to be the essence of this definition.

Let's put all of that together to define what a  **blessing**  is:

A  **blessing**  is the approval of, good wishes to, and preference to a person held in high regard to aid and support, who is treated with partiality and is liked so that person can be presented with a divine gift, an award, honour or favour from a granting deity.



## Here is Our Challenge to all of you:

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud):**

**“Jesus, is what I just read true?”**

He will answer you, Christian; use this as an opportunity to start the conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you.

You need to find out for yourself if what you support or believe is true, and what better way to find out than to ask the Lord Himself? You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, [as the scriptures tell us to.](#)