

# if ...

## THE IF OF BLESSING

Deuteronomy 28

### THE CONDITIONS

#### 1. God's Blessing Requires Good \_\_\_\_\_

"Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God" Deuteronomy 28:1

**"if you diligently obey"** - *šā·mā* = hear, listen

#### 2. God's Blessing Requires Real \_\_\_\_\_

"... being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth."

Deuteronomy 28:1

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. James 1:22

### THE CAUTIONS

#### 1. Obedience has to be motivated by \_\_\_\_\_

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." - John 14:15

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. - John 14:23

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There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. – 1 John 4:18

#### 2. Obedience Doesn't Always Have \_\_\_\_\_ Returns

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### THE CONTRAST

"But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all

these curses will come upon you and overtake you: - Deuteronomy 28:15

**Disobedience results in** \_\_\_\_\_

**“curses” =** \_\_\_\_\_

