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SID: It was hijacked. You're going to find out what the Jewish patriarchs knew about the mystery of the power of imparting the Jewish blessing.

*Is there a supernatural dimension, a world beyond the one we know? Is there life after death? Do angels exist? Can our dreams contain messages from Heaven? Can we tap into ancient secrets of the supernatural? Are healing miracles real? Sid Roth has spent over 35 years researching the strange world of the supernatural. Join Sid for this edition of **It's Supernatural**.*

SID: Hello, Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. Did you know we would not have Christmas without Hanukkah? You may never have thought about that. There could be no Christmas without Hanukkah. Why? Because Christmas celebrates the birth of the Messiah! There would be no Messiah without Hanukkah. Why? Because there was a real mean tyrant. He was a Syrian king. His name was Antiochus Epiphanes and he decided that he did not want Jewish people, who were different than what his kingdom was. He wanted them to stop being Jewish. And if the Jews had assimilated then there would have been no seed of the Jew, because in Genesis 12:3, we're told that in the seed of Abraham all the gentiles, all the nations in the world would be blessed. So this Antiochus Epiphanes, and by the way, Epiphanes was his title. It means "God manifest". You see, it's like a mirror image of what the Messiah was going to do in reverse, sort of like a type of an Antichrist. He thought he was God and he would go into the temple. I mean, this opens up such a vista of understanding when you understand your Jewish roots. And then Isaiah 7:14 says we're going to have a miracle sign. "A virgin shall conceive and have a child. This child's name will be Emmanuel." Do you know what Emmanuel means? "God with us." You see, the other was a counterfeit. You can't have a counterfeit unless there's an authentic. So that's why I say there could be no Christmas without Hanukkah. So many things have been stolen from us, like our Jewish roots. **And I have a friend by the name of Pastor Bill Ligon**, that God has worked for many years, in him, to understand something that has been hijacked from the church. Something that has caused Jewish people to be blessed over centuries that Christians were meant to be in the olive tree and have this rich blessing, but it was hijacked. And it all started many years ago when this fine Baptist preacher got filled with the Spirit of God, spoke in supernatural languages and realized he had to leave his church. And as a matter of fact, Bill, you told me before we went on the air, that when you left that God instructed you to bless those that were critical of you. But there was another pastor in the same circumstance in another church and he did the opposite. What happened?

BILL: Well that messages that God gave me, Sid, gave life to me. It prevented me from coming under the power of the curse.

SID: Tell me exactly what he told you.

BILL: Well he called me, because he was going through the same thing in his church, and asked me to come and see him after dark so that no one would see me coming in. So I went to his home, went in the back door like he asked, and when I walked into his den, he was friend of mine, he was going through the same thing, and he was internalizing the curses that people were speaking over him. And no matter what I told him, I said, "Let me show you what God has been teaching me about how to break the curse, how to bless those who curse you and how to break the curse." But he wouldn't listen. He just said, "But you don't know what they're doing to me. You don't know what they're saying to me." Sid, that terminated his ministry. He had been in ministry for over 40 years. It terminated his ministry. He went into secular work and in two years he was dead. His wife asked me to do his funeral. I said, "What happened?" She said, "He had all kinds of tests, a battery of tests. They couldn't find anything wrong. I think he died of a broken heart." And so the blessing, Sid, is what God uses to relieve people, to release them from verbal curses that are spoken over their lives. Some of them labor unto that all their lives from childhood.

SID: Now what I'm curious is what did God tell you? I mean this is something you just don't naturally know to bless your enemies. It's in the Bible. But you know, our brain is programmed the opposite. What did God tell you?

BILL: When the criticism began in the church over me and I received the fullness of the Holy Spirit and operating in the gifts, I went away and prayed for two days. And God spoke to me and told me to come back and begin to bless those who were cursing me. He said, "If you'll do that I can open doors for you that no man can close and I'll put a hedge of protection around you." That's exactly what has happened. And so here I am 38 years later and God is still blessing me.

SID: God spoke to Pastor Bill when he started his new church because the Baptist church wasn't open to speaking in supernatural languages and the gifts of the Spirit, to build his church on the Aaronic Blessing. At that time, what did that mean to you?

BILL: Well I didn't understand it fully. I began to look in the scriptures and then I thought, "Who can help me?" And I remembered a friend of mine that I had befriended years earlier when I was the president of a Ministerial Association in another town, I was pastor of a Baptist church, a Jewish rabbi. And I called him up. He was in retirement. He was older than I in retirement in another part of the state. And I said, "Rabbi, this is Bill Ligon." He began to weep. He said, "Where are you?" I said, "I never had a friend like you." I said, "Well I'm on the other side of the state and I want to come and sit at your feet and study." He said, "My home is open to you." So I drove to his home, stayed in his home. He blessed me when I arrived. I just quizzed him about everything in the Old Testament, what the patriarchs knew. And after I studied with him then I came back and researched in six seminaries, and began to teach and write materials on blessing, and I began to build a church around the principles of imparting blessing to those around you.

SID: And most people don't realize this, but the early church was founded on the Aaronic Blessing. And Bill Ligon has studied it, and has been the pioneer in bringing it back to the church. But it even made a major difference in his marriage. He started blessing his wife, his wife started blessing him and there was an emotional detachment that was healed as a result of these blessings. Explain that.

BILL: Well you know, men in general do not develop an emotional bonding with their spouses. It's more challenging. The average man thinks that physical intimacy equals emotional intimacy. But it doesn't. So several years...

SID: Now the woman knows the difference.

BILL: Oh, exactly. And that's what they're starving for, is emotional intimacy. So after we began to bless our children on a daily basis, one day it dawned on us that we needed to bless each other. So ever since, my wife and I have knelt in front of each other everyday. Today I'm out of town. So today I called her on the phone. I blessed her verbally. She's blessed me. And so as the months went by, as she laid hands on me everyday and blessed me, I noticed, Sid, that the emotional intimacy was developing. That little wall that was there between her and me - that was in me, that you're not going to get that close to me. No woman is going to control my life, you know, just melted down. And now we're close and we respect each other more. I didn't lose my place in the home as a spiritual leader and she didn't lose her place as the queen of the home. In fact is, it enhanced everything we did.

SID: So she became really Jewish because we Jewish people say that the woman is the queen.

BILL: Well she is now. She really is.

SID: You know, I have a question for Bill Ligon. I watched him come into the studio. I watched such strength inside of him. And I'm going to tell you a secret. He's 80 years young. What do you attribute to the vitality you have at 80?

BILL: I believe that my wife laying hands on me and my sons laying hands on me everyday and speaking blessing, and now my grandchildren laying hands on me regularly is a big part of giving me strength and vitality in my life, and walking in the Lord, walking in the presence of the Lord.

SID: So it's time for you to get that ancient Jewish blessing operating in your life. We'll talk more about it. Don't go away.

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SID: Hello, Sid Roth here with Pastor Bill Ligon. Did you ever wonder how a group of slaves, the Jewish people from Egypt, a million-plus, went out into the desert, and how they were so blessed? There's a reason for it and my guest is going to explain that to you. Pastor Bill, why?

BILL: God gave Moses the greatest challenge that any man has ever had in pastoring people. He had several million people counting the children and the wives, and they had a slavery mentality, no self-esteem, no self-worth. He gave them three pillars of faith to change their lives into a great viable nation, to respect themselves and honor themselves. Sid, those same three pillars of faith can be used to transform a person with no self-esteem and no self-worth. The first was the blood covenant. We call it Passover. The second was the moral code. We call it the Ten Commandments. God gave them to him on Mount Sinai. But the one that releases the favor of God upon the people was what we call the High Priestly Blessing or the Aaronic Blessing. God gave it to Moses and He commanded him to have Aaron and his sons speak that blessing over his people every time they gathered together. Now that blessing then in Numbers 6:27 is used. And God says that He himself would be present when the blessing is spoken and that His name would be placed upon the people, and that He would do the blessing.

SID: You know what? I feel like our people need a blessing right now. Do you feel like you need a blessing? Would you pray for them right now?

BILL: Absolutely.

SID: So they'll understand, and this is found in scripture in...

BILL: Numbers, Chapter 6, Verses 23 thru 27.

SID: Would you pray that now?

BILL: Yes, I certainly will. And I encourage you right now when you receive this blessing to remember that it is not I who releases the blessing. It's God because God said, "Thus you shall place my name on the sons of Israel and I then will bless them." So you receive this now from the Lord. "Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe, who has commanded the blessing to be spoken over your people, that your name might be placed on them and that you might bless them. So may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, and may the Lord lift the light His countenance on you and give you His peace." Now the promise of the Lord is that His name has been placed upon you and the Lord Himself will bless you. So by faith expect things to begin to happen in your life. And God bless you.

SID: It is so supernatural as you understand the revelation that's been hijacked from the church of this ancient blessing. Let me tell you how supernatural it is. Tell me about that experience of the woman that had a like a birthmark that was "V" on her head.

BILL: My goodness. Her husband brought her across the state to us in Brunswick, where we live, and she had a birthmark, a "V" in her forehead, and it had been there since she was a little girl. Her mother cursed her and said, "I didn't want you. I wish you had never been born." And it began to surface and they considered it a birthmark, but they also said that it was a sign that she was cursed, and they even gave her a name that began with a "V". We began to teach her to bless those who cursed her. And as she did, and she started verbalizing those blessings over her mother and the other people who had spoken curses over her, Sid, the "V" began to fade. By the time she has left, the "V" was gone and her husband told me later over the telephone, he said, "Pastor, she continues everyday to bless those who curse her. When she does it stays away. When she begins to take in an offense and groan over an offense in her life, it begins to fade back in. But then I remind her, you have to bless those who curse you, and when she does, it goes away." So she eventually learned to live with that birthmark in her forehead gone.

SID: Now but you actually saw it disappear before your eyes?

BILL: I saw it. It didn't happen immediately. But as she, we worked with her for two or three hours and we helped her learn how to bless those. We identified those who had offended her and had her begin to bless those and then pray for them according to Luke 6:27. She began to experience the fading of that, and before she left it was gone. I couldn't see it any more.

SID: Now she saw it on the outside. Do you realize that's what's going on inside of you? Cancers, tuberculosis, heart problems. They all get healed as you understand the ancient blessing. I don't know anyone that teaches it better than Pastor Bill Ligon. What about that seventh grader that failed the seventh grade for the second time?

BILL: Well when he brought his report card in the second year in the seventh grade, his mother called me distraught. She said, "I don't know what to do, Pastor." She said, "We have tried everything. We have rewarded him. We have punished him. We've taken him to the school counselor, to the principal, but nothing is working." I said, "You and your husband bring him to me." I met a bright boy who was totally defeated. His teachers were now cursing him. They were saying, you'll never make anything out of yourself, you're a failure. His parents were verbally cursing him thinking they were doing him good. They said, "If you don't change you'll never make anything out of yourself." I told his parents, first of all, to pray and ask God to show them what He planned for that boy to be. And then I had to begin to lay hands on him and bless him with those blessings everyday. I taught him how to bless his teachers. And when he had learned it well I sent him to school. And Sid, he approached each teacher, each hour and he said, "Teacher, may I speak to you a moment. I'm sorry for the way I've acted, but you're an excellent teacher and may God raise you up to be the star teacher in this school." One teacher...

SID: Now that must have really taken them aback to have someone like him compliment them.

BILL: Yes. One teacher chose to curse him again. She said, "I don't believe a thing you say. You're a liar. You'll never make anything out of yourself." And I had him ready. He waited until she was through. He didn't get upset. He said, "I understand how you feel, but you're an excellent teacher and may God raise you up to be the star teacher in the school." She finally said, "Well if you feel that way maybe we can try again." And that boy, that day, broke the curses of the teachers over his life. He forgave his parents. His parents began to bless him. He finished that year with all A's and B's, was invited to enroll in a pilot training program, and eventually became a jet pilot and started flying cargo jets around the world.

SID: It is so supernatural when you understand the worth and the value of the blessing. It will help you in your job. Maybe we'll have time to talk about some amazing things that happened to people. As a matter of fact, even barren women that are married have children. We'll be right back after this word.

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SID: Hello, Sid Roth here with Pastor Bill Ligon. And what happens when you go all over the country and you pray for barren women that are married, and miracles happen? Some 200 spiritual grandchildren, you might say, Pastor Bill Ligon, around the country, but your own family. Your son William is married to Kim and they are barren. They can't have children. What happened with them?

BILL: Well we studied the principles of the blessing on barren women in Genesis, Chapter 1, where God spoke to Adam and Eve and said, "Be fruitful and multiply." And a Hebrew scholar has written that that's when the womb opened and they began to have children. So my wife started laying hands. She laid hands on our daughter-in-law and she began to have children. She laid hands on others also. We had one lady, 40 years of age, who came to my wife. She and her husband had been married for nearly 20 years and never been able to conceive. The doctors had tried all procedures they could on her and she finally said, "Doctor, I'm not going to spend any more money. I'm just going to put it in the hands of God." And I told her, I said, "That's what you need you to do. Go find my wife." So she went to my wife. My wife laid hands on her womb, she and I spoke blessing and she went home, and God opened her womb, and in three days, she and her husband conceived a little boy. And he's now in an institution of higher learning in the state of Florida somewhere as an outstanding university student. God is using the blessing. We've had many, many people, some in our own church, who were barren and unable to have children, and my wife and I would lay hands on them. My wife would lay hands on the wife's womb. I would lay hands on the husband and God would open their lives to conceiving children.

SID: And you know what I love? On Bill's 80th birthday, many people, because they know his teaching, prayed a blessing over him. But included in those that prayed the blessing were William and Kim's children. How many grandchildren do you have?

BILL: They now have five.

SID: Five. What did that mean for them to be praying over you, your grandchildren?

BILL: Oh they love it. They love it. Sid, if they were here right now with you and with me and I said, "Children, Mr. Roth needs a blessing," they would be around you like little ducks laying hands on you, releasing the Aaronic Blessing upon your life.

SID: And by understanding the blessing, let me tell you what happened to his family. His son John works with him in the ministry and has written books to minister to children. His son William is a state senator. And I just you want you to tell me the story again about when William went off to college, what did he say to you?

BILL: He called me to his room and he knelt in front of me, and he said, "Dad, bless me one more time before I leave." So I was able to lay hands on him and speak blessing and success over his college and career. He wanted to go into law school. And he's done that a number of times. Both of my sons have. They come and ask for the blessing on their lives.

SID: Now very quickly, tell me about the person that needed bypass surgery.

BILL: Her mother called me. She was a woman in her 30s, living in an apartment alone and working. And the doctor had said she needed to have bypass surgery. She wasn't able to lose weight. And so I asked if she would bring her daughter to me, and so she did. I talked to her and asked her if she was willing to speaking blessing over herself. She said, yes, and I said, "You pray and ask God to show you what your weight should be." She did that and then she began to stand in front of a mirror, lay hands on herself, and speak blessing over herself everyday. And several months went by, and one day, she walked up into the lobby of the church and pulled on my coattail. I turned around and she said, "Pastor, look at me." I looked at her and she said, "I have not had surgery and I've lost 72 pounds." And then she put her hand behind her head like the girls and did a little twirl around. And I stepped back. I knew she wanted me to look at her and I said, "Wow, you look great." She said, "God did it when I began to speak blessing instead of cursing over myself, because I had been cursing myself saying, 'You're fat. You'll never make anything out of yourself. You're ugly. You're fat.' And I changed that and I began to speak blessing and life over myself every day." Sid, God turned that girl's life around.

SID: So many people, Pastor Bill, have not understood the blessing. So many of you, although you just were on this show, have never really had your father bless you. Let me tell you something. Perhaps your father has gone on to Heaven and he can't bless you. But I want to bless you in a new covenant way right now. I'm going to take that ancient blessing. But you see, because of the Messiah, it's past tense. And I'm going to bless you right now. The Lord has blessed you. Yes He has. The Lord has kept you. Yes He has. The Lord has smiled upon you and

He has gifted you, and He has surrounded you with His favor and given you His shalom. Shalom means completeness in your spirit, in your soul and in your body. And He has placed His name upon you. Do you know what that means? That every knee must bow. Every tongue must confess to that name. And He has placed that name on you right now. And walk in the authority and the favor. And God smiled on you. Hold that head up in Yeshua's name, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SID: Next week on *It's Supernatural*. The ancient rabbis tell us that when the shofar is played all the promises of the Jewish prophets are released. The molecular structure of the atmosphere is literally changed. I tell you miracles will be released. Next on *It's Supernatural*.

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