

BIBLICAL PROSPERITY

Session 3 – God's Covenant of Blessing (Continued)

I. Review

- A. The terms prosper, prosperity, prosperous are all Bible terms. Biblical prosperity means to advance, to make progress, to succeed, and to be profitable.
- B. Whenever God does anything, He does it through covenant.
- C. God's covenant with Abraham was to bless Abraham so he could be a blessing.
- D. Whenever God shows up, He always comes with blessing in mind.
 - 1. Various covenant in scripture.
- E. God's covenant with Abraham gives us an accurate image of God's desire to bless/prosper his people.
- F. The old covenant included blessing/prosperity. (Anything included in the old becomes better in the new.)

II. God's Covenant of Blessing/Prosperity

- A. His will to bless is proclaimed in His promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:1-2 (KJV) – ¹Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

B. His will to bless is proclaimed to His people, Israel.

Deuteronomy 8:7-9 (KJV) – ⁷For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; ⁸A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; ⁹A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass

1. No lack and no need
2. The land that God provides will have ALL necessary provision
3. There will be NO lack in the place of God's provision.

C. God's will to bless according to the New Testament

2 Corinthians 9:8 (KJV) – And God can make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

New Living Translation

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others

Contemporary English Version

God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.

Weymouth New Testament

And God is able to bestow every blessing on you in abundance, so that enjoying all sufficiency at all times, you may have ample means for all good works.

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1. God's new covenant of grace includes blessing/prosperity just like the old covenant, only better.
2. It is better because it is by grace rather than works.
3. Paul's statement defining God's will to bless is very much like God's statement to Abraham, *"I will bless you to be a blessing."*
4. God ordained blessing to overtake His people in the old covenant - **Deuteronomy 28:2 (KJV)** – *And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God*
5. God has ordained that blessing overtake those under the new covenant by grace.

D. We are to have all sufficiency in all things

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NIV) – Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

1. Bread for food (Something for you)
2. Always enough to meet your needs
3. God's first priority of prosperity is to meet your need
4. God provides seed to sow (Something to give)
5. God's supply never runs out
6. God's plan is always more than enough (Abundance)
7. God's prosperity always provides for you and others

- E. God always provides an abundance for every good work
 - 1. Biblical prosperity includes abundance (more than enough)
 - 2. We have not experienced Biblical prosperity until our needs are met and we have surplus for the purpose of blessing others and advancing the kingdom of God.
 - 3. When we ask for provision, we should always ask for and expect abundance (more than enough)
 - 4. While asking for your need to be met, always ask for seed to sow.
2 Cor 9:10 – God gives seed to the sower.
 - 5. When you develop a heart to give, God will get seed to you.
 - 6. To have seed to sow means that you have received enough for your need and more! (Ask for more)
 - 7. When you develop a heart to give, God will get seed to you!
 - 8. This is abounding in the grace of giving and receiving.
 - 9. Develop sensitivity to God about money by practicing discerning what part of your income is seed to sow and what part is bread to meet your needs.

2 Corinthians 8:7 (KJV) – Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also