



THE BLESSING: UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL FOR PROSPERITY

Session 2: What Does the Blessing Look Like?

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I. INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

A. 3 John 2

KJV “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

AMP “Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed and prosper and be in good health [physically], just as [I know] your soul prospers [spiritually]”

Literal Standard Version “Beloved, I desire you to prosper concerning all things, and to be in health, even as your soul prospers.”

B. Prosperity is the blessing of God at work in the life of the believer.

1. **Blessed:** *While there are different meanings to the term blessed, a simple definition is “TO BE PROSPERED BY GOD”. Whenever a blessing was pronounced, it was the invoking of prosperity in various areas of life.*

2. **The Example of Abraham:** *What did the blessing look like on Abraham?*

a. **Genesis 13:1-6 NKJV – PROVISION**

“Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. **Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.** And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD. Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. **Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together**”

b. **Genesis 15:1 NKJV – DIVINE PROTECTION AND REWARD**

“After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward’.”

- **Shield** = defense or surrounding cover; *hedge of protection*
- **Reward** = wages, pay, passage money. **The Lord is saying: “I’m in control of your wages!”**

c. **Genesis 24:1 CEV**

“Abraham was now a very old man. The LORD had made him rich, and he was successful in everything he did.”



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d. Gal 3:13-14 NKJV – ABRAHAM'S BLESSING CONNECTED TO US

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree’), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

II. What does the blessing look like?

A. The Commanded Blessing

1. **Leviticus 25:18-22 NLT** “So you shall observe My statutes and keep My judgments, and perform them; and you will dwell in the land in safety. Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill, and dwell there in safety. And if you say, ‘What shall we eat in the seventh year, since we shall not sow nor gather in our produce?’ Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years. And you shall sow in the eighth year, **and eat old produce until the ninth year;** until its produce comes in, you shall eat of the old *harvest*.”
 - a. This is an example of **SUPERNATURAL INCREASE**. *God causes the seed and the soil to produce a harvest three times the amount of the average one-year harvest.*
 - b. The BLESSING always includes *INCREASE, MULTIPLICATION, and ABUNDANCE!*
 - c. The blessing on your life should always include increase, multiplication, and abundance.

PASTOR'S NOTE:

PERSONAL WORD OF THE LORD TO PASTOR DALE: “Many people are confused by thinking that as long as they have enough to get by, they are blessed. This is not proper thinking toward ‘The Blessing’. The blessing is always **MORE THAN ENOUGH**, never just barely enough.”

2. Leviticus 26:6-10

NKJV “I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land. You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you. Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you



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shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you. For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you. You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new.”

MSG “I’ll make the country a place of peace—you’ll be able to go to sleep at night without fear; I’ll get rid of the wild beasts; I’ll eliminate war. You’ll chase out your enemies and defeat them: Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand and do away with them. I’ll give you my full attention: I’ll make sure you prosper, make sure you grow in numbers, and keep my covenant with you in good working order. You’ll still be eating from last year’s harvest when you have to clean out the barns to make room for the new crops.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Not just “barely enough”, but harvest left over, so you must remove it to make room for MORE. Clean out your closets, garages, barns:*

- **Proverbs 3:10-11 NKJV** “Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.”

3. Deuteronomy 2:7

NKJV “For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God *has been* with you; you have lacked nothing.”

CEV “The LORD has helped us and taken care of us during the past 40 years that we have been in this huge desert. We’ve had everything we needed, and the LORD has blessed us and made us successful in whatever we have done.”

MSG “GOD, your God, has blessed you in everything you have done. He has guarded you in your travels through this immense wilderness. For forty years now, GOD, your God, has been right here with you. You haven’t lacked one thing.”

4. The Example of Jacob

a. Genesis 30:25-31 NKJV

“And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, ‘Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my country. Give *me* my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service which I have done for you.’ And Laban



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said to him, 'Please *stay*, if I have found favor in your eyes, *for* I have learned by experience that the Lord has blessed me for your sake.' Then he said, 'Name me your wages, and I will give *it*.' So *Jacob* said to him, 'You know how I have served you and how your livestock has been with me. For what you had before I *came* was little, and it has increased to a great amount; the Lord has blessed you since my coming. And now, when shall I also provide for my own house?' So he said, 'What shall I give you?'"

PASTOR'S NOTES:

- **God blessed Laban for Jacob's sake.** *God will bless your employed for your sake.*
- **Laban recognized the blessing upon Jacob so much that he was willing to pay a great price to keep him:** *Vs. 27: "Please Stay" Vs. 31: "What shall I give you - name your price."*
- **The blessing of the Lord makes you VALUABLE to people/your employer.**
- **The blessing can give you so much favor that you can name your price.**

b. Genesis 30:43

NKJV "Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys."

NLT "As a result, Jacob became very wealthy, with large flocks of sheep and goats, female and male servants, and many camels and donkeys."

NIV "In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *I suppose someone forgot to tell Jacob that prosperity wasn't the will of God. 😊*