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Biblical Prosperity Session 5 – Jesus and Prosperity

I. Review

A. Genesis 12:2 – “I will bless you...and you shall be a blessing

1. This blessing is carried over throughout the old covenant into the new covenant
2. God's abundant provision is always included in his dealings with

covenant people

- God provides bread for food – something for us
- God provides seed to sow – something for others

B. Poverty is a curse

1. Poverty is lack-God is always a God of more than enough
2. Poverty is never a blessing
3. God's plan is for us to have an abundance for every good work

C. Overcoming a spirit of poverty

1. Pray about it
2. Change your mindset to exclude any thoughts that could give

place to the spirit of poverty 3. Practice biblical giving 4. Practice hearing what the Holy Spirit is saying to you regarding giving 5. Add faith to your giving (Comfort zone giving requires no faith) 6. Remind yourself of the promises of God's provision and abundance 7. Speak aloud God's financial promises until they become sown deep into your heart.

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II. Prosperity and the ministry of Jesus

A. Luke 4:18 ¹⁸The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because he hath anointed

me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Jesus was anointed to minister to the poor

- AMP – *Proclaim good news to the poor*
- What is good news to the poor – *You don't have to be bound by poverty no more*
- Jesus came to deal with every curse
- Poverty was/is a curse that Jesus came to deal

with

- Poverty was/is a spiritual issue
- Jesus didn't come to leave people in their circumstances

B. John 10:10 (KJV) – The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill,

and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1. Jesus contrasted his intentions with those of the enemy
2. Satan's intention is to take
3. Jesus intention is to give
4. Abundant Definition – over and above, more than is necessary,

exceeding, abundantly, supremely - something furthermore, much than all, extra-ordinary, surpassing, uncommon, superiority, remarkable, more excellent - Superior in quality - Superabundant in quantity - **C. The provision of Jesus** 1. Loaves and Fish

Matthew 14:17-21 (KJV) – ¹⁷And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. ¹⁸He said, Bring them hither to me. ¹⁹And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and

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took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. ²⁰And they did all

eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. ²¹And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children

- **They were all filled** - satisfied = *gorge* – to satisfy the desire of anyone
- **Remained** = to exceed a fixed number of measures – to be left over and above Abundance Overflow To be abundantly furnished To furnish one so richly that he has abundance

- **Full** – complete – lacking nothing - covered over 2.

The Wine at the wedding in Cana

John 2:9-10 (KJV) – ⁹When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, ¹⁰And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

- **Good** = choice, surpassing,

- NIV – “ You have saved the best until now” 3.

The Abundance of Fish

Luke 5:4-7 (NIV) – ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they

signaled their partners in the other

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boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

- Jesus blessed Peter with a great catch of fish possibly because of the time allotted in Jesus using Peter's boat
 - Jesus received Peter's boat as an offering
 - The blessing of fish was not "Just enough", the blessing was "More than enough"
 - This could qualify for the statement in Mal 3:10 *"Blessings poured out that there is not room enough to receive"*.
- History repeats itself in John 21 4. Jesus' declaration of prosperity to His disciples

Mark 10:28-30 (KJV) – ²⁸Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. ²⁹And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, ³⁰But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

- Jesus declared that there would be an earthly blessing upon those disciples who had left all to follow him
- Jesus confirmed the old statement, "You can't

out-give God”.

• **Mark 10:29-30 (NIV)** – ²⁹“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields-along with persecutions-and in the age to come eternal life.

• There is no record that any disciple of Jesus did without the necessities of Life

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• The indication from scripture is that those involved in the ministry of Jesus always had every need met

• **Luke 10:3-8 (KJV)** – ³Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. ⁴Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. ⁵And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. ⁶And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. ⁷And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. ⁸And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

Provision will be there! Provision was always there!

D. Was Jesus poor?

1. Jesus had a house

Mark 2:14-15 (KJV) – ¹⁴And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

¹⁵And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

2. Jesus ministry had a treasurer

John 13:28-29 (NIV) – ²⁸But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. ²⁹Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor.

- Jesus had money to give to the poor
- 3. Jesus clothes were of value enough that the romans soldiers gambled to see who would receive them. John 19:24
- You don't gamble for worthless garments
- 4. There are no records of Jesus nor his disciples experiencing lack

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5. 2 Corinthians 8:9 (KJV) – For you know the grace of our LORD

Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich

- Jesus became poor when he took our curse of poverty
- Jesus became sin
- Jesus took every curse to redeem us from every curse including poverty

Galatians 3:13 (KJV) – Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 6. 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV) – Command those who are rich in this

present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Paul's challenge: Don't trust in the riches you receive, but trust in the God who provides everything for your enjoyment!