

## BIBLICAL PROSPERITY

### Session 2 – God’s Covenant of Blessing

#### I. Review

- A. The World’s view of prosperity is mainly financial prosperity
- B. Dictionary.com – a successful, flourishing, thriving condition, especially in financial respects; good fortune
- C. The terms prosper, prosperity, prosperous are all bible terms
- D. Biblical prosperity means to advance, to make progress, to succeed and to be profitable
- E. The example of Abraham’s servant seeking a wife for Isaac. He had a prosperous journey (Success)
- F. Various other uses of prosperity terms in scripture
  - *Deut 29:9 – Follow the terms of this covenant so that you may prosper in everything you do*
  - *Joshua 1:7-8 – Speaks of meditating in the law of God so that you will prosper in everything you do*
  - *In Psalm 1:1-3 – the man that meditates in the law of God day and night will prosper in all that he does*
  - *In Psalm 35:7 – The Lord takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servants*
  - *In Psalm 118:25 – The Psalmist prayed for the Lord to send prosperity*
  - *In the New Testament, Paul prayed to have prosperous journeys*
  - *John said, “I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth, 3 John 1:2 (KJV)*

#### II. God’s Covenants of Blessing

- A. God always works through covenant
  - 1. Covenant takes away the guess work regarding God’s will.

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- B. Every covenant that God established throughout scripture was always for good.
1. Noah – *“I will never destroy the earth with a flood again”* Genesis 9:1-17
  2. Abraham – *You will be blessed to be a blessing* Genesis 12 and 15
  3. Moses – The Old Covenant of law – *Included blessing and curses*
  4. David – God promised that the throne of David would be established for ever – points toward Jesus as the true righteous king.
  5. The New Covenant – Based upon grace and everything that Jesus accomplished for us; becoming sin, taking our curse, giving us righteousness.

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- *WHENEVER GOD SHOWS UP TO ESTABLISH COVENANT IT IS ALWAYS FOR GOOD.*
  - *HIS COVENANTS ARE ESTABLISHED TO BLESS/ PROSPER*
  - *THE OLD TESTAMENT COVENANTS POINT TOWARD THE NEW COVENANT*
  - *WHATEVER IS IN THE OLD ONLY BECOMES BETTER IN THE NEW*
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### III. God’s Initial Promise to Abram for Prosperity

A. **Genesis 12:1-2 (KJV)** – <sup>1</sup>Now 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: <sup>2</sup>And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

1. “I will bless you.... And you shall be a blessing  
*(I will prosper you and you shall be a blessing)*
2. When God began dealing with His covenant people, He revealed His purpose of blessing and prosperity

3. His blessing in our lives is so we can have the opportunity to be a blessing to others.

*Acts 20:35 – It is more blessed to give than to receive*

4. It is a greater blessing to be in a position to be able to give to others than to be in the position of needing to receive from others.

B. God's Covenant promise to Abraham is foundational for the Biblical concept of blessing and prosperity

1. Here we see God at work in the lives of His people to counter the effects of the curse. *Poverty is always listed as a curse, never a blessing!*
2. God began establishing His covenant with Abraham as a covenant of Blessing
3. God's covenant is always a covenant of blessing/prosperity
4. The blessing of Abraham is carried over into the new covenant.

**Galatians 3:29 (KJV)** – And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise

**Galatians 3:9 (KJV)** – So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

- **Abraham was blessed in covenant – We are blessed in covenant**
- **Abraham was blessed to be a blessing – We are blessed to be a blessing**

5. What qualifies me to be blessed and to be a blessing?
  - a. I must be in Christ and in faith that the blessing belongs to me. *Many are falling short of the blessing of God simply because they do not believe that they are blessed.*
  - b. Too many Christians are exempting themselves from the promise of blessing because of past experience, sin, insecurity and feelings of unworthiness. *God can bless others but I do not believe He will bless me.*

- c. We must appropriate the blessing of the Lord by faith.  
*Appropriate – to take or seize for one's own use*

#### IV. God's Blessing and Prosperity for His Covenant People

A. **Deuteronomy 8:7-9 (KJV)** – <sup>7</sup>For 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; <sup>8</sup>A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; <sup>9</sup>A 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.

B. **Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)** – But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

1. This is God's promise to create wealth for His people.
2. The power to get wealth is the grace to create it
3. The key to entering into this blessing of wealth is our agreement and response of faith. *Faith is always the key to receiving anything provided in the New Covenant.*
4. As a partaker of the New Covenant, I have grace to create wealth to fulfill God's covenant promise of blessing to me, and I will be a blessing to others.

5. His verse reveals another reason for God's prosperity for his people. He prospers us to establish His covenant.
  - a. Israel's giving paid for all of the needs for the first tabernacle and all ministry activity that followed.
    - God didn't just rain everything from heaven
    - God uses people to supply the need
    - God blesses us so we can bless His work
  - b. The purpose of Biblical prosperity is for the establishing His covenant and His Word in the hearts of people.
  - c. How much of your wealth or abundance is begin used for its God ordained purpose?
  - d. If we do not understand the purpose of a thing, neglect and failure are the result.
  - e. Being blessed to establish God's work is a continuance of His original statement to Abraham *"I will bless you to be a blessing"*