

Session 9 • Speak the Blessing

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I. Review

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]"

B. Recent Session Review

1. Top reasons why there is so much attack against prosperity teaching:

- a. Ministers have abused this doctrine for selfish gain.
- **b.** Traditional teaching that promotes lack as being spiritual and wealth being ungodly.

2. Examples of prosperity

- a. Old Testament: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon
- b. Jesus, the disciples, and Paul

II. Speak the Blessing

- A. The Christan faith is known as the great confession.
 - 1. We do not earn the blessing of the Lord by good or perfect works.
 - 2. We exercise FAITH to believe what God has said, confessing it with our mouth.

a. 2 Cor 4:13

NKJV "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak"

Aramaic Bible in Plain English "Therefore, we also in whom is that one spirit of faith, as it is written: 'I have believed; because of this I also have spoken,' we believe; because of this we also speak."

b. Romans 10:9-10

NKJV "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

3. Faith is voice activated.

- **a.** Everything provided by the Lord is to be received by faith.
- **b.** The process of faith requires believing and speaking



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c. Whatever I am using my faith to receive, I must believe it is mine and I must confess it as mine.

PASTOR'S NOTE: Faith has not been activated until you believe the promises in your heart and confess that you receive them with your words.

4. Faith must be activated for "the blessing" to operate in your life.

- a. Meditate upon the promises for financial provision and abundance
- **b.** Fill your heart with "the blessing," through His promises of provision and abundance, driving out "POVERTY THINKING."
- **c.** Speak your blessing: Put the promises of provision and abundance in your mouth refusing to speak lack and poverty.

B. Speak your blessing over your tithe and offerings.

Dr. Michael Jacobs: "You have not tithed until you have spoken over your tithe."

1. Deut 26:1-10

NLT "When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you as a special possession and you have conquered it and settled there, <u>put some of the first produce</u> from each crop you harvest into a basket and bring <u>it to the designated place of worship</u> — <u>the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored..."</u>

PASTOR'S NOTE: Every believer should have a place of worship that God has assigned to them, (THE LOCAL CHURCH). This is the place that He has chosen for us, where we honor His name.

"...Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, 'With this gift I acknowledge to the Lord your God that I have entered the land he swore to our ancestors he would give us'..."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Our giving acknowledges things before the Lord.

"...The priest will then take the basket from your hand and set it before the altar of the Lord your God. You must then say in the presence of the Lord your God, 'My ancestor Jacob was a wandering Aramean who went to live as a foreigner in Egypt. His family arrived few in number, but in Egypt they became a large and mighty nation. When the Egyptians oppressed and humiliated us by making us their slaves, we cried out to the Lord, the God of



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our ancestors. He heard our cries and saw our hardship, toil, and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and powerful arm, with overwhelming terror, and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land flowing with milk and honey!

And now, O Lord, I have brought you the first portion of the harvest you have given me from the ground.' Then place the produce before the Lord your God, and bow to the ground in worship before him."

PASTOR'S NOTE: This was a confession of faith in what the Lord had done to be spoken as they brought their offerings before the Lord. IN making this confession of faith along with their offering, they were ACTIVATING FAITH, so God could bless their offering.

2. REJOICE over the offering.

Deut 26:11 NKJV "So you shall rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who *is* among you."

3. Continued declaration over the tithe and offering.

Deut 26:12-15 NLT "Every third year you must offer a special tithe of your crops. In this year of the special tithe you must give your tithes to the Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows, so that they will have enough to eat in your towns. Then you must declare in the presence of the Lord your God, 'I have taken the sacred gift from my house and have given it to the Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows, just as you commanded me. I have not violated or forgotten any of your commands. I have not eaten any of it while in mourning; I have not handled it while I was ceremonially unclean; and I have not offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the Lord my God and have done everything you commanded me. Now look down from your holy dwelling place in heaven and bless your people Israel and the land you swore to our ancestors to give us—a land flowing with milk and honey'."

PASTOR'S NOTE:

- This tithe was designated giving for the Levites and assigned others who had needs.
- The Levites represent a specific group who were dependent upon ministry giving for their livelihood.
- The foreigners, orphans, and widows were those who did need assistance.



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- Once they had obeyed the Lord with this special giving, they were commanded to REQUEST His blessing in v. 15: "Bless your people and give us a land flowing with milk and honey." This is a prayer for PROPSERITY.
- NOTE: Faith and confession are commanded when presenting offerings unto the Lord.
 - 4. What happens with our tithe today?
 - **a.** It is used for the work of the ministry: Providing income to those who are called to ministry, especially the five-fold offices. It also provides for the necessities of keeping church properties in good working condition. Other functions of the tithe include missions, benevolence ministries, and other special projects.
 - b. Spiritually, Jesus receives our tithe as our High Priest, presenting it to the Father and blessing us.
 - Heb 7:8

KJV "And here men that die receive tithes; but there he *receiveth them*, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth"

NIV "In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living."

• **NOTE:** While this passage in Hebrews is addressing Melchizedek, it is comparing and aligning him to Jesus. Abraham's tithe was not a result of the Law being given to a priest of the linage of Aaron. His tithe was given to Melchizedek, representing faith (not the Law) and Jesus, our High Priest, Who would live and function FOREVER in heaven on our behalf.

PASTOR'S NOTE: When we bring our tithe, we are to bring it to the place where we receive spiritual food – the local church – so that the local church will be supplied with everything needed for ministry.

We should also recognize our tithe being a spiritual offering of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the provision He has provided for us and for future provision He has promised to give us.



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5. Suggested declaration of faith (confession) to make over your offering today:

Source: Kenneth Copeland Ministries

"I confess this day to You, Lord God, that I have come into the inheritance which You swore to give me. I was a sinner held in bondage and in darkness by satan. But I called upon the Name of Jesus, and You heard my cry and delivered me from the power and authority of darkness. You lifted me out of my affliction and oppression. You took me in, forgave me and translated me into the kingdom of Your dear Son. You made me Yours through the shed blood of Jesus and gave me authority over the evil one.

Jesus, as my Lord and High Priest, I bring the firstfruits of my income, which You have given me. I expect You to set it before the Father and worship Him with it. I rejoice in all the good which You have given to me and my household. I have listened to the voice of the Lord my God and have done according to all that You have commanded me.

Now look down from heaven, Your holy habitation, and bless me, Your son and servant, according to Your riches in glory. Bless my job and the work of my hands as You have promised in Your Word.

I declare THE BLESSING is pouring out, and there's not enough room to receive it! God, You have rebuked the devourer for my sake. The work of my hands will not be destroyed and come to nothing. Today, I am experiencing God's supernatural increase, and I walk in it by faith. I worship You, Lord, and I call it done, in Jesus' Name."