

God Wants to Prosper You

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God wants to prosper His people, not just in a physical sense, but in a spiritual sense, with an abundance of riches, prosperity, and victory.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:2, 2 Chronicles 32:27, Matthew 6:19, Romans 2:28, 1 Corinthians 2:12

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Description

Anton Bosch preaches about the correlation between obedience and prosperity in the Old Testament, emphasizing that God blesses those who are faithful and obedient. He highlights the shift from physical blessings for physical descendants of Abraham to spiritual blessings for spiritual descendants in the Church. Bosch explains that God desires to bless believers with spiritual wealth, knowledge of His Word, victory in spiritual battles, and abundant harvests of souls. He warns against chasing after blessings rather than seeking the Lord first, encouraging a pursuit of God's presence over His gifts.

Transcript

One of the consequences of Hezekiah's diligence and obedience was that the Lord prospered him:

"Hezekiah had very great riches and honor. And he made himself treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of desirable items; storehouses for the harvest of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of livestock, and folds for flocks. Moreover he provided cities for himself, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very much property" (2Chronicles 32:27-29).

This is a pattern one can trace right through the Old Testament. Whenever God's people were obedient and faithful to the Lord, He blessed them with possessions, abundant rain, military victory and prosperity. When they were disobedient and unfaithful, they would experience drought and famine. The good kings of Israel and Judah were prosperous while the bad kings plunged the nation into poverty and captivity.

Today, many Christians feel that they can claim the same principle of prosperity and blessing, and they are right. God wants to bless and prosper us. He wants us to have His very best and to have an abundance. Those believers who are faithful to the Lord and obedient to His Word are blessed with an abundance of riches, prosperity, victory and blessing. While those who walk in disobedience suffer poverty, defeat and the Lord's discipline.

But, there is one big difference between the physical, literal descendants of Abraham (Old Testament Israel) and the spiritual descendants of Abraham (the Church). They were physical descendants and we are spiritual descendants (Romans 2:28-29; 4:16-17). The one is tangible, while the other is not. One can be seen and the other not. To the physical descendants of Abraham, God gave physical promises of blessing, but also of judgment and cursing. To us, who are spiritual sons, the promises are no longer physical but spiritual. Thus physical promises and blessings to physical descendants and spiritual promises and blessings to spiritual descendants.

It is right to speak about blessings and prosperity for Christians, but these are spiritual blessings, victories, harvests and fertility. Yes, the Lord wants us to be rich - not rich with money but rich with spiritual wealth. He wants us to be prosperous and to extend our borders - not of lands but of knowledge of His Word. It is God's will for us to have many children - spiritual sons that have been born of the Spirit. (I have always been amazed that those who preach a physical prosperity never speak about the fact that part of the promises of the Old Testament was many children!) Yes, He wants us to be victorious, not over the heathen nations, but in spiritual battles with the enemy of our souls and in our circumstances. The Lord certainly wants us to reap abundant harvests - not of wheat and barley but of souls. There is an abundant inheritance for us - not in this world, but in that which is to come.

Sometimes we feel guilty to speak of these wonderful blessings because the money preachers have so perverted the Word. In the process we have turned our backs on a very wonderful part of the Bible: that the Lord does want to bless us and that His intentions toward us are only good. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32). We must not overreact to the heresy of our age by ignoring some of the very important teachings of the New Testament, and in so doing, be robbed of our inheritance. In fact, we have not only ignored, but become suspicious of many of the Scriptures that speak of God's blessings.

One of the most significant messages Jesus preached is called "the Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew chapters 5 through 7). In his opening thoughts He used the word "blessed" nine times (The same word appears at least 55 times in the New Testament.) Blessed means happy, blessed by God and is a state of wellbeing which is to be desired. In these verses Jesus clearly teaches that He wants us to be blessed but not in a worldly sense (Read Matthew 5:3-12 for yourself).

The Lord wants us to have more than just enough. He wants us to have an abundance and to be able to treasure up all the extra. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21).

It is not God's will that Christians be spiritual paupers who barely have enough spiritual food for themselves. No, He wants us to have a superabundance so that we will be able to share with others and that we will be able to break down our barns and build bigger ones to contain all of His blessings in our lives. Sadly, however, we spend so much time trying to amass earthly treasure and never seem to bother about finding the true riches.

Also, if we set about searching for God's blessings without seeking Him, we will come away disappointed. For example, all the bad Kings of Israel chased after money, power and influence, and in the process, forsook the Lord. Needless to say, they all came short. The few good ones who sought the Lord and His

will first received God's blessings. Hezekiah set out on the first day of his reign to seek the Lord and His honor. In the process the Lord blessed him and gave him everything else as a bonus.

Many times one comes across Christians who consume many Christian things like books, DVD's, preachers and churches. They are chasing after spiritual blessing, and that seems good. Yet, they are spiritually bankrupt. Why? Because they want the gifts and not the giver. They want the blessings and not the blessing. Moreover, they want the blessings on their terms, on their time, and not the Lord's. So, don't chase after the blessings - chase after the Lord. Don't long for more blessings but hunger for more of Him.

Finally, it is my desire and prayer for you that this new year will be one of abundance. I pray that "all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you" (Deuteronomy 28:2) and that "The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. (That) You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And (That) the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath" (Deuteronomy 28:12-13). I pray that as the Lord's people we will truly know Him and know His abundance in our lives.

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God" (1Corinthians 2:12).

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