

## THE KEY TO PROSPERITY

**TEXT: Psalms 1:3: And He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth His fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever He doeth shall prosper.**

**Joshua 1:7-8:**

**<sup>7</sup> Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the Law, which Moses My Servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.**

**<sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**



These are not words taken from some man's book of schemes on how to get rich quick. These words are actually found in the Bible, God's Word. God is telling us we can be so blessed of Him financially, that we can lend unto many nations (not a few individuals). That's right. For He giveth thee power to get wealth:



**Deuteronomy 8:18: But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is He Who giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His Covenant which He swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.**

**Deuteronomy 28:12: The LORD shall open unto thee His good Treasure, the Heaven to give the rain unto thy land in His season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.**

God gave this very message to Moses to declare unto His people:

**Deuteronomy 15:10b: The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putttest thine hand unto.**



This is the same language David received from the Lord in our text.

**Deuteronomy 29:9: Keep therefore the words of this Covenant, and do**

***them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.***

It clearly states in all that thou putteth thine hands unto, in all thy works, in all that ye do, not while laying around idle, lazy, loafing.

To Joshua, God gives the same message:

***Joshua 1:7: Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My Servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.***



Reminder again in:

***Deuteronomy 24:19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.***

Often the Lord repeats the promise, for He doesn't want us to miss the message.

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***Deuteronomy 28:2-3:***

***<sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the Voice of the LORD your God***

***<sup>3</sup> Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.***

The Lord shall make the plenteous in goods.

These words tell us it isn't spiritual blessings alone. This is positively referring to material goods. And then God put the meringue on the financial pie with this additional remark: ***For the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good.***

***Deuteronomy 30:9: And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers:***

It literally makes God happy to bless His obedient children.

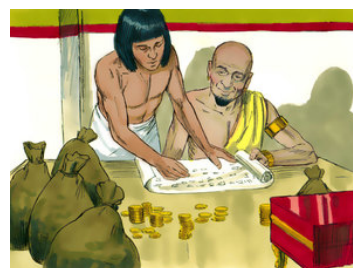
***Proverbs 10:22: The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.***

***Genesis 39:3-5:***

***<sup>3</sup> And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.***

***<sup>4</sup> And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.***

***<sup>5</sup> And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the Blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.***



Again, in **1 Kings 2:3**, as David was getting near death, he admonished Solomon to keep the ways of the Lord:

***1 Kings 2:1-3:***

***<sup>1</sup> Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,***



***<sup>2</sup> I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;***

***<sup>3</sup> And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in His Ways, to keep His Statutes, and His Commandments, and His Judgments, and His Testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:***

The promises do not vary, nor do the standards change. No doctrine or subject more concerns the spiritual growth of Christiana or affects the building up of God's Kingdom than our financial and spiritual prosperity. Each condition we meet is for our spiritual good, and God then takes care of the financial part. It is as though God were saying: *You do the things that please Me, and I'll do for you that which will please you. Because I want all the world to know that it pays to live faithfully to My Word and to live right. Furthermore, I can trust with prosperity those who are spiritual for they will not abuse my benefits.*

Some folks backslide when blessed financially, as we read in:

***Deuteronomy 31:20: For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke Me, and break My Covenant.***

Why do some Christians stay poor? Why does God actually keep some of His people from prosperity?

***Jeremiah 5:25-29: Your iniquities have turned away these things and your sins have withholden good things from you.***

## **SIN KEEPS US FROM PROSPERING**

Poverty is a curse that came in by sin.



***Jeremiah 8:13: I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.***

***Proverbs 28:13a: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper.***

***Nehemiah 9:25-27:***

***25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and olive yards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in Thy great goodness.***

***26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against Thee, and cast Thy Law behind their backs, and slew Thy Prophets which testified against them to turn them to Thee, and they wrought great provocations.***

***27 Therefore Thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto Thee, Thou heardest them from Heaven; and according to Thy manifold mercies Thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.***



**Deuteronomy 28:29:** *And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.*



**Jeremiah 22:28-30:**

**<sup>28</sup>** *Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?*

**<sup>29</sup>** *O earth, earth, earth, hear the Word of the LORD.*

**<sup>30</sup>** *Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.*

**2 Chronicles 13:12:** *And, behold, God Himself is with us for our Captain, and His Priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O Children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.*

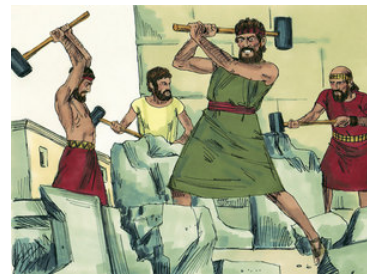
**2 Kings 18:1-7:**

**<sup>1</sup>** *Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.*

**<sup>2</sup>** *Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.*

**<sup>3</sup>** *And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did.*

**<sup>4</sup>** *He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the Children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.*



**<sup>5</sup>** *He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.*

**<sup>6</sup>** *For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following Him, but kept His Commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.*

**<sup>7</sup>** *And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.*

## THERE ARE AT LEAST SIX WAYS OR CONDITIONS TO PROSPERITY:

### 1. Obey His Commandments:

***Deuteronomy 28:1: And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the Voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His Commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:***

So whether it be Joshua or David or Solomon, the promise to prosper came with a condition — IF. Did you notice that little word?

***Isaiah 1:19: If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:***

***2 Chronicles 24:20: And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the Priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the Commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, He hath also forsaken you.***

### 2. Helping the poor:

***Deuteronomy 15:10: Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.***

***Psalms 41:1: Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.***

***Proverbs 14:31: He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth Him hath mercy on the poor.***

***Proverbs 19:17: He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.***

***Proverbs 28:27: He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.***



### 3. How to Prosper:

**2 Chronicles 20:20:** *And they [Judah] rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe His Prophets, so shall ye prosper.*

**Judges 9:7:** *And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.*

4. **Build and Prosper:** God actually wants the world to know how good He is to those who are His children.

**Proverbs 10:22:** *The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.*

**2 Chronicles 26:5:** *And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the Visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.*

**2 Chronicles 14:7:** *Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought Him, and He hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.*

**2 Chronicles 31:21:** *And in every work that he began in the service of the House of God, and in the Law, and in the Commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.*

**Jeremiah 10:21:** *For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.*

5. **They shall prosper that love Thee:**

**Psalms 122:6:** *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love Thee.*



6. **Spiritual depth in God as thy soul prospers is another aid to prosper:**

**1 Chronicles 16:2: And when David had made an end of offering the Burnt Offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the Name of the LORD.**

**1 Kings 10:7: Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.**

**Proverbs 22:4: By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.**

**Poverty is a curse that comes in with sin against God by robbing Him.**

**Deuteronomy 15:14: Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: of that wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.**



**Deuteronomy 28:7-8:**

**<sup>7</sup> The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.**

**<sup>8</sup> The LORD shall command the Blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and He shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**

**Deuteronomy 29:9: Keep therefore the words of this Covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.**

**Deuteronomy 30:9: And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers:**

**Deuteronomy 30:16: In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in His Ways, and to keep His Commandments and His Statutes and His Judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.**

**Joshua 1:9: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good**



***courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.***

***1 Samuel 2:7-8:***

***7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: He bringeth low, and lifteth up.***

***8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the Throne of Glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and He hath set the world upon them.***

***2 Samuel 6:11: And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household.***



***2 Samuel 19:32: Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.***

***1 Kings 2:3-4:***

***3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in His Ways, to keep His Statutes, and His Commandments, and His Judgments, and His Testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:***

***4 That the LORD may continue His Word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said He) a man on the throne of Israel.***

***1 Kings 3:13: And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.***



***1 Kings 11:38: And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in My Ways, and do that is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My Commandments, as***

***David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and built thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.***

***1 Kings 17:6: And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the***

*morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.*

*1 Kings 17:16: And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the Word of the LORD, which He spoke by Elijah.*



*2 Kings 3:20: And it came to pass in the morning, when the Meat Offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.*

*2 Kings 4:6: And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.*

*2 Kings 7:8: And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.*

*1 Chronicles 22:13: Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfill the Statutes and Judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.*

*1 Chronicles 29:9: Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.*

*1 Chronicles 29:12: Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.*

*1 Chronicles 29:28: And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.*

*2 Chronicles 1:15: And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the vale for abundance.*

*2 Chronicles 9:22: And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in*

*riches and wisdom.*

***2 Chronicles 26:5: And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the Visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.***