

XLIV. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSON FORTY-FOUR
... ABOUT PROSPERING/PROSPERITY

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we want to develop a Scriptural foundation and understanding concerning **PROSPERING/PROSPERITY**. In this areas, like in healing/health, there is much confusion, unbelief, and lack of Biblical truth/understanding. As a result of this confusion, unbelief, and lack of Biblical knowledge, many of God's children are in the throes of financial frustration and ruin, which should not be. They are prisoners of satan and need to be set free/delivered from the chains of poverty.

The confusion/misunderstanding concerning the Biblical concept of prospering ranges from one extreme to the other.

There are those that teach/believe that the higher or more perfect Christian walk is a walk of poverty. While there are others who teach/believe that financial prosperity/ riches are the order of the day for children of the King (name it and claim it).

The **KEY** which opens the door to a Biblical understanding of prospering, like with healing, is 3 John, verse 2. This passage clearly expresses the heart of God concerning prospering and at the same time puts conditions on His hearts desires for His children being unconditionally blessed with prosperity.

3 John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things (it is my earnest desire) that thou mayest **PROSPER** and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

From the above Scripture:

What is God's heart in this matter prospering?

What is the condition for God's heart desire to be done?

This expressed desire of God's heart concerning His children prospering is, also, seen in Psalm 81:8-16. This Scripture, in addition too expressing God's desire to bless His children with the very best, also, gives us insight/understanding/discernment as to what it means for our to be prospering. (Refer to notes on page 150 concerning, what it means for our soul to be prospering.)

PROSPERING/PROSPERITY

BIBLE PRINCIPLES/TRUTHS CONCERNING PROSPERING/PROSPERITY

The first Bible principle which has to do with our prospering is seen in the following Scriptures. What is it?

Genesis 22:14

Haggai 2:8

2 Chronicles 26:5

Job 38:41

Isaiah 25:6

Matthew 6:33

Matthew 7:11

Romans 8:32

Philippians 4:19

Conclusions: The Bible principle is: God is the Source of and the Provider of our every need.

The second principle concerning prospering/prosperity is seen in these Scriptures. What Is it?

Psalm 103:4a

Isaiah 53:5

Romans 8:32

2 Corinthians 8:9

Galatians 3:13

Isaiah 12:3

Conclusions: The Bible principle/truth is: Provision was made at Calvary in the Sacrificial death of Jesus, the Lamb of God, for the prospering of God's children.

The third principle concerning prospering/prosperity is seen in these Scriptures. What is it?

Luke 6:38

Malachi 3:10-11

Philippians 4:15-19

1 Corinthians 16:1-3

2 Corinthians 8:14-15

2 Corinthians 9:5-7

2 Corinthians 8:8

Romans 13:8-10

Conclusions: The Bible principle is: Giving liberally out of what you have from a heart of love/compassion, opens the windows of heaven for God to prosper you.

THE MARK OF PROSPERITY

What is the mark of prospering/prosperity? The answer is seen in these Scriptures. What is it?

Hebrews 13:5

Philippians 4:19

1 Timothy 6:8

Matthew 6:24-34

Hebrews 4:10

Philippians 4:11-12

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

Conclusions: The mark of Prospering/Prosperity in the life of a believer is being content, resting, and trusting in the promise that God will supply all his needs and giving liberally out of his prosperity. In other words, prosperity is having all of your needs met with some left over to give to others.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

As we have seen God desires above all things that we. His own dear children **PROSPER**, even as our soul prospers Therefore lets take to heart the Words of God as recorded in Deuteronomy 28:1-2, so that God's desire may become a reality in our lives.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2, "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; and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God."

Also hear and receive by faith the Word of God as recorded in 2 Corinthians 1:20.

"For all the promise of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

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