

PROSPERITY - II

Deut. 29:9; Josh. 1:7-8

I. JUSTIFICATION OF PREACHING PROSPERITY

- A. Sickness not main problem: healthy people head over heels in debt
- B. Major cause of marital problems
- C. Drain on energy to be under financial pressure
- D. Work of God severely hampered
- E. Lack in storehouse of God

II. WHAT IS PROSPERITY

- A. World's definition of prosperity
 - 1. Earthly success, fame, fortune, possessions
 - 2. Education
 - 3. Financial and political power
 - 4. Social power
- B. God's will to prosper
 - 1. Spirit - born again
 - 2. Soul - renewed mind
 - 3. Body - divine health
- C. Can have all world's money and still lack
 - 1. Lose soul, go to hell
 - 2. Never have peace of mind
 - 3. Be sick, not able to buy health with all your money
- D. What is prosperity?
 - 1. God manifesting himself to us through his word
 - 2. True prosperity is the ability to use God's power to meet the needs of mankind
- E. Spiritual redemption is a greater blessing than prosperity or healing, but God has not ask us to choose--church took the new birth, left prosperity and healing
- F. Money not evil--love of money is
 - 1. Selfishness - build bigger barns
 - 2. Deceitfulness of riches
 - 3. I Tim 6 - Charge the rich of the world...

III. HOW TO RECEIVE PROSPERITY

- A. Know it is will of God
- B. Know will through the Word
- C. Receive by faith
- D. Can't say, "If God wants me to be prosperous, he'll make me so."

IV. WHAT DOES THE WORD SAY?

- A. Ps. 37:27 - "*God delights in prosperity of his saints...*"
- B. Poverty is a curse

- C. Deut. 28:11-12 - *"The Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods..."*
- D. Ps. 112 - Wealth and riches shall be in his house
- E. Deut. 28:12 - Lend and not borrow
- F. II Cor. 8:9 - He became poor that we might become rich
- G. Prov. 10:22 - The blessings of the Lord maketh rich and addeth no sorrow
- H. Should resist lack as a disease

V. EXAMPLES IN WORD OF GOD

- A. Gen. 26:13-14 - Philistines envied Isaac because he became very wealthy and distinguished
- B. Gen. 30:43 - Jacob increased and became exceedingly rich
- C. Gen. 39:2-3 - Joseph successful and prosperous, even in prison
- D. Blessing of law result of God's covenant with Abraham (Deut. 28)
 - 1. Blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee
 - 2. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body
 - 3. Fruit of thy ground
 - 4. Fruit of thy cattle
 - 5. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store
 - 6. Will command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses
 - 7. All that thou settest thine hand unto
 - 8. Bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee

VI. THE LORD GIVES POWER TO GET WEALTH - DEUT. 8:18

- A. To establish His covenant in the earth
 - 1. Fulfill promise; prosperity part of the covenant
 - 2. Wealth means to establish covenant or to preach the word
- B. Better to have power to get wealth than to have wealth
 - 1. Could inherit, then lose
 - 2. If have power to get, can get more
 - 3. Why have rich men gone busted and come back?
- C. The world's system is to give a man a fish
- D. God's system is to teach a man how to fish

VII. THE LAWS OF PROSPERITY

- A. Giving - Give and it shall be given unto you
- B. Law of sowing and reaping
- C. The 100-fold return
- D. Open the windows of heaven
 - 1. Rebuke the devourer for our sakes
 - 2. Rain in due season
- E. Honor the Lord with thy substance--barns will be filled
- F. God is our source--our salaries are not

VIII. TRUE PROSPERITY COMES IN KEEPING THE WHOLE LAW

- A. Deut. 29:9 - *"Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do."*
- B. Josh. 1:7 - *"Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law,...that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest."*
- C. In God there is no lack--He is the God of plenty
- D. Shall supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus