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INTRODUCTION

Whether we like it or not, money and wealth are important aspects of living. Consciously or unconsciously, everybody has need of it. It is actually the keenest contestant of God's place in a man's life, not the devil. Although everybody has need of it, there are yet lots of debates and arguments over it — either to defend the lack of it or the abundance of it.

As in all kingdom matters, there is only one person who gives the final word, He is the only authority on it and to Him we will turn. He has left us His will from which we can know His mind

concerning every issue of life. Using the scriptures therefore, we are going to trace the master key to supernatural wealth. We will see what wealth is all about, the distinction between worldly and kingdom riches, its place in the covenant, God's purpose for it and the conditions for it.

The point I am trying to make here is that the Bible is very definite and clear about wealth. There is a place for it. Our salvation is not only for deliverance from sin, but also from every form of destruction related to sin. We are called into a life of abundance and glory, not degradation and shame.

Join me as we take an adventure

into the covenant will, to discover our rights. Be determined, as you do so, to possess your possessions. Arise, kingdom sons and covenant daughters, shine for your light is here!

COVENANT WEALTH AND MISCONCEPTIONS

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CHAPTER 1 - COVENANT WEALTH AND MISCONCEPTIONS

It is important to know that God is interested in the comfort of His people. He is excited when they prosper. He is happy when they are comfortable. When anyone is well-to-do in the world, he is described as being comfortable. They say he has made it.

According to the Oxford Advanced Leaner's Dictionary, wealth is a "possession of a great amount of property, money, riches etc." So, wealth speaks of comfort, of

fulfilment; and God desires exactly that for you. There are many things He desires for you, but He desires your comfort above everything else.

Are there any earthly parents today who desire anything less than comfort for their children? None. Everybody wants his offspring to be comfortable. He dreams of it and he plans for it. That is part of the divine instinct we have from God. He said:

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 2

There are many things, but He said, “Above everything else, this is My supreme will for you.” Above every

other will, He wants you to be comfortable and healthy. You must get that into your spirit. It is neither the idea of a preacher, nor is it a prosperity movement, but God's idea. It is His idea, His intent, His purpose. He wants you to be comfortable!

He saw us in discomfort and sent Jesus Christ to come and give us life — the abundant life. We were wandering about outside the garden of Eden after the first Adam fell. The gates were shut. No one could gain access anymore into that garden, until Jesus came. He came out of the grave.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Psalm 24:7

Among the gates, I believe, was the gate that led back to Eden. That gate was flung open when Jesus rose from the dead, so we can now follow Him. He said, “If you follow Me, I will make you lie down in green pastures, I will prepare before you a table in the presence of your enemies” (Ps. 23:2-5).

Man it was who named all the animals — the lion, the rhino and elephant inclusive. He knew no fear until the fall. Psalm 23 gives a picture of an Edenic life style. That is to say that God is bringing His people back into their Eden of abundance.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” When the Lord was in

charge of Adam’s life before the fall, he did not want for anything, everything was complete. And when Jesus, the Great shepherd came, He said, “If you follow Me, My Father will honour you”. That is to say that if you follow what He says, you are going to get back to Eden, where Adam was driven away from, the city of comfort.

Gross Misconceptions About Money

Christendom has suffered much setback because of its lopsided and haphazard understanding of living from the scriptures. The devil has had a field day taking advantage of the ignorance of Christians. But thank God for the illumination of the Holy Spirit! As many as care for it can receive their freedom and walk out on the devil and be what they were always meant to be — kings and gods upon the surface of the earth!

Over the years, salvation has been

preached and taught as being meant only for the future. Its relevance has been seen and limited to heaven. Evangelists have cried out: “Be saved, so you can make heaven.” Teachers and preachers alike have preached the dos and don’ts of living, in order to make heaven.

Before you knew it, heaven and how to get there became the hub of gospel message. This put Christians at a disadvantaged position, as they were slowly and carefully pushed off the platform of attainment and achievement. The area most affected is the area of wealth. Let us consider some of these misconceptions and see what the scriptures say about them.

It is the Root of all Evil

The chief persecutors against the prosperity message claim that money is the root of all evil. But they are very wrong! A careful look at 1 Timothy 6:10 reveals that the LOVE of money is the root of all evil, not money itself.

In the first place, to associate God with evil is blasphemous. Everything He made in the beginning was good. He does not harbour evil; rather, He dwells in light and is light, for in Him is no darkness at all.

Note that the wealth most people boast of actually belongs to God—*"The silver is mine, and the gold is*

mine, saith the Lord of hosts” (Hag. 2:8). God is not a liar.

It Corrupts Holiness

The scripture that is often misused in this regard is Luke 18:24-25:

...How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

If all the rich go to hell, why is Abraham not there? According to the Bible, he is in heaven, in a place of rest (Lk. 16:19-31).

Moreover, the wealthiest God is also the thrice holy God! This clearly proves that it is possible to be rich and be holy at the same time. We are

partakers of God’s divine nature.

It Is Worldly

This can't be true, because from all Biblical information available to us, heaven is a symbol of affluence — its streets are paved with gold, its buildings are mansions.

Wealth, which is the epitome of man's accomplishment, is more heavenly than earthly. The Biblical definition of worldliness does not include wealth.

Those things in the world that constitute worldliness include: "*the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life*" (1 John 2:16). The lust of the eye is perhaps much more

pronounced among the poor. The lust of the flesh has largely to do with self control, which infers that both the poor and the affluent can fall victim to it.

Both the rich and the poor are liable to the pride of life. What is pride? It is an overestimation of self and giving it expression accordingly. There are some poor people that are more proud than even kings and princes! Wealth, as it were, does not determine worldliness, nor is it synonymous with it. Neither is poverty an expression of godliness.

It Is Materialistic (Especially in the Church)

Someone, in his pragmatic attack of the prosperity message, was quoted as saying: “The subject of prosperity is dialectically materialistic.”

What is materialism? It is living unto, and for material possession. This is contrary to God’s Word. His covenant of wealth works only for those who live unto Him. It is said of Uzziah in 2 Chronicles 26:5:

...As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

The reason for these

misconceptions (including those not mentioned here) is the lack of attention given to the Word. Jesus said, *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me"* (John 5:39). And in Matthew 22:29, He said: *"Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."* The remedy? Allow the Holy Spirit to take you through the pages of the Word of God, to reveal the truth in it, which alone is able to set free.

COVENANT WEALTH AND WORLDLY RICHES

Worldly riches bring pride, insecurity, it’s temporary and sorrowful. Wealth in the Kingdom is humbling, sorrow-free, durable and multiplies.

CHAPTER 2 - COVENANT WEALTH AND WORLDLY RICHES

Let me start by saying that it is possible to be wealthy outside the kingdom. There are quite a lot of wealthy people in the world today who don’t know Jesus. The rich man in the days of Lazarus the beggar didn’t know Jesus. He was rich on earth, but ended up in hell. So, it is possible to be wealthy on earth and be without Christ.

How is it possible? By many means — human wisdom, human strength, involvement in too many different

jobs, various dubious acts, gambling, forgery, etc. Wealth is possible outside the Kingdom.

Characteristics Of Wealth Outside The Kingdom

Let us consider the characteristics of wealth outside the kingdom, which should be enough to discourage anybody from it.

Pride

Wealth outside the kingdom makes room for pride, and pride is a social cancer. It kills, it destroys! Why is it so cheap for him to be proud? Because he sees his wealth as what his own hands have made. Thus, it is easy for him to become puffed-up.

In Acts 12, Herod made an oration and the people shouted, *"...the voice of a god, and not of a man."* He proudly pulled up his shoulders in acceptance of the people's praises. The Bible says worms came and ate him up instantly! This shows that pride has worms inside it that eats people up.

Nebuchadnezzar grew so strong, that God was no longer relevant to him and then God demoted him into the animal kingdom, and for seven years, he moved about under the dews of the day. The rich fool said, *"I have done this, I have done that...I will now say to my soul, My soul, rest, eat, drink ..."* There is hardly any way anyone can make it outside the kingdom without being proud of such achievement. Pride is a silent killer. It destroys without remedy.

Insecurity

Wealth outside the kingdom is characterized by a deep sense of insecurity. Such people run around and do everything to protect what they have. A certain ruler met Jesus, to whom Jesus said, "...*sell all that thou hast and distribute unto the poor...*" In response, the scriptures records that the ruler "...*was very sorrowful: for he was very rich*" (Luke 18:18-23).

Every rich man outside the kingdom is plagued by a deep sense of insecurity. This makes them to run around everywhere, looking for how to protect what their hands have wrought.

His hand wrought it, consequently, his hand must protect it.

Temporary

Wealth outside the kingdom never truly lasts,because, “*Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished”* (Prov. 13:11).

God’s Word says you have no business being envious of the wicked that prosper, because he is placed on slippery grounds that won’t be able to keep him for long. When next you look for him, he is nowhere to be found. You will look for him and not find him (Ps. 73:18).

The riches of the wealthy outside the kingdom is slippery. After a while you can’t see the man again, he is

gone! So we say it is temporary. It is very deceitful.

Sorrowful

Wealth outside the Kingdom is accompanied with sorrow. We read in 1 Timothy 6:10 that:

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

It is always characterized by sorrows. A man can’t sleep, and when he goes to bed, he gets up very early. He is not sure of what happens next. He does not live to enjoy the work of his hands.

True, wealth is a possibility outside

the kingdom; but these four characteristics make it distasteful. It is not a thing to be envied, as it doesn’t afford the owner comfort.

Characteristics Of Wealth In The Kingdom

These, on the other hand, are the characteristics of covenant wealth, what it is made of and how it affects the holder.

Humility

Covenant wealth humbles the holder. Anyone that has it is humbled, because he knows it is a great blessing from the Lord. He also knows that only the meek shall possess the earth.

Sorrow-free

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22

Joy is a priceless asset. It has medicinal qualities. The Bible says:

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

When you have joy, it is like you are on a permanent medical prescription given by God. It affords you free health. Many people are sick today of nameless undiagnosable diseases that defy medical science.

This is purely due to dryness of the bones and brokenness of the heart. There are no tablets for its treatment; no injection can help, nor any capsule can cure it, except Jesus!

So the riches from God are sorrow-free and worthy to be envied. As I always say, the ministry has not cost me one sleepless night yet. I just sleep like a baby — sorrow-free! Somebody once asked me, “Do you ever have problems?” I replied, “Maybe problem came and I didn’t know its name was Problem!” I am just too comfortable on the inside and refreshed as a proof on the outside, that I don’t know how it feels. Kingdom wealth is accompanied with a bonus of joy.

Durability

Wealth in the kingdom endures. It is real and lasting, not temporary. The reason is because:

...Whatsoever the Lord doeth, it shall be for ever...

Ecclesiastes 3:14

And you know the Bible says, *"It is the Lord that giveth thee power to get wealth."* So, if your riches come from God, then it shall be forever. That means that there is no place for insecurity.

If He gave it, then He will keep it!

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11:29

If you are in the covenant, be patient. Even if it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come and when it comes, it stays. That is to say that whatever the Lord doeth, it shall be forever, including His acts of wealth.

Increases

...The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:18

This means that wealth does not reduce, it only increases. We can boldly say about any Christian, that whatever position you see him occupy today is the least position for him; tomorrow will see him go yet higher. His wealth has an assurance of a brighter future. It is not something that happens today and you can't see its evidence tomorrow. It does not diminish, nor is it stagnant. It is on an

everlasting increase, until Jesus comes!

Thus, we see clearly that covenant wealth is not available in the world. Wealth got outside the kingdom is a plague. It tortures its owner and makes him uncomfortable. This is in direct opposition to kingdom wealth, which is designed for the comfort of the saints. It constantly assures him that the best is yet to come. This truth annoys the devil, but there is nothing he can do about it.

Know this today: the sinner's wealth only flourishes on the outside, whereas he is diminishing on the inside. Were God to saddle you with his (the sinner's)problems for just a day, you would never envy him. His

wealth doesn’t allow him comfort at all; indeed, he is most miserable among men. He has food on the table, but no appetite; a comfortable bed, but no peace to allow for sleep; beautiful children, but no fellowship with them! The list is endless. Nothing satisfies him.

But thank God, Who has made provisions for us to have access to all that we need in the kingdom. If this be the case, what then is responsible for the poverty that seems to weigh the people of God down today? Poverty is obviously not God’s will for His saints.

Poverty And The Saints

Poverty is a curse and is self-inflicted, as proved in Malachi 3:7-9:

...Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them...

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

It comes largely as a result of a wilful act of disobedience to the law of abundance by the believer. Since the day you have been careful not to obey the law of obedience, where is the evidence of your carefulness? When God says you are cursed, let no prophet

pretend that he can remove it, just like when God blesses a man, no one can curse him.

Take good heed to yourself concerning this matter and examine yourself. The financial depression in the land, particularly among God's people, has been as a result of a flagrant, wilful act of disobedience to the law of comfort. Because God does not matter to them, they also no longer matter to Him.

God is guided by His Word alone, not by emotions. He has seen you cry, but He cannot help you. Because you have rejected His law, He is also relaxed at your calamity. Return to Him now, I urge you, and He will also

return to you and show you another future.

God is in the business of separating between the sheep and the sheep; between those serving Him and those serving only their bellies. Peter allowed Jesus the use of his boat and also obeyed His instruction to launch out into the deep; consequently, a miracle was inevitable. Everyone that allows God to remain God, ends up being promoted and blessed.

PURPOSE OF WEALTH

...Money is needed for the expansion of God’s kingdom on earth. No ministry, no matter how anointed, can do without it. No servant of God, no matter how great, can make any impact without it...

CHAPTER 3 - PURPOSE OF WEALTH

We have already established the fact that those who have attacked wealth so badly have done so mainly out of ignorance and a lack of understanding of what the mind of God is concerning it. What then is the reason for wealth? What is God’s purpose for it? In other words, why does He want to prosper His people financially? This is what we shall be tracing from the scriptures in this chapter.

Proof Of Redemption

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Jesus descended from His throne, to take us into glory, thereby making wealth a part of our redemptive package. Jesus did not only come to save us from sin, He also came to rescue us from the consequences of sin, prominent among which is poverty.

After man fell in the garden of Eden, the first thing that occurred was

nakedness. Adam said, *"I heard thy voice and I was afraid, because I was naked."*

So, one of the principal consequences of sin is poverty. No wonder, when the Son of God came, He made it part of His business to restore the dignity of wealth back to humanity. Man became naked immediately he fell. Now, that he has entered into righteousness, should he still remain naked? No! He must be clothed with the glory of God.

That is why the Bible says, *"He became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."* He came down so we can go up with Him. He left His home in glory and descended down

here in the dunghill; and when He rose up, we were raised up with Him and are seated together with Him in heavenly places!

You know heavenly places is no poor place. We are told that the streets of heaven are paved with gold! And the Bible says we were raised up together with Him, and made to sit together with Him in heavenly places.

He took us out of the wilderness of want and raised us up to enjoy the comfort of heaven. Thus, redemption does not stop at cleansing man from sin, it restores him back to dignity! We can’t still remain naked and claim to be redeemed. Where is the proof of our redemption with nakedness?

The prodigal son was naked out there, but as soon as he went back home, his father put on him his royal robe. Do you remember the prodigal son’s journey back home? When he returned, he wasn’t left naked, he was clothed.

When you return to God, He delights to clothe you. He wants to put on you the royal apparel, so that you can look like one of His sons. That boy returned home poor, but was clothed immediately. When you return home to Jesus, He clothes you and makes you gorgeous and enviable!

Establish The Covenant

The Lord gave us power to get wealth, so that He may establish the covenant He swore to Abraham(Deut. 8:18). That is why wealth will remain in the Church, regardless of who is angry. Wealth will remain in the Church because the Lord has declared:

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalm 89:34

God says, “I am giving My people power to get wealth, so I may establish the covenant that I swore to My friend Abraham.” God has sworn and He shall

not turn back. In keeping with that covenant, He releases the power for wealth to those who know the way to get it.

Wealth is in the Church, so that God's covenant can be proved. In Galatians 3:13-14, the Bible says:

...Being made a curse for us...

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ...

Jesus came to link humanity with that covenant, so that everybody who believes in Him is now linked up with the covenant of greatness.

The covenant did not go with the Old Testament. Jesus came and renewed it by bringing all humanity

into it, so that we who are Gentiles have become partakers of the blessings of Abraham, through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

Wealth is in the Church to prove God’s faithfulness to His covenant.

Expansion Of The Kingdom

Wealth is also in the Church for the expansion of the kingdom of God on earth. God believes in money, it is therefore ungodly not to believe in it also. He believes in its place in getting things accomplished in the kingdom. Jesus had a money-official during His earthly ministry — Judas Iscariot. His ministry was accompanied and accomplished with money.

The Bible says that He "*set for us an example that we should follow in his steps*". Thus, if Jesus needed money and a money-official, then much more do we need them today.

I tell pastors who claim that they do not believe in the prosperity message that they don't have a ministry; because if they do, then they must be hypocrites, since they take offerings every fellowship day. What do they take offerings for if they don't believe in it?

...My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad...

Zechariah 1:17

...I will shake the heavens, and the earth...

...I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

Haggai 2:6-8

God believes in silver and gold in building His kingdom. Money is needed for the expansion of God's kingdom on earth. No ministry, no matter how anointed, can function without it. No servant of God, no matter how great, can make any impact without it. Money is needed everyday to reach the lost. Even if you are holding a street meeting, it costs money. Money is needed to get everything which the pastor has received as a vision done.

For instance, the unreached can only be reached through money. It will also require money to cater for the labourers. If they weren't taken care of, how would they survive to preach the

gospel? Without a doubt, wealth is the principal weapon in the task of spreading the gospel as confirmed by God Himself in Zechariah 1:17. It is the principal sickle for harvest.

Make The Saints Abide

Wealth in the Church is to make the saints of God abide. It is important to note that God's kingdom cannot advance without money. Psalm 23:6 says:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Wealth is an instrument that makes the saints of God abide in His house. In John 15, the Bible says it is God's will that we bear fruit and that our fruit abide. For God's fruit to abide, He has designed goodness and mercy to make

them stay indoors. When they follow you, you shall abide in His house forever.

Friend, when you see goodness in the house of the Lord, you don’t want to go looking for anything else. It’s just enough for you!

Cleanses The Church

That sounds quite contrary to our religious understanding. People think that money corrupts, but that is not the truth. Don’t forget that the Holiest God is also the wealthiest God.

Poverty is the shortest cut to stealing. You steal either directly or indirectly. You advance reasons that do not exist, just to secure help and assistance. That is to say, poverty corrupts easily.

...Feed me with food convenient for me:

Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor,

and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Proverbs 30:8-9

Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Psalm 112:3

When wealth comes from the Lord, it makes the holder more righteous. If wealth has not corrupted God, I don’t know what level of wealth you can have in this world that will be strong enough to corrupt you! I mean the wealth that comes from God, I don’t mean the one that comes through gimmicks and games. If it is God that blesses you, it will only make you more righteous! It does not drag people

in the mud, it sets people up in the palace!

Establishes The Dominion Of The Saints

...The poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

Ecclesiastes 9:16

Money is a defence, and defence refers to authority. For your voice to be heard, you can’t afford to be poor. And Jesus said, “The things that I speak to you in the bedroom, shout it on the housetop.”

That means you are in charge and can’t afford to be poor. Poverty has robbed the Church of its dominion in the past, but we must regain it, because

according to scriptures:

...Wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence...

Ecclesiastes 7:12

Many saints in the Church are defenceless, because they don't have the social security required to be here on earth. You need money to have prominence in the social circles of the world.

Money is a defence, that is why the devil came into the Church to blind the saints against it, so that he can break down their defences and make easy prey of them. He would rather keep the Church poor than make her sick! A poor Church is crippled, rendered inactive and ineffective — liable to

harassments, oppressions and cheating; all because she is socially defenceless.

Some preachers in Nigeria have been arrested over and over again for preaching in some places. But some others have gone to preach in the same places and were given police security! Why? One has defence, while the other hasn't.

Money answers all things! Without it, you are defenceless on earth. That is why God has designed wealth for His people, so He can establish them in dominion! We are not just heaven-minded and wandering around the earth, but we are covenant people! We have rulership of the earth and eternity to enjoy! He said He has redeemed us

unto God as priests and kings, and we shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:10).

We will reign here first! Our redemption is worth reigning here with. We are to reign here first, before we go to heaven!

THE COVENANT

...A covenant is a contract involving at least two parties. In our case, the covenantor is God, and the covenantee is man. If you cannot stop the day and the night, then you cannot stop the covenant from operating...

CHAPTER 4 - THE COVENANT

The Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines covenant as "a formal agreement that is legally binding." A covenant is a vow which cannot be broken. It is unlike a promise, which is liable to changes, depending on the goodwill of the superior.

A promise is conditional. You can claim it — it is circumstantial and depends on the goodwill of the owner, or the one who is making it. A covenant on the other hand, is a contract with a strong spiritual

undertone. It is a contract in which the parties involved must accept its terms in totality. Once entered into, a covenant is irrevocable.

Who can break God's covenant? *"I will work, and who shall let it?"* (Isa. 43:13). In this covenant, wealth is part of our inheritance. If we fulfil its terms, wealth is guaranteed us.

It is not a promise, so you can't pray to get it. It is a contract. You only have to comply with the terms to enjoy it. A covenant calls only for your compliance; not your begging, your prayers, or your fasting. It calls only for your obedience in abiding by its terms.

We have already seen that the

reason we are given the power to get wealth is to establish the covenant (not to fulfil the promise), which God swore unto our fathers, as it is this day. A covenant is the strongest commitment in the kingdom of God.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalm 89:34

God has no will power to break His covenant. He cannot, He will not!

Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

Jeremiah 33:20-21

What does that mean? Except you can stop the day and the night from appearing at their appointed times, then you cannot stop the covenant from being functional. He said if you cannot stop the day from appearing and you cannot stop the night from coming on, then nothing can stop God's covenant with His people.

Every morning you wake up and see the sun, you know that the covenant power of God is in force. It is tied to

the covenant of day and night. Until day and night ceases to be, God's covenant remains intact. Thus, as long as you see the day and night maintaining their positions, know that God's covenant is intact, unshakable and immovable. This should assure you that the subject of wealth for the Church is not man-made, but God-made.

Just like He wants all men to be saved but cannot force all men to salvation, so also the issue of wealth is — only those who are willing, and submissive to its demands can enjoy its provisions. Prosperity in the kingdom is the birthright of every saved soul.

Notice that God was not speaking

to David alone, but also to “the Levites”, His priests. Who are the priests? We are! For we have been redeemed unto God as priests and kings, and we shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:10). We are God’s priests, and He is saying that as long as you still see the day and the night, then know that His covenant with you abides forever.

That is the strength of the covenant, God ties it down to human existence. You know that if there is no night and no day, then man cannot exist; all the crops will die, until eventually the whole human race is wiped off from the face of the earth.

It means that the covenant will see

the end of everything, but nothing can see its end. There is no force in the kingdom that is stronger than the force of the covenant. If you cannot stop the day and the night, then you cannot stop the covenant from operating. That is the backbone of wealth.

Thus saith the Lord; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

Jeremiah 33:25-26

God is talking about the strength of the covenant. He is saying that He is committed by covenant, to restoring dignity back to humanity.

That is the core of the covenant. And when the Bible says that the purpose of the power for wealth is to establish the covenant, then we must be careful to find out what the terms of the covenant are, and the demand it places on us.

A covenant is a contract involving at least two parties. In our case, the covenantor is God and the covenantee is man. Let us examine God and see how stable He is.

He says about Himself, "*I am the*

Lord, I change not" (Mal. 3:6). And Hebrews 6:18 affirms this. It says, "*...It was impossible for God to lie...*" Just like it is impossible for a man to b e pregnant, so is it even more impossible for God to lie! Indeed, He does not have the ability to do so. Titus 1:2 further states: "*...God, that cannot lie...*"

These scriptures reveal all you need to know about the Author of the covenant. We have proved that He does not change. He does not say one thing when He means another.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of

turning.

James 1:17

That means that God is constant.

The Secret Of Giving

So, if He says He has power to give you wealth, it means that it is left to you to determine whether that wealth comes to you or not. God is constant, man is the variable. Thus, man has to be in agreement with God in order to get this power. The covenant demand is that:

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22

This is the backbone of the covenant. That is to say, no man should expect a harvest when he has not planted any seed. Thus, the power of abundance will come only by the act of

planting the seed. When the seed goes into the earth, God sends rain, which brings about the harvest.

We cannot produce rain, but as we plant the seed, He sends the rain that brings the harvest. What if the rain comes and there is no seed in the ground? Then there will be no harvest!

While we remain on this earth, every harvest will bring forth after its kind of seed. No one can change that order — seed time must always precede harvest. If you will not sow, your crying, praying and fasting will not help produce a harvest.

God gave His Son, in order to reap the harvest of more sons. If He did not plant Jesus, the law of life forbids that

He should reap the harvest of men. If God Himself could not break the covenant, you CANNOT! Therefore, only givers should expect a harvest. Until you become a giver, material depression is inevitable for you.

It is worth mentioning here that many lose out on their harvest due to impatience. They expect an immediate harvest. It may not always be so. Every farmer knows that he must allow a time lapse between the period of planting and the period of harvest. There is need for the sower to wait patiently. God is a covenant-keeping God, He will not fail. At the appointed time, the harvest must surely come.

Stand on the Word of God, for it

cannot be destroyed, not even by the strongest forces of hell put together.

The covenant law demands that you part with what you have to get what He has. God has the harvest, you have the seed. Let go the seed and open up for the harvest. It is a life-working principle and there is no compromise. If you won't let go of the seed, you won't let in the harvest. The seed must go in order for the harvest to come. This is what people of the world have been looking for and they don't know how to get it. This is the secret behind covenant wealth.

What happens when you give? There is no where we talk about abundance without talking about

obedience. And when we talk of obedience, it means there is a law that in operation. Obedience indicates that there is a law in force. In Job 36:11, the Bible says:

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

The words “obey” and “serve” show that there is a law to obey — the law of giving and receiving. God’s Word says:

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Isaiah 1:19

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his

commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Psalm 112:1-3

What does this mean? He is keeping some commandments that make abundance possible. Covenant wealth does not just happen, there is a law that sets it in motion.

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust...

Job 22:21,24

There is a law that brings that into operation. That law is the law of giving. If you won't give, you won't receive. That is the only way to get into it. If you can't get into it that way, you can't get into it any other way.

The Place Of Obedience

Understand that this law does not respond to tears and has no respect for fastings. It only responds to giving. There is no shortcut to it. Nobody can pray you into it, you must get there by yourself. Every time God talks about abundance, He makes reference to obedience to the commandment and the law. Abundance is never free, it places a demand on the people who want it.

When God wanted to multiply Abraham, He said, "*Get thee out...*", and the Bible says, "*So Abram departed...*" (Gen. 12:1-4). Abraham did not stop to "plan", he departed! He

went where God told him to go.

If anybody desires abundance, let him be excited at obeying the law that makes it work. If you are not happy with that law, then you are not happy with abundance and you won't see it.

...Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that deligheth greatly in his commandments...Wealth and riches shall be in his house...

Psalm 112:1,3

Until you hold God in high esteem and hold His Word with integrity, you can't get it. You must believe that God is not a cheat. He is not a task master, neither is He playing games with your life. He is telling you what will make your life better.

What takes place when you give? Malachi 3:10 says:

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

It is worth noting that when you give, it is recorded in heaven. In Acts 10:4, the Bible says about Cornelius, *"Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."*

So, alms ascend unto God. When Solomon gave a thousand burnt offerings at Gibeon, the Bible says the

Lord visited him. These things don’t just happen ordinarily here below, they are reckoned with in heaven.

THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

...That is the windows of heaven. It brings rain, and that rain is the spirit of wisdom and power. It will help you to be productive all the days of your life...

CHAPTER 5 - THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10

Let me explain what these windows stand for. The first reference to "*windows of heaven*" in the Bible is recorded in Genesis 7:11. When the

windows of heaven were opened, it rained and flooded the whole earth in the days of Noah. When the windows of heaven opens, rain pours out. The windows don't drop vehicles or houses; they are outlets for rain. God said, *"Prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out rain."*

What then is the significance of rain?

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Zechariah 10:1

In Joel 2:23-26, the Bible says:

...He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God...and my people shall never be ashamed.

This rain is the Spirit of God being released. You remember that when the former rain came in Acts 2, there was a mighty rushing wind. Every time you see a mighty rushing wind, you say, “Rain is here.” A mighty rushing wind in the upper room ushered in cloven tongues of fire, which sat upon the

disciples. That was the kind of rain that fell. And the Bible says the latter rain is coming.

So, when we talk about rain, we are talking about the Spirit of the Lord. In Isaiah 11:1-2, the Bible says:

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse...

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

The Elements of Wisdom

There are six elements of the Spirit—wisdom, counsel, knowledge, understanding, might, and the fear of the Lord.

The Bible says in Proverbs 9:10:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...

We are aware that knowledge, understanding and counsel are related to wisdom. You can't dissociate any of them from wisdom. Knowledge, when understood, is called wisdom. When correctly applied, it is called counsel, and all of them live in the house of wisdom.

That the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom implies that five of those elements have to do directly with wisdom. And then we have might. Thus, the Spirit of the Lord essentially is the Spirit of wisdom and might.

When you give therefore, you open up to the Spirit of wisdom, that guides you to profiting. In Isaiah 48:17, the Bible says:

...I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

What that means is that when you give, you open up to supernatural creativity — God tells you what steps to take in order to have your needs met. He rains down upon you heavenly ideas

that lead to profiting and wealth.

Five out of the six elements have to do with wisdom, and one represents might, which is power. So, God tells you what steps to take and He gives you the power to get it done. Until you give, you don’t have access to heavenly ideas and you know, the business world is a world of ideas and competition. It is the survival of the wisest!

Every wealth today is a direct product of a working idea. Every flourishing business is traceable to a productive idea.

When you are a giver and know what comes after giving, then you open up to supernatural ideas that make the world to envy you.

The Lord told Abraham, “*Get thee out*”, but never told him what to do to be great. He only told him, “*I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing*” (Gen. 12:2). Abraham obeyed. He planted his integrity and everyone mocked him. But Abraham became very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold.

How did he get the idea of rearing cattle? It was a supernatural idea that came from heaven as a result of his obedience to God. It didn’t come until he obeyed God.

Many people have missed many great ideas in life, because they won’t give tithes, and when they give their offerings, they do so with great

reservations. There is no exchange for supernatural creativity. It is the best selling commodity anywhere. If it is God that tells you what steps to take, heaven and earth may come down, that idea must produce results.

What comes from heaven when you give is the Spirit of wisdom and power. Wisdom guides your feet to profiting and power enables you to make it through.

When Cornelius was giving, his offering brought direction. The angel told him, “Send for a man called Peter.” And he sent for Peter. His need at that time was salvation and his giving paved a way for that need to be met, and as soon as salvation entered

his house, power also came to bear witness. While Peter was yet speaking, the Holy Ghost came upon them and all that were gathered there spoke in tongues! There is power and direction in giving.

...Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

Now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter.

He lodget with one Simon a tanner, whose is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

Acts 10:4-6

When Simon came, he spoke the Word and they were all saved, because

God led him to it, and filled him with the Holy Ghost. Wisdom directed his steps and the power came to accompany it. Every time you give an “acceptable offering”, direction is ministered to you and power is sent from above to accomplish the direction.

...I will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

That is the window of heaven! It brings rain, and that rain is the spirit of wisdom and power. It will help you to be productive all the days of your life.

Every time you take your tithe to the Lord, don’t keep back a part; rather,

bring the whole. When you divide it, it is no longer tithe. For instance, if you make 200 naira, 20 naira is the tithe of it. If you reduce the amount, it is no longer tithe. So when you say to God, “This is my tithe”, He says, “No, that cannot be your tithe.” You don’t have a choice on that at all. Your tithe is the tenth part of your total income, it is not negotiable.

Then also, you must make your offerings acceptable to God, because He said, “*You have robbed Me in tithes and offerings.*” How do you rob Him in offerings? By giving less than your level. As God has blessed everyone, so let him give. You must give according to your level, that is how rain comes.

Watch every wealthy man in the covenant, all of them exhibited a strange reasoning capacity. You remember Jacob when he was in Laban's house? Laban wanted Jacob to die there in slavery. But Jacob's mind opened up and with every scheme, he beat Laban supernaturally. Laban said, *"All the stripped cattle shall be yours, the others will be mine."* He had thought in his heart that Jacob would die there, he wasn't going anywhere.

To this scheme, the Lord gave Jacob a supernatural insight, so he made stripes on trees and made his sheep to mate in front of the trees. To Laban's dismay, Jacob had much more sheep than he by a supernatural mental

resourcefulness, which comes only by being hooked up to God in giving.

Look at the man Joseph. He was an extra-ordinary man. See what happened to him eventually when he interpreted the king's dream:

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:39-41

Wisdom lifted him, because he feared the Lord. When Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him, he resisted, because he feared the Lord. Anything God told him to do, he did it, and so wisdom came to bear him witness.

The end-time battle of the Church will be fought essentially with the weapon of wisdom, and that wisdom is available through covenant sacrifices. As you remain faithful in giving, the windows of heaven will keep pouring out wisdom and might to envelope you, for great exploits on the earth. That is the way it works.

When you give, the spirit of wisdom is let loose and sanctified ideas come your way. Then you know what

steps to take and as you take them with all authority, God bears you witness with the evidence of His power.

I must tell you this: for many years I have been in the practice of giving and receiving. It is sweeter than honey. I have not had occasion to beg. I have always had enough, because heaven is always open, to release the power that brings supernatural provision. The kind of wisdom the world is suffering and sweating to get will come cheaply by this covenant and you will reap the fruit of your labour.

Take note that your giving is not helping the pastor or the church; rather, it is establishing a great future for you.

The widow of Zarephath gave, the

rain of God fell, causing the power of God to go into operation, and the oil in her cruse never finished! That is power! Provision is guaranteed by the operation of that power, and abundance is made possible by the operation of the spirit of wisdom.

Isaac planted during famine in the land of the Philistines and in that year, God gave him a supernatural harvest. What made the difference between Isaac's planting and that of the Philistines was wisdom. This can be proved.

If they planted in the same place, how did he get better results than they did? He had a better understanding of the weather and applied the techniques

of successful planting (which Israel is still doing today). His father had also taught him how to sacrifice to God. Isaac was himself a sacrifice and so he had heaven-sent ideas to beat the Philistines.

God is not hungry, you are! You are not helping Him by your giving, neither are you supporting Him anyway. You are merely investing into your own future. He has nothing to lose when you don’t give, just like He has nothing to gain when you do. You, on the other hand, have everything to gain by your obedience and everything to lose by your disobedience.

When you are a giver, every aspect of your life takes shape. He that bears

fruit will be pruned, so he can yet produce more fruits. If you are a fruit bearing Christian, you are an established covenant harvester, every good thing comes your way, and your future is established. Give the seed of whatever kind of harvest you desire (happy home, love, time, money, kindness, understanding, etc.), and you shall reap the same in abundance.

Until you prove God with your giving, His abundance cannot be proven in your life. There are many untapped ideas that are holding back the release of your wealth. Give and let those ideas loose, so they can bring in your abundance.

CONDITIONS FOR PROSPERITY

...This supernatural blow-up we are talking about is for kingdom addicts, people that are committed to the welfare of the kingdom...

CHAPTER 6 - CONDITIONS FOR PROSPERITY

What happens when the lock of a door becomes rusty and the key can't turn it? How do you go about opening the door? You can think of any number of things to do to it, but this is the easiest and most effective — oil or grease it to lubricate the necessary parts. Yes, the master-key has been provided, but this book won't be complete without any mention of the conditions by which the principles presented will function.

It is clear that giving is the key to

receiving heaven's increments. Without it God has no access to you, because His law states that there can be no harvest without first planting a seed. However, no giving can be acceptable without a correct attitude. You see, not every giver will end up being prosperous. Indeed, some tithers, pledgers and givers may die in penury.

The law you have to receive entails giving, but it does not end there. So, what exactly is it that results in this supernatural abundance?

Remember, it is a supernatural act of God. It is not something to labour for. We are talking about the supernatural finger of God in the material affairs of men. We are talking

about God dazing you with material abundance supernaturally, not about what you struggle to get.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

Jesus leaked a secret, and that secret is a fundamental law that brings about super abundance in any believer's life.

If you sow your seed on the wrong soil, you will reap nothing. It is not just planting that brings an harvest, but planting in the right place.

Seek first the kingdom of God (and all its demands) and all these things the Gentiles run after, and kill people to

get, He will supernaturally add to you.

The reason many givers give today is that they are seeking for money. They give their tithe only so they can have more money, but not so that God's kingdom can be expanded. They give, not so that God can fulfil His purpose of reaching the nations of the earth with the gospel, but they cast their offering into the basket so that they can get more money.

God is saying, "*Run after Me, then I will supernaturally add those things to you.*" That is the only way to lay up gold as dust. That is Jesus' own teaching. That is the teaching through the Spirit of God. God knows you need these things, and He is sincerely telling

you how to get them.

“Seek ye first ...” Before attending to your own needs, you ought to have lined up what the kingdom of God in your vicinity needs first. This is the only way to abundance — putting God’s kingdom first.

Whosoever has left something for God’s sake and for the kingdom’s sake, not for his own sake, he shall have hundredfold of it now in this time, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Those who give for their own sake will have nothing, but those who give for God’s sake and for His kingdom, can expect hundredfold returns (manifold returns).

The supernatural blow-up we are

talking about is for kingdom addicts, people that are addicted to the welfare of the kingdom. It is not for gimmick givers. It is your attitude for giving that determines whether it has returns or not.

Many prosperity preachers have missed this point. They tell you that if you give, God will in turn increase your purse. It is not true. God will not give the returns to everybody. He will only do so on these premise:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

He will only prosper those whose thought life is the kingdom — when they sleep, wake up, when they are

looking for a business. Everything is so that the kingdom of God can flourish. The kingdom of God is the motive they have for every effort they put into life. God's Word says:

Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

Proverbs 23:4

This advice is necessary, because you never get rich through sweat, at least not in the kingdom. Bless God, we are commanded not to be idle, but your strength is inadequate to guarantee you riches; so don't sweat over it, the sinners are the ones sweating over it.

Labour not to be rich and cease from your own (wisdom) understanding. Your understanding

tells you, “The harder you work, the more blessed you become.” But God says, “Cease from it, because it will never work for you that way in this new kingdom (the kingdom of God).”

It is not your strength that brought the wealth, it is the Lord that gives you power to get it. Your sweat is too small for that.

...By strength shall no man prevail.

1 Samuel 2:9

...It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Romans 9:16

There is no king saved by the multitude of an host ...An horse is a vain thing for safety...

Psalm 33:16-17

So, if the reason you are giving offerings is so that you can get money, your condition is pitiable. But if it is so that God's kingdom can be built and spread abroad, then I congratulate you in advance, because you are among the people that will lay up money as dust.

Many people have been giving for many years and they've never received onefold. They are planting on a completely wrong platform — for their own sake, so they could have cars, and live in good houses. That is all the reason they are giving! The only people that are entitled to hundredfolds don't jump it.

For what sake are you giving your

tithe? Is it for your own belly's sake or for the kingdom's sake? It doesn't happen by chance. No one ever makes it in the kingdom by accident. If you are too smart for God in giving, poverty will smite you. Until the well-being of the kingdom becomes your concern, you are far away from what we are talking about.

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren...for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Matthew 19:29

The promise is not for every one who gives, but only for those who give for His name's sake! That is the platform upon which your giving

produces supernaturally. That is where you sow in order to reap. But if the only reason you are giving is so that you can have it back, then you are labouring to be rich. And because, “by strength shall no man prevail”, you may never see riches.

The testimony of the wealthiest man that ever lived is summarized in 1 Kings 3:3:

And Solomon loved the Lord...

That is the beginning of the journey to prosperity. The introduction of this man Solomon is that he loved the Lord. And he exhibited this love by going to Gibeon to sacrifice a thousand burnt offerings to the Lord. He went out to express how much he loved the Lord.

God so loved the world, He gave His best to it. Solomon so loved the Lord, he sacrificed a thousand burnt offerings. And so in Gibeon, the Lord appeared to him in a dream by night and said, *"Ask what I shall give thee."*

God gave him an open cheque, as it were. Solomon's request was kingdom-oriented. He asked the Lord to give him an understanding heart to discern between good and bad in judging God's people. And this speech pleased the Lord. And as a result, He said because Solomon did not seek for his own gain, He was going to add to him the other things he didn't ask for. God did just that, He gave him riches and honour beyond measure!

All the tithes and offerings that you give for personal interest never produces any result. God says you should expect manifold returns on anything you lay down for the gospel's sake. This is the basis upon which your giving produces. Giving is the only authentic Biblical evidence of love. Love is not just talking, love is acting. And love is not just acting, love is giving!

This is the gateway to supernatural breakthroughs in the realm of silver and gold.

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause...

Psalm 35:27

They that delight in God's way of

doing things should shout for joy, because He takes pleasure in their prosperity. You favour God's righteous cause in paying your tithe because you love Him. He said, *"If you love me, keep my commandments."* That means you are favouring His righteous cause. If so, then watch out for it, you must end up with prosperity!

Every need of the gospel is the joint responsibility of every saint around that ministry. God has no other way of getting His job going, except through you. They were moving in the wilderness and the Lord said to Moses, "Build Me a tabernacle", and Moses asked, "how?" He instructed Moses to inform the people that He wanted a

tabernacle and ask them to bring up their offerings. That is the only way God moves.

Don’t get angry when you see a servant of God making progress. It is in God’s everlasting arrangement. Those who favour His righteous cause shall prosper.

Whatever you are running for in life, put the kingdom right in its centre. Carry God’s kingdom on your forehead from today. Whatever you become, make it plain enough to God that all you are and have is for the advancement of His kingdom, and demonstrate it in your daily living. Every one that sees you will know that you are after the welfare of the

kingdom.

Nehemiah, a captain, sought the kingdom unto freedom. He was a slave when he was crying for the fallen walls of Jerusalem. The news that made others laugh saddened him so much that he couldn’t eat. He called on God to do something to roll away the reproach of His people. He sought the Lord and secured freedom for himself; not only to return home as a captive, but as a king. Thus, Nehemiah built the broken walls and ruled over Israel.

Right in your seeming imprisonment, let the kingdom of God overwhelm your life. That is the secret of supernatural abundance. And because you are after the kingdom, God

will be after your welfare. It is written in 2 Chronicles 26:4-5, that Uzziah:

...Did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did...and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

Not as long as he sought after money, but as long as he sought after the Lord, God made him to prosper! You see many preachers around the world today, their dream day-in, day-out is how money will roll into their pockets. They use all manner of gimmicks, they write all manner of letters and play all manner of games, all in search of money for themselves, but nothing for the kingdom.

All money-seeking saints end up with high blood pressure. You better drop it. Let sinners crave after it, you crave after Jesus and God will crave after your welfare.

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.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

You may preach fire and brimstone,

but if God is not first in your life and attitude instead of material possessions, you are far from prosperity.

Who will God bless? God will bless me. Why? Because I fear Him and I greatly delight myself in His commandments. We talk so much about prosperity, but this is the basis for prosperity. Psalm 112:1-3 declares:

...Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth

for ever.

The man God will bless and prosper therefore, is the man that fears Him and receives His Word with such attitude of joy, a man who obeys Him cheerfully and joyfully and who enjoys His Word as though he were enjoying a very good meal. The generation of the upright shall be blessed and wealth and riches shall be in his house. This is the secret of prosperity.

When God's Word says you should not forsake the gathering together of one another, don't try to find excuses to explain your disobedience. Take it as God's Word that must be obeyed and move with fear to do what He has commanded.

When you see wealth and riches in the house of the man that loves the Lord, know that such is from the Lord. When God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac (for whom he had waited 25 years) as a sacrifice, Abraham moved with fear to do God's will.

To be part of this great move of God that is coming, you must order your life in the fear of the Lord. If you fear the Lord today, you will reap good tomorrow. We are not giving offering so we can get things from God, no! Our giving is an expression of our love for Him. Jesus said we should keep His commandments if we love Him and then His Father will love us. When God loved, He gave (John 3:16).

In order to get God to love you, you must keep His Word with fear and trembling. It is only then will He give you what you desire. If He so loves you, He will not withhold any good thing from you. Move Him then to love you and that will be the end of all your struggles. Job 22:21,24 enjoins us to:

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee...Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust...

Acquainting yourself with God (by being in good terms with Him) is the secret of abundance in life. The closest people to God were men of means — Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, David, etc. The closer you are to Him, the more of

His nature you imbibe and manifest.

The fear of the Lord is the determining factor for the wealth of this end-time, and that wealth is reserved mainly for building the latter house. How much heart you have for the latter house that God is building will determine how much of His treasures He can entrust to your care. *"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you."*

Fear the Lord, greatly delight yourself in His commandments and you will have blessings in return. You need to ask yourself whether you want God to bless and prosper you. If you do, then you have to fear Him and

delight yourself in His commandments. As you do that, your seed will be mighty, your generation will be blessed, wealth and riches shall be in your house and the name of the Lord will be glorified!

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