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God has sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save all who would believe in Him and His Word.

God desires to reveal Himself and to give us His divine nature in Christ Jesus our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

God is Jealous. He wants us to encounter His presence daily and walk with Him in glory – intimate communion - today, while it is called today, and forever.

It is my prayer that this teaching would so impact the readers that all would come to know and believe JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Great God and Savior, and receive the PERFECT LOVE He has for us all as we grow up into Him and mature as true sons and daughters of God.

May you grow in faith and knowledge of your God and Savior and come to know the love that He has for you. I pray for you the Apostle Paul's prayer for spiritual growth:

Ephesians 3:14-21 The Living Bible (TLB)

"14-15 When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth— 16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; 18-19 and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. 21 May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ."

In Christ our Lord,
Brandy Helton
A child of God

God's Love

God's love is good news! Don't believe the lie that God is distant, unapproachable, and angry!

God is love. He is the only true, eternal God. He is perfect and holy, and He is truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells the story of God's perfect love. In that love, God created the first family to live on the earth with Him. Through their deep intimate relationship with the Father, Adam and Eve were meant to fulfill all that was in God's heart on Earth just like it is in Heaven, for God's glory and purposes. Adam and Eve were chosen to walk with God, clothed in His glory presence and were perfect, as He is perfect, and they lived in His beautiful garden, the secret place called Eden. He gave them His breath, life and power to have dominion over all He created and wanted them to reproduce that LIFE replenishing the earth with it, until all the earth is filled with His glory.

Genesis 1:26-28

"26 Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our

image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

God created His children in His likeness. He made them spirit beings, with a soul – mind, will and emotions – and placed them in a physical body. He gave His children the choice to love Him and to walk with Him in obedience to His every word. He gave the first family the power to overcome any temptation offered to them through God’s adversary, the devil, who had rebelled against the Most High God in Heaven’s glory and was cast down to the earth. The devil, Satan, brought great darkness and chaos prior to Adam and Eve’s existence.

Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking that God was not perfect in love as Satan, the adversary, tempted them to believe that God would not keep His Word to them. Through their own will, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Father by eating from a tree that had the power to open their eyes to both good and evil. Through their choice of disobedience, they willfully gave their inheritance and authority over to the devil and his kingdom. Sin entered mankind, which produced death, eternal separation from a Holy God. Adam and Eve were banished from the dwelling and intima-

cy of perfection in the garden and were sent into the world as a fallen creation.

Father God knew He had to come Himself and save His family, and in His wisdom, He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us and restore fallen mankind back to relationship with Him. Through His Son, He destroyed all the works of the devil and the curse of death. Hebrews 9:22 says, *“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”* Remission means to cancel the penalty, so according to the law there must be shedding of blood to cancel the penalty for sin. The Father cancelled the penalty for the sins of His children through the shedding of the blood of His innocent, holy Son Jesus, who was the Sent One, called and chosen to die for all, so all could live.

John 3:16-21

“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 ‘He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may

be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Jesus was conceived by God’s Holy Spirit in the womb of a young virgin named Mary. He appeared as the second Adam, in the flesh, with the choice to walk in perfect love and obedience, full of God’s Spirit, as a man to do the will of His Father.

Jesus grew up as any male child did in the flesh but He had divine fellowship with His Father and Holy Spirit. At the appointed time, He was revealed as being sent from God to save. Jesus went around doing good and healed all who were oppressed by the devil spiritually and physically. He revealed His Father’s heart and perfect love to all who believed through His teachings, grace and miraculous power.

Salvation means eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, peace, wholeness, and forgiveness. Salvation came to all men through the cross, where the Son of God, the perfect One, was slaughtered as a lamb, bearing all sin for all times from a fallen people. Jesus bore the wrath of God against the darkness that separated God’s family from Him. Jesus was punished for our sin and died to cleanse us from the guilt, shame and condemnation sin produces. Sin separates. Love restores.

Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, spending three days and nights in the depths of Hades, the realm of the dead fallen race. Jesus took back the keys of death and hell from that old serpent the devil, Satan, and therefore, all authority was restored back to Jesus.

Great Holy Spirit breathed LIFE into Jesus and raised Him from the dead. He appeared to His disciples, those who followed Him and obeyed His teachings. He showed them that He conquered sin, death and the grave and now, had the keys of hell and death, and would give ETERNAL LIFE to ALL who chose to believe in Him. King Jesus ascended back to the Father of glory where He ever lives to make intercession for us all, and He is coming again to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom on Earth.

Jesus Christ is the head and Lord over His church, those who have made Him Lord and Savior, by believing He is the Son of the Living God and God in the flesh, who finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He not only died for our sins to save and heal us, He chose to give His authority to those He called and chose to follow Him as His disciples, His family.

Jesus has commissioned His followers to do the same works that He did while He lived on the earth.

John 14:12-14

“12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

God loves us and desires that none should perish. He desires for His family to be with Him where He

is. These books are written to inspire all who read them and to reveal the heart of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit in order that we might RECEIVE THE LOVE HE HAS FOR US and be CHANGED INTO HIS VERY LIKENESS. God desires to dwell with His family forever and ever just as He did in the beginning. How glorious it is to live in His presence and dominion, beholding His goodness, forever and ever, amen.

The book of Revelation describes the time that is coming when all things are made new according to God's heart of love:

Revelation 21:1-7

"1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.' 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.' 6 And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be

My son.”

To understand what is presented in the Bible, you must start by understanding God’s love. The good news is that God loves you!

The Heart of It

The Lord God has revealed His heart for all humanity through His Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit in His written Word. God's Word is TRUTH. The Bible is a testimony of simple and yet miraculous truths of who God is. He interacts with those who love Him and obey Him. Jesus proclaimed that His Father was good! The Word of God assures us that Father God is Lord of all creation and those who dwell on the earth. Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God, and He said, *"33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."* *Matthew 6:33.*

Jesus' teachings instruct His followers on kingdom principles of finances, wealth, giving, sowing, planting, harvesting, and building. He demonstrated what living a life of faith looked like. Jesus revealed through His life how to abide and have intimate relationship with Father God. He taught how to be thankful, and gracious, and how to be good stewards of all the Father has entrusted to us. This book will encourage and strengthen the faith of the believer in God by journeying through the scriptures about God's Kingdom economy.

Kingdom Economy

Beginning in the book of Genesis, we see God, creating the heavens and the earth and all that is within it.

Genesis 1:1

“1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

It is written that all that God made was good! God made provision in all He created. He even knew that when He created man, Adam, that it was not good for him to be alone, so He formed and fashioned a woman from a rib from Adam’s side. All of creation was in perfect harmony and glory. God chose to give Adam and his wife Eve the authority to dwell on the earth and to tend the garden in which He placed them.

Genesis 1:26-28

“26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male

and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Psalm 24:1, declares, “*The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.*” It is written in Haggai 2:8, that God says, “*8 ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine.’*” Psalm 50:10-12 reveals even more of His heart for His creation.

Psalm 50:10-12

“10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. 12 “If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness.”

It is important to know that the Lord said, “*6 “For I am the Lord, I do not change.”*” Malachi 3:6. He is faithful over all! He never changes. God is truth. All His ways are perfect. As followers of Jesus Christ, we must know and believe that God is good, He provides for all creation, and He does not change throughout all generations.

Psalm 145:9-13

“9 The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. 10 All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and Your saints shall bless You. 11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, 12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty

acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

“God is not a man that He should lie.” (Numbers 23:19) His Word never returns void “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11). He is faithful to govern and oversee the affairs of man. He faithfully holds all of creation together by His word and sustains it.

Genesis 8:22

“22 “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

One of God’s names is Jehovah Jireh. It means, ‘the Lord shall provide’. He sees ahead and makes provision for you. God the Father provided His own Son to save us from our sins.

John 3:16-18

“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

Jesus erased our sins.

Hebrews 1:2-3

“2 [God] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

How glorious it is to know and believe: “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8 KJV

Jesus Christ revealed the Father and His Kingdom and taught His followers how to pray to Him in faith. It is written in the book of Matthew 6:8-13, “8 *“Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”*

No Skinny Birds

The Lord Jesus taught us not to fear or worry about our daily needs such as food, clothing, water, shelter, etc., because our Heavenly Father knows what we need and would provide according to His Word and faithfulness.

Matthew 6:25-34

“25 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one [j]cubit to his stature?28 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Years ago, the Lord encouraged me on one of my walks about His provision. He asked me if I had ever seen a skinny bird? I said, “Well, Lord, I have never seen a skinny bird, only fat ones!” He graciously reminded me of the above passage in Matthew of how my Heavenly Father provides even for the birds of the air. The Lord just went a little further with me to show me that not only does He

feed the birds of the air, but that He does so bountifully. So, how much more would He not care for me!

God's instruction is to simply put Him and His Kingdom first in my heart and life, seek His righteousness, and ALL these other things shall be added to me! God must be first.

Psalm 115:14-16

“14 May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children. 15 May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth He has given to the children of men.”

We need to simply believe and rely upon God for all. He desires to provide bountifully and bless His children and their families.

Salvation and Heirs

When we are born again, or 'saved' from our sins and eternal damnation, the Bible says, we are a **new creation**. We become children of God and heirs of all of God's promises and blessings. He is our Heavenly Father.

John 3:3

“3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Romans 10:8-10

“8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the

word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

II Corinthians 5:17

“17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

I John 3:1

“1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.”

As God’s children, we inherit, through the Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation, His life! He keeps us. He provides for us. He cares for us. God reveals Himself to His children as FATHER GOD. The journey in this life, is to come to KNOW and BELIEVE the love He has for us.

I John 4:16

“16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”

His love is manifested daily, through good times and bad times. We become heirs at salvation, yet we continue to learn about this great inheritance most of our life here on earth! We inherit all that belongs to God in Christ forever. We are not ‘step-children’ and are no longer orphans. We were

grafted into the promises God the Father made to His nation Israel.

Galatians 3:29

“29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

Romans 8:14-17

“14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

As a Christian we are now in God’s household! We belong to Him. All He has is ours in Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 3:21-23 NASB 95

“21 So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, 23 and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.”

We are of ‘the household of faith! No longer orphaned!

Galatians 6:10

“10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the

household of faith.”

How glorious to know that we belong to God! We are the household of faith. Holy Spirit wants us to grow in the knowledge of God our Father.

Ephesians 1:17-20

“17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.”

The Apostle Paul bore witness to God’s greatness in the letter he wrote to the believers in Ephesus!

Ephesians 3:14-15

“14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.”

God is love! Holy Spirit shall reveal the PERFECT LOVE OF THE FATHER to His children! He desires that all His family be deeply rooted in this truth.

Ephesians 3:16-19

“16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17

that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

God the Father will always go way beyond our own expectations! The church must KNOW God as our Father. In this revelation, all our existence and needs are IN HIM. He shall provide.

Ephesians 3:20-21

“20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

THIS IS TRUTH REVEALED! GOD IS FOR US!!!!

Romans 8:14-31

“28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Jesus taught us to obey His Word and teachings. You obey His Word by keeping His command-

ments that are written in His Word.

John 14:15-21

“15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

19 “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

As children, we are called to obey Him in all things. Provision is IN GOD. All that is good is from God! Oh, that we would know and believe this powerful revelation!

Psalm 27:13

“13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”

Psalm 84:11

“11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

I Timothy 4:4

“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude.”

In the Old Testament, which is the story of God’s family before Christ Jesus, God gave His people bountiful land.

Deuteronomy 1:25

“25 They also took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought back word to us, saying, ‘It is a good land which the Lord our God is giving us.’”

God also gave instruction to His family to fear Him, honor Him, and obey His Word. In doing so, they would have tremendous success and would prosper. He would bless them in the land He gave them.

Deuteronomy 8:6-10

“6 “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.”

The Lord warned His people over and over again to not forget the Lord their God and become prideful in their own abilities by taking the glory for themselves. He warned them not to go after other gods.

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

“11 “Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, 12 lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— 17 then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’

18 “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you

this day that you shall surely perish. 20 As the nations which the Lord destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the Lord your God.”

God is a covenant keeping God. His word is His bond which is His full assurance that holds everything together. The sin nature of the ‘humans’ caused them to quickly turn from God and forget that all they had was from Him. They must come to the knowledge that God has created mankind and is working in mankind for His own purposes.

Philippians 2:13

“13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

As heirs of God and joint-heirs in Christ Jesus, the believer overcomes in this life by placing all hope and trust in His goodness and faithfulness to His Word.

Covetousness and Complaining

In the Ten Commandments, God said, “17 *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”* Exodus 20:17

According to Dictionary.com, covet means, “*to desire wrongfully, inordinately, or without due regard for the rights of others: to covet another’s property. To wish for, especially eagerly. To have an inordinate or wrongful desire.*”

Grass is always greener on the other side! It is

human nature to want what others have or to be discontented and complain about lack.

Luke 12:15

“15 And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

Hebrews 13:5

“5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

We see human nature manifested in the testimony of the children of Israel in the wilderness. After God miraculously delivered them from their bondage in Egypt, they immediately began to murmur and complain about the journey and even the ‘manna from heaven’ that He supernaturally provided.

Hebrews 3:7-12

*“7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:
“Today, if you will hear His voice,
8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness,
9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,
And saw My works forty years.
10 Therefore I was angry with that generation,
And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart,
And they have not known My ways.’
11 So I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”*

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.”

On the journey out of Egypt, God’s people feared when the Egyptians came after them. The Israelites did not have faith in God, thus, their lack caused them to complain against God and His chosen servants. Oh, human hearts are so ungrateful at times, even when God intervenes on their behalf!

Exodus 14:10-14

“10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.” 13 And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

God did deliver the Israelites as He opened a path through the Red Sea and delivered them safely to the other side! The waters quickly came upon the Egyptians who had kept them in bondage for 400

years and were chasing them.

Yet shortly after they saw the mighty hand of God that saved them, they murmured again when God tested their hearts. God preserved His children and gave them water to drink and cleansed the waters that were bitter!

Exodus 15:22-27

“22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” 25 So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, 26 and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.” 27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.”

As they continued in their journey through the wilderness, He preserved them from hunger.

Exodus 16:2-12

“2 Then the whole congregation of the children

of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. 5 And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

6 Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt. 7 And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord; for He hears your complaints against the Lord. But what are we, that you complain against us?" 8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the Lord hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the Lord." 9 Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your complaints.' " 10 Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord

appeared in the cloud.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 12 “I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”

As children of God, we must recognize the WEALTH of God the Father and His Kingdom. Once we come to know from where all wealth comes, then our hearts will turn away from covetousness, greed, and being dissatisfied with what we have and learn to be thankful.

Wealth

The definition of wealth from Dictionary.com is defined as:

- a great quantity or store of money, valuable possessions, property, or other riches: the wealth of a city.
 - an abundance or profusion of anything; plentiful amount: a wealth of imagery.
- Economics.
- all things that have a monetary or exchange value.
 - anything that has utility and is capable of being appropriated or exchanged.
 - rich or valuable contents or produce: the wealth of the soil.
 - the state of being rich; prosperity; affluence: persons of wealth and standing.”

The Hebrew word for wealth is #H2428 according to the Strong’s Bible Concordance. The King

James Version of the Bible translates Strong's #H2428 in the following manner: "*strength, might, ability, efficiency, wealth, force, army.*" Reference: Blueletterbible.org

Through these definitions we see a greater understanding of wealth. All wealth belongs to God, His family, and His Kingdom. GOD IS PERFECT PROVISION. The Kingdom of God is true wealth. The Kingdom of God is the source of all justice and might. The Kingdom of God is provision in every area of humanity's needs and desires. The Kingdom of God is truly a force of righteousness. God is faithful and true and His word is His bond.

Psalm 112:1-3

"1 Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. 2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever."

Proverbs 15:6

"6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but in the revenue of the wicked is trouble."

Proverbs 10:22

"22 The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it."

God's wisdom is TRUE WEALTH.

Proverbs 8:18-21

*"18 Riches and honor are with me,
Enduring riches and righteousness."*

*19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold,
And my revenue than choice silver.
20 I traverse the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice,
21 That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth,
That I may fill their treasuries.”*

Scripture also says that the fear of the Lord leads to wealth and is the beginning of wisdom.

Proverbs 22:4

“4 By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.”

Proverbs 9:10

“10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Jesus said to “*Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness*” (Matthew 6:33), and everything else would be added to us. This is true wealth and wisdom.

Proverbs describes what should be valued in the Kingdom of God.

Proverbs 22:1-2

“1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold. 2 The rich and the poor have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all.”

Proverbs 13:22

“22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.”

Proverbs 13:11

“11 Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase.”

All that we have is from God. He is so good and there is no lack in His house!

God told Joshua if he would attend to His word and obey Him, He would bless him and give him true success.

Joshua 1:7-9

“7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

True prosperity is knowing the Lord, obeying Him, and loving His Word. Jesus called us to ‘abide and remain’ in Him and His Word. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. We are called to bear much fruit for the Father to be glorified. (John 15)

Psalm 1:2-3

*“2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.”*

Holy Spirit empowers us to live according to His Word, and direct our steps. He is the Spirit of Truth.

John 14:15-17 ESV

“15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 14:26 ESV

“26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

Believers in Jesus Christ are never alone because Holy spirit is always with them. The Lord can teach us about everything that pertains to this life and godliness. His wealth is all encompassing, and the true knowledge of His heart towards us will transform our lives.

Gospel to the poor

Due to sin's effect on all of humanity, all are poor in spirit, often living broken lives without hope. How wonderful of God to send His own Son, Jesus Christ, the Word of God in the flesh to the world to save us. He is the Word made manifest, and in Christ Jesus we prosper.

John 1:1-4

“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

II Corinthians 8:9

“9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

Isaiah 61 describes the Messiah, the Christ, the Promised Savior of the world. He would come to save, heal and deliver those who called upon His name, especially the poor. He demonstrated His Father's Kingdom in all He did and taught.

Isaiah 61:1-3

*“1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are*

*bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
3 To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”*

Luke 7:22-23

“22 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. 23 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are instructed to do the same works as He did, and that includes providing for the poor and needy.

John 14:12-14

“12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

James 1:27

“27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and

the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

Deuteronomy 15:11

“11 For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.’”

Luke 3:11

“11 He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.”

Jesus commanded His followers: “19 *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Matthew 6:19-21

Peter and John encountered a poor lame man in need who positioned himself at the entrance to the temple to ask for alms (financial blessings).

Acts 3:2-3

“2 And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.”

God is so good! The poor lame man begging en-

countered the Kingdom of God! He received FAR MORE than monies for the 'day'.

Acts 3:4-8

"4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God."

John wrote a letter to the church about kingdom provision and serving those in need.

I John 3:17

"17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"

God's LOVE is great, and out of that LOVE we give to help others as He leads.

God calls us to work. When we work, it pleases God. The family of God can help one another in times of need, but we should be working to provide for ourselves. God gives to us freely and we can give freely to others as well.

Ephesians 4:28

"28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is

good, that he may have something to give him who has need.”

II Thessalonians 3:10

“For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.”

Hebrews 13:16

“16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Isaiah 1:19

“19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

Praise God the Father, who chose to send His own Son, Jesus Christ, into the world, to rescue and redeem His children who were once poor and without hope, and now are sons and daughters of the Most High God!

Kingdom Prosperity

Dictionary.com defines prosperity as “a successful, flourishing, or thriving condition, especially in financial respects; good fortune.” In God’s family, His children have the opportunity to simply flourish and prosper according to His Word.

The Father delights in blessing His children. He is a good Father.

Psalms 35:27

“27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified, Who has

pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”

God desires for His children to be filled with Holy Spirit. See how Jesus reveals the Father’s heart in this illustration.

Luke 11:9-13

“9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

God the Father is good and wants His children to simply ask. Just as earthly parents desire to provide for their children to bless them, keep them, feed and clothe them, how much more would God give to those He loves not only Holy Spirit, but what we ask for in need?

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son into the world to save it! This is Kingdom Prosperity. We are born again, and by grace we have been saved. Now we, the children of God are to give freely. We are called to give!

Acts 20:35

“35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And

remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Giving is a gift! So, give liberally!

Romans 12:8

"...he who gives, with liberality."

God gives to His family so generously, and His children should give in the same manner to others in our lives.

Luke 6:38

"38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

God says what we sow, we shall reap. That is true of everything in life, but especially in kingdom economy!

Galatians 6:7

"7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

II Corinthians 9:6-8

"6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

Kingdom prosperity is a joyous lifestyle, as His children receive His Blessing and rely upon His Word.

The Blessing

The Lord instructed His people to follow His Way and live according to His word. As they kept His word and obeyed His commandments the following BLESSINGS would overtake them.

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

1 “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: 3 “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. 4 “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

5 “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

6 “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

7 “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

8 *“The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.*

9 *“The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. 10 Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. 11 And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. 12 The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. 13 And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. 14 So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.”*

Psalm 25:12-13

“12 Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. 13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8

“7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.”

God’s Blessing is simply the empowerment for GOOD! All He has ever wanted is for His children to LOVE and TRUST Him. By believing and obeying His Word, He receives great HONOR as our Heavenly Father.

Tithes and offerings

Dave Ramsey, a financial advisor, and teacher, explains the tithe practically below:

“A tithe is a portion (10%) of your income given as an offering to your local church. The word tithe means tenth in Hebrew.” Proverbs 3:9 NIV says, “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.” Those gardening metaphors may have thrown you off, but what these verses are really saying is to give a portion (specifically a tenth) of whatever you make back to God. And first fruits is just a biblical way of saying that you should give first – before you do anything else with your money. You are giving your first fruits instead of your leftovers.” Tithes and offerings: Your Questions Answered – Ramsey www.ramseysolutions.com

A basic principle for tithing is to give to the storehouse (church) that feeds you spiritually.

We see in Scripture where the priests received and gave tithes unto the Lord for His house and those who served within it.

Nehemiah 10:38

*“38 And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a **tenth of the tithes** to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse.”*

The Lord God called Abram to Himself and chose to BLESS HIM and make him a great nation. God wanted a family from whom He could make a nation. God’s desire was to bless the families of the earth through this nation. God made a covenant with Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-3

*“1 Now the Lord had said to Abram:
“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.
2 I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.
3 I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be
blessed.”*

As children of God, it is a privilege and duty, to

give abundantly to God and His Kingdom's work on the earth! By doing so, our lives will be blessed above and beyond what we could ever imagine, and great will our reward be in heaven.

The Abrahamic Covenant

Abraham was chosen by God to follow Him and to know Him intimately as a father and a son. God made a covenant, with Abraham and his family, and He promised to bless them all of their days, as they followed and obeyed His Word. The blessing actually transformed this humble man and he became well known as a *'friend of God'*!

James 2:23

"23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God."

The covenant blessing for Abraham is explained further in the commentary below:

"The covenant with Abraham is the first of the theocratic covenants (pertaining to the rule of God). It is unconditional, depending solely upon God who obligates Himself in grace, indicated by the unconditional declaration, " I will", to bring to pass the promised blessings. (1) National – "I will make you a great nation", (2) personal – "I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing", and (3) universal – "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The personal aspects of the Abrahamic cove-

nant are fourfold: (1) to be a father of a great nation, (2) to receive personal blessing, (3) to receive personal honor and reputation, and (4) to be the source of blessing to others.

Blessings upon all the families of the earth through the Messiah, who, according to the flesh, is Abraham's son and provides salvation for the entire world." *Commentary from The Open Bible, NKJV, p. 14.*

As God and Abraham walked together in covenant relationship, even the kings of the earth recognized the blessing upon Abraham. According to God's word, He blessed those who blessed Abraham. As we see from the below verse, Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of God Most High, even gave Abraham a tithe of all!

Genesis 14:18

*"18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a **tithe of all.**"*

Hebrews 7:1-2

"1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace..."

Abraham chose to give glory to God alone, so when the king of Sodom offered to give Abraham of his own wealth and kingdom, Abraham refused.

Genesis 14:18-24

“21 Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, ‘Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself.’ 22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, ‘I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich’— 24 except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.”

God blessed Abraham and his family for generations so they would be empowered to bless all families of the earth!

Acts 3:25

“25 You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’”

Abraham was known for ‘his faith’ because he BELIEVED GOD! God called him righteous because of his faith! Father Abraham became known as the ‘father of faith’ to the nation of Israel, from Whom ‘the promised Seed’ came.

Galatians 3:5-9

“5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it

by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” 7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

In Christ Jesus, all believers, from any nation, could receive the blessing of Abraham through faith in His name and His finished work over sin on the cross.

Galatians 3:13-14

*“13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), 14 that **the blessing of Abraham** might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”*

This blessing would come through the ‘promised seed’ – the Messiah – Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:16

“16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.”

In Genesis chapter 22, God proclaimed His blessing upon Abraham’s descendants.

Genesis 22:15-18

“15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Perry Stone explains the blessing further:

“Paul notices that God does not say “seeds” (many), but “seed” (one). This one seed is Christ. I have said many times that natural Israel and natural Jews have earthly promises – the sand of the sea; and the Church has heavenly promises – the stars of the heaven. Thus, earthly and heavenly promises are released to all believers, Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews), through the new covenant, provided in Jesus Christ.” Perry Stone, NT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 345.

Through Jesus Christ, the Promised Seed, SALVATION will come to all who call upon His name and will be saved. The blessing of Abraham will rest upon those who have made Jesus their Lord and Savior.

Galatians 3:26-29

“26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were

baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Romans 8:16- 17

"16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."

By receiving Jesus, the Promised Seed, and His atoning work on the cross, believer's now become sons, joint – heirs with God in Christ. Thus, the promise to Abraham, fulfilled!

The Promise of Increase

Scripture tells us to honor the Lord with all your increase. Increase could be considered as income. It is simply fruitfulness and multiplication of what one possesses.

Proverbs 3:9-10

"9 Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine."

The Passion translation says,

Proverbs 3:9-10 TPT

"9 Glorify God with all your wealth, honoring Him with your very best, with every increase

that comes to you. And then every dimension in your life will overflow with blessings from an uncontainable source of inner joy!”

God reveals His heart to His children Israel, concerning the blessing and their participation in it by giving their tithes and offerings to God and His Kingdom.

Malachi 3:10-12

*“10 Bring **all the tithes** into the storehouse,
That there may be food in **My house**,
And try Me now in this,”
Says the Lord of hosts,
“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing
That there will not be room enough to receive it.
11 “And I will rebuke the devourer for your
sakes,
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your
ground,
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the
field,”
Says the Lord of hosts;
12 “And all nations will call you blessed,
For you will be a delightful land,”
Says the Lord of hosts.”*

God is faithful. He keeps His Word and promises to those who are His, forever. Believers in Jesus Christ have an eternal covenant with God the Father and should be greatly encouraged to KNOW and BELIEVE He leads His family into true Kingdom prosperity.

Whom do we serve? God or mammon (money)

The children of God have the privilege to commit all they possess to God. This includes their families, all possessions, and finances. We must recognize what temptations can come with poverty or prosperity. God must have the preeminence in all things. Money or material possessions should never have any lordship or dominion in our hearts and lives.

Money is not evil, but the love of it is a problem for us.

“The Bible teaches much about money. There are well over 2000 scriptures that reference money. That does not mean money is the most important thing, but I think it does mean God knew we would struggle with it. God knew we needed a lot of direction and guidance. Many times, people do not go to the Bible for financial advice, however, it is full of really good information. Biblical financial advice is in the financial world, but most people have no idea its origins were the Bible.” Barton Gamble, K3-5 The Garden Training Center, What Does the Bible Say About Money?

Matthew 6:24 NLT

“24 “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”

I Timothy 6:10 says, *“the love of money is the root of all evil.”*

God knows our hearts. Sometimes riches can inhibit an individual from truly giving ALL TO GOD in order to follow Him. The Kingdom of God is about the heart. God wants our whole hearts, and He will bless us abundantly as we seek His face and live according to His principles.

Matthew 19:20-30 ESV

20 The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

27 Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and

will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

In this present time and in the age to come God can provide and give back to us more than we had before!!

Mark 10:30

“30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.”

Worries of this life can choke out the truth of God’s Word in our hearts.

Matthew 13:22 NLT

“22 The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.”

The Word of God and the power of Holy Spirit soften our hearts and make them like good soil which is ready to fully receive knowledge, provision, and sustenance.

Matthew 13:23 NLT

“23 The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

God has always wanted to be our ‘all in all’! In God, we abound and increase more and more as

our hearts are devoted to Him first. How comforting to know because of His great LOVE for us, He warns us about snares, or traps, of the enemy in, with or through ‘money’ and the ‘love of it’!

Managing Money

It is important to know HOW to manage money. Money should not have ‘dominion over us’ but rather it should be well managed. Money is used for many areas of life: the Kingdom, daily needs, emergencies, real estate, service, education, ministry, the marketplace, savings, investments, retirement, etc. The Lord will teach His children how to manage monthly income and expenses. He will give wisdom to know how to save and invest money.

Barton Gamble, a financial advisor, said the following about managing money:

“He who saves money, little by little, makes it grow. Setting it back makes it grow.” “A good servant uses what God has given you. Investing and letting your money work for you. When we have a job, we work for our money. But, when you invest, you let your money work for you. Rich people work for their money. Wealthy people let their money work for them.” Barton Gamble, K3-5 The Garden Training Center, What Does the Bible Say About Money?

The following Bible verses speak about money and wealth:

Proverbs 21:5 ESV

“The plans of the diligent lead surely to abun-

dance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.”

Proverbs 23:4-5 NLT

“4 Don’t wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. 5 In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.”

Proverbs 28:8 NLT

“8 Income from charging high interest rates will end up in the pocket of someone who is kind to the poor.”

Proverbs 8:22 NLT

“22 Greedy people try to get rich quick but don’t realize they’re headed for poverty.”

Proverbs 13:11 ESV

“11 Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.”

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 ESV

“10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. 11 When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?”

Proverbs 21:20 KJV

“There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.”

Proverbs 13:11

“Wealth gained by dishonesty will be dimin-

ished, but he who gathers by labor will increase.”

Proverbs 21:5 ESV

“5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.”

Proverbs 10:4 NLT

“Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.”

I Timothy 5:8 NKJV

“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

Managing money God’s way and according to His Word can be life changing! What honor we bring to our Heavenly Father when we listen and obey His counsel!

Debt

“Debt is something that is owed or that one is bound to pay to or perform for another. It is a liability or obligation to pay or render something.”
Dictionary.com

Proverbs 22:7

“The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Proverbs 22:26

“Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, one of those who is surety for debts.”

Debt can be a definite snare to trap people. Most folks have gone into debt to purchase a new house, to finance their education, or for other good reasons, with the intent to ‘pay it off’ in a timely manner. Unfortunately, debt can become bondage that enslaves people with ‘more debt’ than they can manage. God desires to help His children with any debts they have. There is wisdom in paying off debts, little by little, but the goal is to be debt free. God can do this.

Dave Ramsey is an amazing man of God whom the Lord has used to help people with money management, investments, budgets, and how to use common sense with finances. The following quotes are taken from [101 Dave Ramsey Quotes That Will Help You Learn How to Become a Millionaire](https://parade.com/969637/marynliles/dave-ramsey-quotes/). <https://parade.com/969637/marynliles/dave-ramsey-quotes/>

“I tell everyone never to take more than a fifteen-year fixed-rate loan, and never have a payment of over twenty-five percent of your take-home pay. That is the most you should ever borrow.”

“Money is like a beautiful thoroughbred horse – very powerful and always in action. But unless this horse is trained when very young, it will be an out-of-control and dangerous animal when it grows to maturity.”

“Doing a budget means learning an ancient and powerful word – NO.”

“It is human nature to want it and want it now; it is also a sign of immaturity. Being willing to delay pleasure for a greater result is a sign of

maturity.”

“There are no shortcuts in getting out of debt.”

Jesus taught us to simply ask our Heavenly Father what we need. It starts there. Once we ask, then the journey of faith begins, and wisdom is given. Then you must act upon the wisdom given. God can move mountains, and He can empower every person with the knowledge and provision necessary to help with their finances and eliminate debts.

Stewardship

According to Dictionary.com, the basic definition of a steward is (1) a person who manages another’s property or financial affairs. (2) one who administers anything as the agent of another or others. (3) a person who has charge of the household of another, buying or obtaining food, directing the servants, etc.

God desires for His children to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to them, not just financially, but in every area of life.

Deuteronomy 8:10 NKJV

“10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.”

I Corinthians 4:2 NKJV

“Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

Psalms 37:21 ESV

“21 The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives.”

The Parable of the Talents is a Bible story about stewardship.

Matthew 25:14-30

“14 For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ 21 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ 23 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter

into the joy of your lord.'

24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Those who use their God given gifts and walk in their callings in this life, will truly be rewarded by God the Father. What a privilege to be called a faithful servant of God!

Here is another parable from Jesus on stewardship:

Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Luke 16:1-13 NLT

“1 Jesus told this story to his disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer’s money. 2 So the employer called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.’ 3 “The manager thought to himself, ‘Now what? My boss has fired me. I don’t have the strength to dig ditches, and I’m too proud to beg. 4 Ah, I know how to ensure that I’ll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.’ 5 “So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe him?’ 6 The man replied, ‘I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.’ So the manager told him, ‘Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.’ 7 “And how much do you owe my employer?’ he asked the next man. ‘I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,’ was the reply. ‘Here,’ the manager said, ‘take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.’ 8 “The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. 9 Here’s the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. 10 “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. 11 And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? 12 And if you are not faithful with other

people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? 13 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

God wants us to use all wealth for His glory and to treat others as we would want to be treated especially in business! He calls us to complete honesty with all financial opportunities. He is actually entrusting His blessings to us. What will we do with them? How will we treat others with them? If we are not faithful with what we have been given, why would He entrust us with more?

With godliness and contentment are great gain!
This scripture lays out the truth so plainly!

I Timothy 6:6-10 NKJV

"6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

What an honor to be entrusted with God's LIFE and resources and gifts, and talents and provision, and blessings! May we be found FAITHFUL with ALL!

Supernatural provision

To conclude this book, we will look at a few testimonies of how the Lord God provided for His people, prophets and family supernaturally!

The righteous are so blessed and kept by God! The following verses testify to His faithfulness to the righteous, even in old age.

Proverbs 15:6

*“6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure,
But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.”*

Psalm 37:25

*“25 I have been young, and now am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.”*

Issac

Isaac was the promised son of Abraham and Sarah. He was called to carry on the covenant with the God of His father Abraham. He was supernaturally conceived and delivered when His parents were beyond their childbearing years. It is written in Hebrews 11:11-12, *“11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.”*

Genesis 26:1-5

“1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar. 2 Then the Lord appeared to him and said: “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. 3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

Genesis 26:12-14

“12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; 14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.”

Isaac was supernaturally blessed with children in his old age and prospered with great possessions.

Joseph

Joseph, one of Jacob’s sons, was sold into slavery through an evil plot from his jealous brothers. God’s Hand was upon Joseph and through all the evil, God worked for Joseph’s good to accomplish His sovereign will. God’s ultimate goal was to get

His Israel, His chosen family into a place of Divine provision because there was a famine coming. Joseph's journey led him to Egypt, where he found himself serving Potiphar, an officer of the Pharaoh, who ruled Egypt. Due to a false accusation against Joseph from Potiphar's wife, he was thrown into prison. God favored Joseph, blessed him, and even promoted him within prison 'life'.

Genesis 39:20-23

“20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. 21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. 23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that “was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.”

While in prison, the Lord empowered Joseph with the ability to interpret the dreams of his fellow prisoners who served as the Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker. Two years later, Pharaoh himself had a dream and sought for the interpretation of it.

Genesis 41:8-13

“8 Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh. 9 Then the chief butler spoke to Pha-

raoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day. 10 When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker, 11 we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream. 12 Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream. 13 And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened."

God did give Joseph the interpretation of the Pharaoh's dream, signifying there would be seven good plentiful years of crops and bounty within Egypt, then there would come seven years of severe drought and famine.

Genesis 41:32-41

"32 And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 "Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. 35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. 36 Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish

during the famine.”

37 So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?” 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

In God’s wisdom, He chose Joseph to be the one to ultimately provide for God’s chosen family even in the midst of such struggle, trial and adversity. God loves humanity and showed Himself strong through the supernatural wisdom given to Joseph. He went as an outcast son to prison and endangerment then rose to be the second in command in Egypt. All of this positioned him to be in authority to provide for God’s nation Israel! Egypt was saved from famine as well. Truly God’s blessing spills over to those all in need.

Elijah

In I Kings 17, we read about the prophet Elijah. God always provides for His prophets. Elijah had just declared the word of the Lord that there would be no rain for three years, except at his word. That affected his life as well as all the nation. Yet, God showed Himself strong in His provision for Elijah, supernaturally.

I Kings 17:2-7

“2 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 3 “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 4 And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”5 So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.”

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah again and gave him specific instructions in which God would miraculously provide once again for His prophet as well as a widow in need.

I Kings 17:8-15

“8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 So she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it

for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” 13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.’ ” 15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.”

The testimony from Elijah is so powerful, and it should encourage us so much! The prophets were used to declare God’s will and Word to His people. This same Word provided for Elijah as well! What a wonderful God is and how miraculous are His ways!

Jesus

In the wilderness after Jesus had been tempted by the devil himself, Jesus overcame him by speaking out loud the Word (scripture) of God! After He overcame, God was faithful to send to Jesus angelic help to strengthen Him.

Matthew 4:1-11

“1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones be-

come bread.” 4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ” 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ” 7 Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’ ” 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ” 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”

While ministering and teaching to the multitudes, Jesus had compassion on them. He wanted to provide for them food, for they had been with Him for a while and knew they were in need and hungry. There are so many teachable moments within this account of scripture, but the reality is God supernaturally provided food for thousands because of His love and mercy.

Mark 8:1-9

“1 In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, 2 “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have

nothing to eat. 3 And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.” 4 Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?” 5 He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.” 6 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. 7 They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them. 8 So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. 9 Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away.”

God supernaturally provided for the physical needs of Jesus who was fully man just as He provided for others.

Paul

The apostle Paul shared how God provided his needs in the book of Philippians. He knew the Lord provided all His needs, according to His riches in glory. He testified openly that even in prison or difficult times, that God would take care of him, and boasted often in the grace of God for him by honoring the anointing in the work of the ministry. He exhorted the church in Philippi that as they gave freely to help him in his needs and the Lord’s work, they too would be blessed.

Philippians 4:10-20

“10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. 14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. 18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Paul boldly proclaimed that His God SHALL provide all their personal needs as well! As they gave, God would give back to them.

Conclusion

I conclude this book with a prayer.

Father, I pray for all who read this Bible Study on Kingdom Economy, that each person would come to know and believe the love you have for them. I pray that you would empower your people and give understanding and wisdom in the area of their finances. I pray according to III John 1:2, “*2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*” I loose divine prosperity to everyone, and may Holy Spirit reveal through His Word wisdom, and bless them in all they have set their hands to. May you be glorified Father, as we choose LIFE and LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY. AMEN.

John 10:10

“10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Recommended Reading: The Blessing, Maketh One Rich, Ken Copeland; Any of Dave Ramsey Financial Teachings.

Prayer for Salvation

If you have not made Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior, and you desire this with all your heart, then please, join me in prayer:

“Heavenly Father, I choose to believe with all my heart, Your love for me. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, the Son of God, and that He is God in the flesh. I believe that You sent Him to this earth to save me. Thank You. I believe He died on the cross for my sins and He was dead and buried three days, and then rose again from the dead and that He ascended to Heaven and is now seated at Your right hand and is returning again.

Father, please forgive me for all my sin and iniquity and I choose to forgive others who have sinned against me. I give You all my heart and choose to live with You forever. I believe I have been born again according to Your Word and that I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. I declare I am forgiven and healed! Now, I ask for Holy Spirit to fill me. Jesus, baptize me in Holy Spirit and fullness in order that I may know You intimately and serve You all my days.

Thank You, Lord, for loving me. Amen.”

Scriptures:

John 14:6

“6 Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

Romans 10:8-13

“8 But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’ 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For ‘whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

John 3:3-8, 16-18

“3 Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ 4 Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’ 5 Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said

to you, *“You must be born again.”* 8 *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 ‘He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

II Corinthians 5:17

“17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

I Corinthians 15:3-5

“3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.”

II Corinthians 5:21

“21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Colossians 1:13-14

“13 He has delivered us from the power of dark-

ness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

Luke 11:9-13

“9 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Acts 1:8

“8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

I Timothy 3:16

“16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

*God was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.”*

Fresh Infilling of Holy Spirit

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If you have been born again and filled with Holy Spirit and you desire MORE and want to encounter the Lord's presence afresh and anew, please join me in prayer:

“Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for loving me and I ask according to Ephesians 1:17-19, that You would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Jesus, and the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Amen.

Father, according to Colossians 3:9-12, I ask in Jesus name, that I would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power. Amen.

I surrender and yield my life to the fullness of Holy Spirit; His power and anointing; the spirit of wisdom and revelation; counsel and might; the spirit of the fear of the Lord and knowledge according to Isaiah 11:2, in Jesus' name. Amen."

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-Brandy Helton

