

4. God empowered us to get Wealth

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Sub-title: We have a better covenant, established on better promises

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV) *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.*

- God's covenant with His people is one of prosperity and multiplication
- God gives us power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to Abraham
- God's Covenant of Prosperity is not fully 'established' (or 'fulfilled' - NLT) until we demonstrate a reasonable level of prosperity in our lives

1. The main points of last Sunday's message (15.06.2025):

- a. Jesus Christ took our Poverty sacrificially, so we could experience Prosperity
- b. Abraham became fully convinced concerning God's Promise of a son
- c. A double-minded man will not receive anything from the Lord

2. God wants to set us high above the nations of the earth

Deuteronomy 28:1–2 (NKJV) *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:*

- Deuteronomy 28:1-14 lists God's blessings (21) for obeying Him
- Deuteronomy 28:15-68 lists the curses (112) for dis-obeying Him
- God said: I will set you high above all the nations of the earth ...
- ... all these blessings shall come upon you, and overtake you ...
- These 21 blessings are an expansion of the blessing that God promised to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3)
- God renewed His covenant with each subsequent generation of Abraham's descendants, and He reiterated the blessings to them

- As we analyse & summarise these blessings, we note that these are largely economic blessings (although not exclusively)
- The key words (& their meaning) among the blessings are:
 - Plenty & increase
 - Prosperity
 - Protection
 - Peace
 - Preferment (Favour)

3. God's intention was that none of the people would be poor

Deuteronomy 15:4–6 (ESV) *But there will be no poor among you; for the Lord will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess— 5 if only you will strictly obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today. 6 For the Lord your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.*

- God's intention & plan was that there would be no more poor people in the whole nation
- The people would be completely debt-free, as individuals & as a nation
- Evidently, God does not like to see people poor!
- Poverty has never been God's intention or plan for His people

4. As believers, we are a holy Nation unto God

1 Peter 2:9–10 (NKJV) *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are **now the people of God**, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

- As the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are:
 - a chosen generation
 - a royal priesthood
 - a holy nation
 - His own special people
 - We are now ... the people of God
- (Please note, we, the church, have not replaced Israel!!!)
- God wants to bring His blessings and favour on the church, as He previously only did on Israel, His covenant people

Ephesians 2:11–13 (NASB95) *Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands— 12 remember that you were at that time **separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise,** having no hope and without God in the world. 13 **But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.***

- Gentile people (non-Jews) were formerly:
 - separate from Christ
 - excluded from the commonwealth of Israel (the rights of citizens)
 - strangers to the covenants of promise (covenants – plural)
- But now in Christ Jesus you’ve been brought near by the blood of Christ

Ephesians 3:6 (AMP) [It is this:] that **the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs [with the Jews], members of the same body and joint partakers [sharing] in the same divine promise** in Christ through [their acceptance of] the glad tidings (the Gospel).

- Gentiles are now fellow heirs (with the Jews)
- Joint partakers (sharing) in the same divine promise
- Actually, Ephesians 2:14 tells us that In Christ Jesus, both Jews and Gentiles have been made one, created by God into a new man
- This “new man” is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, all brought together by God in a new covenant

Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**

5. In Christ, we have a better covenant, established on better promises

Hebrews 8:6 (NLT) *But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for **he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises.***

- The old covenant (Law of Moses) has been made obsolete (Heb. 8:13)
- Jesus Christ came to establish a new & better covenant

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV) *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*