

1. Accessing Heaven's Abundance

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Sub-Title: Finding your Wealthy Place

- Today we embark on a 40 Day journey as we begin our 40 Day Campaign
- We are positioning ourselves to access & receive heaven's abundance
- We are learning & laying hold of God's wisdom to bring us into a whole new level of abundance

Psalm 66:12 (KJV) *Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water: **But thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.***

NLT. *you brought us to a place of great abundance.*

- God brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt (house of bondage)
- They went through fire and through water (Red Sea, Wilderness)
- God brought them to their wealthy place (Promised Land. Milk & honey)
- It's God's purpose & plan to take N.T. believers also to our wealthy place
- This is a message of the hour:
 - Cost of living
 - Middle class squeezed
 - Much wealth has been stolen & transferred "upwards" as a result of ungodly policies during Covid days (Mandates, lockdowns, etc.)

1. Understanding the Core of the Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:8–13 (NKJV) *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.*

- Vs 10 ...**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven**
- Jesus said: Pray to the Father that whatever is in heaven will be replicated on the earth
- Abundance is part of God's will! Heaven has abundance!

- God wants heaven's abundance replicated & enjoyed on the earth
- Specifically, He wants to reproduce heaven's abundance on the earth, especially for His people
- (Abundance & wealth has not been made for the wicked. Prov. 13:22)

Malachi 3:10b (NLT) ... says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"

- Evidently, heaven has windows (not literal, but figurative)
- NIV ... *floodgates of heaven* ...
- God promised to "pour out", not a trickle, but a flood of His blessing

2. The Blessing of the Lord makes rich

Proverbs 10:22 (NKJV) *The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.*

- The blessing of the Lord on a nation makes that nation rich
- The blessing of the Lord on a family makes that family rich
- The blessing of the Lord on an individual makes that individual rich
- The blessing (singular) of Lord produces blessings (plural)
- It's consequential – whenever the blessing flows, abundance manifests
- To be sure, riches are not our focus! (1 Timothy 6:9)
- Our focus is on the Lord, and on appropriating His blessing
- God's wisdom brings length of days, and riches and honour (Prov. 3:16)

Psalm 37:4 (NKJV) *Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

3. What is the Blessing?

- Blessing – Heb. barakah – prosperity, wealth, a gift or present (Strong's)
(the blessing is the opposite of the curse. [Vines])
- Blessing Gr. eulogeo – to cause to prosper, favour of God (Strong's)
- The blessing of the Lord is God's declaration of favour & grace that He confers on certain individuals and certain groups of people
- The blessing of the Lord causes those people to flourish & prosper

- The words “bless” & “blessing” are first mentioned in Gen. 12:2 when God blessed Abraham
- God conferred His blessing on Abraham, so it became known as “the Blessing of Abraham”
- This Blessing was extended to Abraham’s natural children (Israelites)
- Eventually, it was extended to Abraham’s spiritual children (Christians)

Galatians 3:13–14 (NKJV) *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.*

- Christ redeemed us from the curse, so that the Blessing of Abraham can come on us as non-Jewish people (gentiles)
- The Blessing of Abraham is only available to:
 - Abraham’s natural descendants - the Jewish people
 - Abraham’s spiritual descendants - all believers in Jesus Christ

Galatians 3:29 (NKJV) *And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

- **The Blessing of Abraham is:**
 - Righteousness by faith instead of by works (Gen.15:6, Rom. 4:2-3)
 - Fruitfulness and multiplication (of descendants)
 - Inheriting land & acquiring wealth & prosperity

4. Jesus Christ came to give us Life and Abundance

John 10:10-11 (NKJV) *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. 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

- Jesus says that He is the good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep
- He says, the thief (satan) has come:
 - To steal
 - To kill
 - To destroy
- Then Jesus goes on to tell us the purpose why He has come to earth:
 - That we may have life (Greek – zoe – life to the full)
 - That we may have it more abundantly

- The NASB marginal note (& Marvin Vincent Word Study of NT) says:
 - (literally) may have abundance
- Therefore, Jesus died on the cross:
 - To give us life &
 - To give us abundance
- God never intended to give us eternal life and leave us poor, sick and defeated
- Jesus Christ paid the price for our complete redemption!

5. Jesus became poor that we might become rich

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV) *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.***

- When Jesus died on the cross, He redeemed us from the three-fold effect of the curse of the law, namely:
 - Poverty
 - Sickness
 - Spiritual Death
- Jesus Christ took upon Himself:
 - Our **sins**, so we could be **forgiven** and have eternal life
 - Our **sicknesses**, so we could be **healed**
 - Our **poverty**, so we could **experience abundance**

6. Have you been redeemed from the curse of the law yet?

- Do you belong to Jesus Christ yet? (Gal. 3:29 ... *if you are Christ's...*)
- Have you surrendered your life to Him yet?

John 3:3 (NKJV) 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 10:9 (NKJV) ... *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.*