

4. Accessing Heaven's Abundance

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Sub-Title: Renewing of our Minds

- We are currently journeying through our 40 Day Campaign
- We are positioning ourselves to receive more of heaven's abundance
- We are receiving God's wisdom to bring us into a new level of abundance

Psalm 66:12 (NLT) ... We went through fire and flood, *but you brought us to a place of great abundance.*

- God is purposing to take His people to a place of great abundance

Main points from the previous message:

- a. God wants to give us Power to get Wealth
- b. We are spiritual Descendants of Abraham
- c. God wants to teach us how to "profit"
- d. God wants to add "all things" to us
- e. If God wants to teach us how to profit, who is willing to be taught?

1. God instructed Joshua concerning Prosperity and Success

Joshua 1:7 (NKJV) *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.*

- Those who want to enjoy biblical prosperity need to be focussed, strong & courageous
 - We are fighting against religious devils & spirits of poverty
 - We are standing against unscriptural traditions & doctrines of devils
 - We are resisting accusations & intimidations

Joshua 1:8–9 (NKJV) *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.*

- God spoke to Joshua after Moses' death & commanded him to be strong & of good courage
- Then He instructed him what to do, in specific steps, to ensure that he would make his way prosperous, and have good success:
 - ... *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth ...*
 - ... *you shall meditate in it day and night ...*
 - ... *observe to do according to all that is written in it ...*
- **then you will make your way prosperous & then you will have good success**
- In other words: Joshua, do this and you will get that:
 - Be strong & courageous
 - Speak the Word (of God)
 - Meditate in the Word (of God)
 - Do what the Word of God says
- We might say: The written Word of God is the best success literature
- However, it must be the pure unadulterated Word of God, without any mixture of men's traditions or doctrines of demons (Mark 7:13, 1 Tim. 4:1)

2. Similar Instructions from Psalm 1 concerning Prosperity & Success

Psalm 1:1–3 (NKJV) *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 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.****

- Firstly, Ps. 1 tells us what not to do, then it tells us what to do:
 - Don't walk in the counsel of ungodly people
 - Don't stand in the path of sinners (don't follow their example)
 - Don't sit in the seat of the scornful
- Vs. 2. But:
 - delight yourself in the law of the Lord
 - meditate in His law day and night
- Once again:
 - Develop a love for the Word of God
 - Meditate in the Word day and night
- **Then, whatever you do shall prosper**
- The Word of God will produce an inner prosperity, that will eventually spill through into your physical world

Psalm 37:3–4 (NKJV) *Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

- How do we trust in the Lord?
 - By trusting what He said in His Word
- How do we feed on His faithfulness?
 - By feeding on His Word (covenant promises, etc.)
- How do we delight ourselves in the Lord?
 - By loving Him & by enjoying His Presence
 - By loving & enjoying His Word
- ... and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

3. Renewing our Minds concerning Prosperity & Success

Romans 12:1–2 (NET) *Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies** as a sacrifice—alive, holy, and pleasing to God—which is your reasonable service. 2 Do not be conformed to this present world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God—what is good and well-pleasing and perfect.*

- God wants every believer to experience transformation in their life
 - Transformed – Gr. metamorphoo – to change into another form
- Vs. 2. ... *be transformed by the renewing of your mind* ...
- Transformation comes into our lives by changing the way we think
- God's Word is the agency that God has chosen to renew our minds
- Transformation begins internally, before its effects are seen externally
- MSG ... you will be changed from the inside out
- When our lives begin to change, our world begins to change
- Our world is shaped by our attitudes & thoughts, by our words & actions
 - Our attitudes determine our thoughts
 - Our thoughts become our words
 - Our words become our actions
 - Our actions brings forth visible results (we sow is what we reap)

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) *For **the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.***

- God’s Word sifts and analyses our attitudes & thoughts, and straightens them out

4. Our Confession determines the Course & Direction of our Lives

James 3:4–5 (NKJV) *Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!*

- James compares our tongue to the rudder of a ship
- A ship’s rudder is relatively small compared to the large size of a ship
- And yet, it determines the direction of the ship based on the pilot’s instructions
- Similarly, our tongue is very small compared to the “size” of our lives
- And yet, our tongue determines the direction of our lives based on our instructions
- **We are the pilot of our own lives – the words we speak with our own tongue will set the course of our lives**
- James speaks of our tongue being a destructive force if uncontrolled
- However, a controlled & disciplined tongue is a creative force

Romans 4:16–18 (NKJV) *Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”*

- Vs. 17. God gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did
- KJV. ... God calls those things which be not as though they were
- God creates by speaking words
- He declares the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10)
- God called Abraham a father of many nations before he had any children (Genesis 17:4–5)
- By faith, we also call those things that are not (yet) as though they were