

## 5. Accessing Heaven's Abundance

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Sub-Title: Seek First the Kingdom of God

- 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 instructed Joshua concerning Prosperity and Success
- b. Instructions from Psalm 1 concerning Prosperity & Success
- c. Renewing our Minds concerning Prosperity & Success
- d. Our Confession determines the Course & Direction of our Lives

### **1. Jesus instructs us to seek first the Kingdom of God**

**Matthew 6:31–33 (NKJV)** *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.***

NIRV ... put God's kingdom first ...

LBP ... give Him first place in your life ...

ISV ... but first be concerned about God's kingdom ...

- Jesus Christ is speaking to His disciples about "things"
- He says: Don't do what the Gentiles do – they only seek after things
- But you, He says, seek first the kingdom of God & His righteousness
- Jesus did NOT say: Seek only the Kingdom – He said: Seek first ...
  - This is a matter of Priority & Focus
- We do have to concern ourselves with working jobs, running businesses, making a living, earning an income, etc.
- But Jesus said: Put God's kingdom first - become "kingdom minded"

- We could say: The principle of putting God & His kingdom first is a summary of the whole Bible
- Jesus said:
  - The first shall be last and the last shall be first (Matt. 20:16)
  - If we seek to save our life we will lose it, but if we lose our life for the sake of Christ we will preserve it (Lk. 17:33, Matt. 10:39)
- The entire Bible shows us to put God first in our lives, in every area of our lives

## **2. Abel offered the firstlings of his flock to God**

**Genesis 4:4 (KJV)** *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And **the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:***

- Abel, Adam's son, brought his firstlings and offered them to the Lord
- Firstlings – firstborns of the flock (the first part & beginning of his profits)
- God respected Abel & his offering
- God was pleased with Abel because he gave him the first profit of his farming operation

## **3. God commanded the Israelites to bring the Firstfruits as an Offering**

**Exodus 23:19 (NKJV)** *The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God. ....*

- The firstfruits of their land was, as the term suggests, the first of their fruits & grains that had ripened (the beginning of their harvest)
- God said: Don't eat the first of the fruits (firstfruits), but bring it into the house of the Lord your God as an offering (Lev. 23:14)
- God was teaching them to put Him first in their economics

**Proverbs 3:9–11 (NKJV)** *Honor the Lord with your possessions, and **with the firstfruits of all your increase;** **10** So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.*

- God says: If you give me the first portion of your harvest, I will make sure that the remainder of your harvest will be plentiful
- When we honour God with the first portion of our income (increase), He blesses the remaining portion

#### 4. Jacob vowed to give God a tenth of everything God would give him

**Genesis 28:16–22 (NKJV)** *Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “**Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.**” 17 And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! **This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!**” 18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. 20 Then **Jacob made a vow, saying**, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, 21 so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, **then the Lord shall be my God.** 22 And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and **of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.**”*

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  - and give me bread to eat ..
  - and clothing to put on ...
  - so that I come back to my father’s house in peace ...
  - **then the Lord shall be my God**
- **Vs. 22.** and **of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You**
- **MSG** ... a will return a tenth to you ...
- Tenth – (tithe) - our tithe is the first 10 % of our income

**Genesis 30:41–43 (NKJV)** *Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, & had large flocks, female & male servants, camels & donkeys.*

- God prospered Jacob exceedingly, despite his uncle Laban changing his wages ten times (Gen. 31:7, 41)
- Jacob had learned the principle of tithing from his grandfather Abram who gave a tithe to Melchizedek (Gen. 14:20)

#### 5. The Principle of Tithing is practiced throughout the Bible

- Abel honoured God with his firstlings (the first and best)
- Abram gave a tithe to the Lord
- Jacob tithed to the Lord
- The practice of tithing was incorporated in the Law of Moses
- Although the Law came to an end with Christ, tithing is still practiced in the N.T.

**Hebrews 7:8 (NKJV)** *Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.*

- Here, (in the N.T.) mortal men receive tithes ...

**Matthew 23:23 (NKJV)** *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. **These you ought to have done**, without leaving the others undone.*

- Jesus said: You should have tithed, but not neglect justice, mercy & faith

## **6. Honouring God with our Tithe (tenth) is an eternal Principle**

**Revelation 21:22–26 (NKJV)** *But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. **23** The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. **24** And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and **the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.** **25** Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). **26** And **they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.***

- Revelation 21: describes the future New Jerusalem on the new earth
- Vs. 24, 26 ... the kings of the various nations of the earth shall bring their glory & honour to Jerusalem, to present to Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16)
- Zech. 14:16 says that those nations that do not come up to Jerusalem annually to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain (This will take place during the Millennial [1,000 yr] Reign of Christ)

**Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)** *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.*

- We offer our tithe “up” to the Lord
- He sends the blessing “down” (pour out) on our lives
- What is this blessing?
  - It is the power to get wealth (empowered to prosper)
  - It is wisdom to operate in the economic & financial world (job opportunities, business contracts, investment knowledge, etc.)