

“The Prosperity Gospel Is True!”
Deuteronomy 11: 8-12
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Loving God Covenantally Requires The Circumcision Of Your Heart And Not Exclusively Your Flesh, (vs. 16)

To Remain In God’s Covenant Ensures God’s Material Goodness & Blessing (vs. 8 – 12) *Grace... Gifting... Growth... Guarantee*

Message Emphasis: There is a great misunderstanding of what it means to be God’s covenant people. Our great God and Father does promise blessing for His people but it is a blessing of His design. We must see that God does bless abundantly but ONLY toward those who love Him and called according to His purposes.

The divine self-disclosure manifests itself first in the full display of Yahweh’s attributes and character. He is a gracious God, one who has made unconditional promises to the fathers and to Israel... and who continues to offer blessings to His people in the present and the future... Particularly noteworthy are the occurrences of HESED in this respect, for this distinctive covenant term certifies the covenant dependability of the Lord who has graciously obligated Himself to His chosen ones...

Another of the attributes of God particularly relevant to Deuteronomy as a covenant text is that of His love. This is demonstrated in His fatherly affection... but most especially it is used... to describe the Lord as Covenant-maker... In fact His love for and election... are one and the same. He chose this people to be His own special possession, not because they were great or mighty – for they were anything but that – but because He loved them... That is, the choosing and the loving are mutually defining, and they result in salvation and covenant. ~ Roy B. Zuck

EXPRESSED TRUTH: Belief In The Gospel Does Bring Prosperity, (vs. 8)

- Everything is based on our love relationship *Everything must begin with relationship; not just identity*
You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command (Pres.Part) you today, “Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:7, ESV)
- Our prosperity is for a particular purpose *What are you doing with what you have been given?*
that you may be (Act.Impf) strong, *What is your strength for?*
 - **and go in and take possession of the land** *Why did Israel go into the promised Land?*
 - **that you are going (Pres.Part) over to possess (Pres.Inf),** *What was Israel to do once they got there?*

“And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised.”
(Deuteronomy 26:18–19, ESV)

“You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”” (James 4:3–6, ESV)

1ST EVIDENCE: The Prosperity Of The Gospel Is Abundant Beyond Anything You Could Imagine, (9) *Know I have it?*

- The abundance that Christ brings never runs out **and that you may live (Act.Impf) long in the land** *Money runs out*
- The abundance that Christ brings is based on His promise; not your performance *My performance failed long ago*
that the LORD swore (Perf) to your fathers to give (Pres.Inf) to them and to their offspring, “It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore...” (Deuteronomy 7:7–8, ESV)
- The abundance that Christ brings is the overflow of His nature
a land flowing (Pres.Part) with milk and honey.

“...If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ”” (John 7:37–38, ESV)

2ND EVIDENCE: The Abundance Of The Gospel Is Not Merely Material Provision, (10) *If you limit God’s blessing to...*

- God specifically says His blessing is not earthly blessing *If God is moving us, why would it not be supernatural?*
For the land that you are entering (Pres.Part) to take (Pres.Inf) possession of it is not like the land of Egypt,
- God specifically says His blessing will not leave you in the things of this world *If God is moving us, doesn’t that mean we have to move? We can’t stay in the old place! Who would want to stay in the old place?*
from which you have come(Perf),
 - A place where provision is by your own power - **where you sowed (Act.Impf) your seed**
 - A place where things naturally die - **and irrigated it,**
 - A place of subsistence only - **like a garden of vegetables.**

3RD EVIDENCE: The Provision Of The Gospel Is The Lord Your God’s Eternal Care, (vs. 11 – 12) *God’s very best!*

But the land that you are going (Pres.Part) over to possess (Pres.Inf) is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks (Act.Impf) water by the rain from heaven, a land that the LORD your God cares (Pres.Part) for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

*****How Do I Enter Into A Covenant Relationship With God? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you find the abundant blessing of the Gospel

5. To Remain In God's Covenant Begins With Forsaking All Other Objects Of Affection, (vs. 13 - 17)
6. To Remain In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Identity; Not Just One's Own Ability, (vs. 18 - 25)
7. To Remain In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God Regulative Teaching, (vs. 26 - 32)
8. To Remain In God's Covenant Ensures God's Gracious Fellowship With His People, (vs. 12: 1 - 7)

9. To Remain In God's Covenant Begins With Embracing Your God As The Entirety Of Your Life, (vs. 8 - 14)
10. To Remain In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Focus In Worship; Not Just Keeping Rules, (vs. 15 - 19)
11. To Remain In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Choice Of Holiness, (vs. 20 - 28)
12. To Remain In God's Covenant Ensures God's Active Purity Among His People, (vs. 29 - 32)

13. To Remain In God's Covenant Begins With Loving God Exclusively; Treating All Others With Impunity, (13: 1 - 5)
14. To Remain In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Genuine Love; Not Just Tolerance, (vs. 6 - 11)
15. To Remain In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Standard Of Purity, (vs. 12 - 18)
16. To Remain In God's Covenant Ensures God's Eternal Possession Of His People, (vs. 14: 1 - 2)