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PROSPERITY NOW

IT'S GOD'S WILL TO PROSPER YOU SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY

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Introduction

Prosperity is a profound biblical principle that emphasizes God's desire to bless His people abundantly. This commentary explores the concept of prosperity from both the Old and New Testaments, illustrating how Jehovah provides for His children and how Jesus continues this legacy of provision and abundance.

The Hebrew Word for "Now"

The Hebrew word for "now" is וֹיָשִׁכְע (pronounced akh'shav). This term is commonly used in various contexts to indicate the present time or moment. Another common word for "now" in Hebrew is אָשִׁכְע (pronounced akh'sha), which also conveys a sense of immediacy or current time. Both terms can be used interchangeably depending on the context.

Prosperity in the Hebrew Context

The Hebrew word for prosperity often conveys the idea of success, wealth, and well-being. In 3 John 2, we find a clear declaration of this principle: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Key Verses on Jehovah's Provision and Prosperity

Book of Proverbs

- 1. Proverbs 10:22 "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it."
- 2. Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."
- 3. Proverbs 11:25 "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."
- 4. Proverbs 13:21 "Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repaid."
- 5. Proverbs 19:17 "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

Book of Psalms

- 1. Psalm 23:1 "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."
- 2. Psalm 37:25 "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."
- 3. Psalm 112:1-3 "Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon

earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth forever."

- 4. Psalm 65:11 "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness."
- 5. Psalm 84:11 "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

Jehovah's Provision for Israel in the Desert

- 1. Exodus 16:4 God provided manna from heaven.
- 2. Exodus 17:6 Water from the rock at Horeb.
- 3. Numbers 11:31-32 Quail provided for the people.
- 4. Deuteronomy 8:4 Their clothing did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.
- 5. Deuteronomy 29:5 God sustained them for 40 years in the desert.

Provision During the Exodus

• Exodus 12:35-36 - "And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them

such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians."

God's Prosperity in the Psalms

• Psalm 1:1-3 - "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly... And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Jesus: Jehovah in the Flesh

In the New Testament, Jesus embodies the principles of provision and prosperity:

- 1. Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
- 2. Luke 6:38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom."
- 3. 2 Corinthians 9:6 "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."
- 4. Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well

doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

- 5. John 10:10 "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
- 6. Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
- 7. Matthew 14:19-20 The feeding of the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish, showing His ability to provide abundantly.

The First Law of Prosperity: Tithing and Offerings

The first law of prosperity is to pay your tithe to your pastor and give offerings into the storehouse. This principle is rooted in Scripture, where God promises to rebuke the devourer for those who faithfully give:

• Malachi 3:10-11 - "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes..."

Hebrew Meaning of Key Terms

- Tithe: The Hebrew word for tithe is "ma'aser" (בְּשֵׁעֵמ), which means "a tenth."
- Rebuke: The Hebrew word for rebuke is "ga'ar" (בעג), which means "to correct" or "to admonish."
- Devourer: The term "devourer" can be understood as "bala" (עַלָּב), meaning "to consume" or "to eat up."

Living Under an Open Heaven

Living under an open heaven signifies being in a state of divine favor and abundance. When we honor God with our tithes and offerings, we align ourselves with His promises and open the door to His blessings.

The Birthright Blessing of the Firstborn

As believers, we have received the birthright blessing of the firstborn through our new birth experience. According to Acts 2:38, we are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. This new birth grants us:

- Sonship: The sign of sonship is evidenced by speaking in tongues, which is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit within us.
- Spirit of Adoption: We are adopted into God's family, making us heirs to His promises.

The Power of the Holy Ghost

Now that we are sons and daughters, we have been given the power of the Holy Ghost and fire. This empowerment equips us to be witnesses and to live for God. The Holy Ghost is essential for:

- Salvation: The Holy Spirit is integral to our salvation experience.
- Living for God: The Spirit empowers us to live righteously and effectively in our Christian walk.

Kingdom Provision, Protection, and Power

As children of God, we have access to:

- 1. Provision: God supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19).
- 2. Protection: We are shielded by His power and grace.
- 3. Prosperity: We can expect abundance in every area of our lives.
- 4. Power: The Holy Ghost gives us authority over the enemy (Luke 10:19).

Conclusion

God's desire for His people is to prosper in every aspect of life. By adhering to the first law of prosperity—faithfully giving our tithes and offerings—we position ourselves to receive His blessings. Through the new birth experience, we become part of His family, endowed with the Holy Spirit's power to live victoriously. As we embrace our identity as sons and daughters of God, we can confidently walk in the provision, protection, and prosperity He has promised us. From the Old Testament to the New Testament, we see a continuous thread of provision and abundance. As believers, we are called to embrace this truth and live in the abundance that Jesus, our Jehovah, offers.