# Purpose & Prosperity

# I. Access to All Things

### A. The Desire of God is for You to do Well

3 John 2 NKJ Beloved, I pray that you may **prosper\*** in **all things** and be in health, just as your **soul prospers**.\*

"To get along well, to succeed, to prosper, to gain in business, to gain by work"

It is the desire of your Heavenly Father that your soul, your personality would be entirely set free, postured for success.

**Well-to-do** – having more than adequate financial resources, prosperous.

### B. A Prosperous Soul is a Gateway for Blessings.

**Releases** Abundance and Health into Individuals, Families, Nations

Characterized by

### **1. Perfect Peace** — SHALOM times SHALOM!

lsa 26:3 You will keep *him* in **perfect peace**, *Whose* **mind** *is* stayed *on You*, because he trusts in You.

- God will be a protector of the restored Eden.
- The **purpose** or intent is fixed. HB-YTZR
- Trust (rest) is the key that unlocks the door to the paradise of SHALOM

### 2. No Lack, Nothing Missing that We Need

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

NLT I have everything I need.

MSG I don't need a thing.

NJB I lack nothing.

- Basis is Intimacy (MY shepherd)
- Gratitude is our greatest Weapon
  - Gratitude sees the benefits when others can't
  - Gratitude honors the Giver of Life
  - Gratitude opens the eyes of the heart to see potential that others CAN'T see.

### II. Perceiving the Kingdom of God

### A. Finding Hidden Treasure

Matt 13.44 "The kingdom of heaven is **like treasure hidden** in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

If we are waiting for PERFECT, we won't find it. It's there in the field of daily life.

### **B.** The Kingdom of God

**It's relational.** When our thirst for God meets His thirst for us, there are no limits. It's the New Heaven and Earth

The desire for relationship and the humility that goes with that find their expression in gratitude.

"Blessed" are: the poor in spirit - KOH

mourn - comforted meek - inherit hunger & thirst - filled

"Our Father" this is predicated on a family relationship The Sanctification of His Name (purpose, motivation) Manifestation of His Kingdom & Will **Defining the Kingdom** – relational, provisional, psychological

Rom 14.17 For the kingdom of God is **not** a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the **Holy Spirit**. (flow of love)

# Creation is waiting for US to unlock its designed POTENTIAL. Hidden Treasure

# Wealth is Unlimited but without PURPOSE, it will be Misused.

Unlimited Solutions to long term suffering "All things are possible to one who believes!"

21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

# **III. Breaking the Grip of Lack**

### **8 Common Roots:**

1. Sloth has consequences.

Prov 6.10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,

11 and **poverty** will come upon you like a robber, and **want** like an armed man.

### 2. Unteachableness

- 13.18 **Poverty** and **disgrace** come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is **honored**.
- 3. Greed (Wealth is our Goal)
- 28.22 A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him.
- 28.20 A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever **hastens to be rich** will not go unpunished.

### Run after God's Kingdom & His Righteousness

- 4. Unworthy Goals (empty)
- 28.19 Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows **worthless pursuits** will have plenty of poverty.
- 5. Bondage to Possessions
- 11.24 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.
- 6. Addictions (can only have one master)
- 23.20 Be not **among** drunkards or **among** gluttonous eaters of meat,
- for the drunkard and the glutton will come to **poverty**, and **slumber** will clothe them with **rags**.

### 7. Immorality

Luke 15.13 NIV "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole coun-

try, and he began to be in **need**. (v 30 - squandered w prostitutes)

Prov 29.3 He who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a companion of prostitutes **squanders his wealth**.

### 8. Love of Pleasure

Prov 21.17 Whoever **loves** pleasure will be a **poor** man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

### You are Blessed - Unusual Favor and Protection

Prov 10.22 The **blessing** of the LORD **makes rich**, and he adds **no sorrow** with it.\*

\* Heb "toil." The noun עֶצֶב ('etsev) has a basic two-fold range of meanings: (1) "toil; labor" which produces pain and sorrow, and (2) "pain; sorrow" which is the result of toil and labor.

This is the word used of the curse of "toil" in man's labor (Gen 3:17) and the "pain" in the woman's child-bearing (Gen 3:16). God's blessing is pure and untarnished — it does not bring physical pain or emotional sorrow.

# To be a Blessing for All People Opening the New Heavens and New Earth!

- Matt 6.31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.
- 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

# **Exceptional Living**

- 2 Pet 3.11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,... 13 ... according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.
- Isa 26:3 You will keep *him* in **perfect peace**, *Whose* **mind** *is* stayed *on You*, because he trusts in You.
  - The **purpose** or intent is fixed. HB-YTZR
- Rev 3. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

He opened the Universe to you! Will you open your door to Him?

**Eternal life** begins the moment you say, "Yes" to God.

Rom. 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

LIFT YOUR HANDS into the OILY ELECTRIC PRESENCE

Holy Spirit come! Pour out the awe of God and the love of God in our hearts.