3. God empowered us to get Wealth

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Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV) And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

- God made a covenant with Abraham & his descendants, and promised to bless, multiply & prosper them exceedingly
- Abraham became very wealthy, so did his son Isaac & grandson Jacob
- Jesus Christ redeemed us from the curse, so that the blessing of Abraham can come upon us as Gentiles (non-Jewish) people too
- God's covenant with His people is one of prosperity and multiplication
- God gives us power to get wealth, that He may <u>establish His covenant</u> which He swore to Abraham
- God's Covenant of Prosperity is not fully 'established' (or 'fulfilled' NLT)
 until we demonstrate a reasonable level of prosperity in our lives

1. The main points of our previous message (25.05.2025):

- a. What is the Blessing of Abraham
- b. The Blessing and the Curse defined
- c. Isaac accessed the Blessing of Abraham
- d. Isaac re-digs the wells of his father Abraham
- e. Isaac blessed his son Jacob with the Blessing of Abraham
- f. The Blessing of Abraham is accessible to Non-Jews (Christians)

2. Jesus Christ took our Poverty so we could experience Prosperity

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **though He was rich**, yet **for your sakes He became poor**, <u>that you through His poverty might become rich</u>.

- Jesus Christ became utterly poor on the cross "for our sakes"
- Prosperity is available today for every believer, because Jesus carried our poverty <u>sacrificially</u>
- The key words in the above Scripture passage are: ... for your sakes ...
- "For your sakes" means: on your behalf, in your place (as your substitute)

3. Jesus Christ suffered and died on the Cross for four Main Reasons

- Jesus Christ suffered & died sacrificially for our sakes
 - o He took our sins so we can receive His righteousness
 - He took our sicknesses so we can receive health
 - He took the <u>punishment</u> due to us so we can receive <u>peace</u> with God
 - He took our <u>poverty</u> so we can receive <u>prosperity</u>

2 Corinthians 8:9 (WUESTNT) For you know by experience the grace of <u>our</u> <u>Lord Jesus Christ</u>, that **He being wealthy**, for your sakes became poor, in order that, as for you, by means of His poverty you might be made wealthy.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIrV) You know the grace shown by our Lord Jesus Christ. Even though he was rich, he became poor to help you. Because he became poor, you can become rich.

4. Abraham became fully convinced concerning God's Promise of a son

Romans 4:20–21 (NKJV) He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

- When God promised a son to Abraham it took a long time before Isaac was born
- God promised Abraham a son in Genesis chpt. 15, but Isaac wasn't born until Genesis chapt. 21
- During that time, Abraham grew stronger in his faith
- He did not waver (doubt) at the promise of God, but grew stronger in his faith, until he became fully convinced
- Abraham's "becoming fully convinced" when God changed his name
- God changed Abraham's name from Abram (prince) to Abraham (father of many nations)
- It is the confession of our own mouth that causes our faith to work
- We have to verbally agree with God, and say what He says

Amos 3:3 (NKJV) Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

- Agreeing with God and what He says is the starting point of our faith
- Faith comes by hearing, but we must agree with God and His Word

5. A double-minded man will not receive anything from the Lord

James 1:5–8 (NKJV) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

- Double-mindedness about the promises of God hinders us from receiving anything from the Lord
- Prosperity is for all Christians, but those who are double-minded about it, will not experience it
- We have to remove all doubt about the promises of God to position ourselves to receive all that God has for us
- Remove all words of doubt from your mouth, and only speak words of faith

Mark 11:22–23 (NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

- Based on this Scripture, we can have what we say, if we:
 - o Do not doubt in our heart
 - Believe that those things that we say will be done

Hebrews 10:23 (KJV 1900) Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

- Take hold of any of the promises of God, and
 - o Say it
 - o Keep saying it
 - o Hold fast to the profession (confession) of your faith