

**The Prosperity of Obedience**  
**Sermon Bible Notes**  
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**Introduction**

Prosperity? Houses, cars, land, vacations, money, ease, luxury, clothes, jewelry, diamonds, degrees, etc... Is God's prosperity about having stuff to show off to other people that you have stuff?

**3Jn 1:2** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Prosper (Greek): euodoō [*yoo-od-o'-o*] Comes from a compound word good + road = to *help* on the *road*; *succeed in reaching*; In other words: Successful journey!

**Joh 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it more abundantly* (superior).

**Main question: Is a prosperous and more abundant life attainable? How do I receive this more abundant and prosperous life?**

Do I have give more money to the church? Give the pastor a big bonus gift for his/her appreciation day? How high do I have to jump? How loud do I have to shout? Do I need to get more stuff to prove to everyone that I am in favor with God?

NO!

Let's discover true prosperity and more abundant living according to the Bible.

**Psa 1:1** Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful (scoffers/mockers).

**Psa 1:2** But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate (ponder/speak/mutter) day and night.

**Psa 1:3** 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.

**Psa 1:4** The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

**Psa 1:5** Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**Psa 1:6** For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**1<sup>st</sup> principle for true prosperity** - Psalm 1 - Don't listen to "unsuccessful" people or "hung out" with them, ungodly people who are NOT on the road to Heaven.

**2<sup>nd</sup> principle** - True prosperity is having delight and mediating (pondering/speaking) of God's law day and night. True success, even when all is failing you are succeeding on the road of success to Heaven.

**Jos 1:7** Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

**Jos 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate(ponder/speak/mutter) therein day and night, that thou mayest **observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**

3<sup>rd</sup> principle – True prosperity is obedience to God's law

Again... Delighting, mediating, and obedience to God law will give you a successful journey to the Heavenly kingdom.

**How should you express your love and devotion to Jesus, the one who cleansed you from sin?**

**Joh 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

**Joh 14:21** He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

**Joh 15:10** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

**1Jn 2:3** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

**1Jn 2:4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

**1Jn 5:2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

**1Jn 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

**Remember----**Delighting, mediating, and obedience to God commandments will give you a successful journey to the Heavenly kingdom. And while you are on this journey God will give you a more abundant life. It does not mean that trouble nor trails won't come your way, but by faith through Christ you will be able to stand and move forward.

**Psa 112:1** Praise ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments.

**Psa 112:2** His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

**Psa 112:3** Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

**When you are connected with the King of kings, his wealth, riches and his righteousness are yours!**

**True prosperity and more abundant living can ONLY come through obedience to ALL of God's commandments.**

**Think about it.....**

If you are traveling in your car out of state to a relative's house a successful journey is dependent on your obedience to the laws of the road. If you excessively speed, run red lights, blow through stop signs, and drive recklessly while on your road trip, will you make it there successfully? NO! **You will NOT make it!**

**Are you called a legalist or following the laws of bondage if you keep the laws of the road? NO!**

**The laws of the road are designed to protect you and others. The same is true for God's commandments. We will have a successful, prosperous trip to Heaven through Christ by obeying the commandments of God!**

**What are the blessings for those who are on the prosperous, more abundant journey because they obey the commandments of God?**

**Psa 103:18** To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

**Psa 103:19** The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

**Psa 103:20** Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

**Psa 103:21** Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

**Psa 103:22** Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

**Rev 22:14** Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

There it is! A successful journey to the heavenly kingdom requires God's people to be obedient to ALL of God's ten commandment.

Let's learn more about the prosperity of obedience from the messages that God gave to the children of Israel

### **What was Israel's prosperity depended on?**

**Deu 4:1** Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

**Deu 4:2** Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

**Deu 4:6** Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.

**Deu 4:9** Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

**Not only where they to keep ALL the commandments of God for their success, but to teach them to their children.**

### **Let's read more about the prosperity of obedience!**

**Deu 8:1** All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

**Deu 8:6** Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

**Deu 8:7** For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

**Deu 8:8** A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

**Deu 8:9** A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

**Lev 22:31** Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.

**Lev 26:1** Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

**Lev 26:2** Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

**Lev 26:3** If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

**Lev 26:4** Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

**Lev 26:5** And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

**Lev 26:6** And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

**Lev 26:7** And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

**Lev 26:8** And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

Lev 26:9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

Lev 26:10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

Lev 26:11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

Lev 26:12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deu 28:3 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

Deu 28:4 Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Deu 28:5 Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

Deu 28:6 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

Deu 28:7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

Deu 28:8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deu 28:9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

**Deu 29:9** Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

### **What was Israel's warning and our warning about rejecting and not keeping God's commandments?**

Deu 8:10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

Deu 8:11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

**Deu 8:12** Lest *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*;

Deu 8:13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

Deu 8:14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

Deu 8:15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

Deu 8:16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

Deu 8:17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth.

Deu 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

Deu 8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Deu 8:20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

### **Main lesson – The results of rejecting and not obeying the commandments of God**

- 1) Forget the true God of Heaven and substitute with a false god (or a false view of God)
- 2) Prideful
- 3) Walk after the World
- 4) Sure death

### **What are the examples of curses of disobedience to God's commandments?**

**Deu 28:15** But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

**Deu 28:16** Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

**Deu 28:17** Cursed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

**Deu 28:18** Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

**Deu 28:19** Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

**Deu 28:20** The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

**Deu 28:21** The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

**Deu 28:28** The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

**Deu 28:29** And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*.

**2Ch 24:17** Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.

**2Ch 24:18** And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

**2Ch 24:19** Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

**2Ch 24:20** And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

### **What does Jesus say about those who break the commandments and teach men also to reject God's commandments?**

**Mat 5:19** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

### **Whose commandments are do you choose? Commandments of men or the commandments of God..**

**Mat 15:9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

**Tit 1:14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

**Tit 1:15** Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

**Tit 1:16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

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