
The Keys of Prosperity (Accessing the Covenant)

The Keys of Holiness

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Sermon: The Keys of Holiness: The Keys of Prosperity (Accessing the Covenant)

Lesson Text

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Introduction

Today we close out this series by looking at one final set of keys, The Keys of Prosperity:

I want to look at these last set of keys by looking at our promise, or covenant.

Genesis 17:1–2 (AV)¹ And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. ² And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

The blessings of the Lord is not just a promise, but a covenant!

A Covenant is a law, an agreement, a contract drawn up by deed. Theologically, it is *an agreement that brings about a relationship of commitment between God and his people.*

Unlike a normal contract though, a covenant can't be broken.

Perhaps you've seen a couple perform the Sand or Salt Ceremony at the Wedding. It actually comes from the Hebrew tradition of the Salt Covenant. The symbolism is that once the salt was mixed, it could not be separated, making the covenant final and everlasting.

God established a covenant with His people that could never be broken; and the way He would do it was through prosperity!

Deuteronomy 8:18 (AV)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.

Prosperity is not the Covenant per say, it is the tool, the key God gives us to access it!

The Covenant is Open Doors, Open Heavens, and Open Lands, and the way we access them is through the Keys of Prosperity!

Series and Sermon: The Keys of Holiness: The Keys of Prosperity (Accessing the Covenant)

“Accessing the Covenant of Open Doors, Open Heavens, and Open Lands”

I. The Covenant of Open Doors (Opportunity) – Prepared by God

Revelation 3:8 (AV)⁸ **I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

By Open Doors, I mean Opportunity; Doors of Opportunity!

The first challenge we have with Accessing Prosperity is Opportunity:

Proverbs 18:16 (AV)¹⁶ A man’s gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

“Success occurs when Preparation Meets Opportunity”!

Too many people are waiting on the opportunity, the big break, the open door, but fail to understand the preparation necessary for the opportunity.

Have you ever seen a person who had a title, position, or some money, but were arrogant, stuck-up, egotistical, conceited, big-headed, or narcissistic?

It is because money doesn’t make you, it exposes you.

Without Preparation, your Gifts can take you places that your Character can’t keep you!

The First Key of Prosperity is Preparation

Never allow yourself to become frustrated and jealous of the person who walks in the Opportunity of Wealth without the Preparation for Wealth

Psalm 73:1–3 (AV)¹ Truly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart. ² But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. ³ For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psalm 73:17–18 (AV)¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end. ¹⁸ Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

Don’t Worry about Opportunity, it’s your Covenant; Praise God for your Preparation

James 1:2–4 (AV)² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Revelation 3: ⁸ **I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, ...**

To Access the Open Doors of Wealth, you must first go through the Open Door of Preparation

II. The Covenant of Open Heavens (Blessings) – Obedient to God

Malachi 3:10 (AV)¹⁰ 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.*

By Open Heavens, I Mean Blessings; the Blessings of the Lord.

The next challenge to Accessing Prosperity is Blessings.

There is a difference between money and blessings; and most people have chosen to chase money; and have consequently fallen in love with it.

1 Timothy 6:10 (AV)¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Mark 4:19 (AV)¹⁹ **And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.**

So, we error from our faith, we become unfruitful, we fail to walk in our calling and fulfill our purpose, we backbite, hurt, deceive, and cheat for money!

Why? Because we've confused money with blessings.

Proverbs 10: ²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

When you have sorrows with riches, then you have money without blessings.

The next key of Prosperity is Obedience

Most people when they read Malachi 3:10, only hear tithes and offerings, but the real message was not about your money, but about your obedience.

Malachi 3:7 (AV)⁷ Even from the days of your fathers ye are **gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them.** Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts...

It wasn't about the tithes and offerings, it was about being disobedient.

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

Blessed in City and Field, Blessed Children and Land, Blessed Baskets and Storehouses (Bank Accounts), Blessed Coming in, and Blessed Going out!

But why would we be blessed? Why would all these blessings overtake us?

Deuteronomy 28:1 (AV)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...

“Obedience is better than a Sacrifice”

Don't worry about Money and Riches, it's your Covenant, just be Obedient.

To Access the Open Heavens of Wealth, you must be Obedient to God.

III. The Covenant of Open Lands (Wealthy Places) – Ordered by God

1 Chronicles 4:10 (AV)¹⁰ And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep *me* from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

By Open Lands I mean Wealthy Places; the Place God has prepared for you!

Our final challenge to Accessing Prosperity is Right Place, Right Time

You can be in the right place, but the wrong time: God is not finished with you yet:

- Galatians 6:9 (AV)⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

You can be in the right time, but in the wrong place: God has not led you yet:

- Matthew 6:13 (AV)¹³ **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Psalms 119:¹³³ Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

The Final Key to Prosperity is being Ordered by God

You don't just end up in a wealthy place, you don't just luck up in a wealthy place, you must be ordered and led into a wealthy place

Psalms 66:12 (AV)¹² Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.

Psalms 37:²³ The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Psalms 35:²⁷ Let them shout for joy and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Don't worry about the Struggle, because you're being Ordered: Psalms 34:¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Don't worry about the Betrayal, because you're being Ordered: Hebrews 13:⁵ ... for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Don't worry about the Persecution, because you're being Ordered: 2 Corinthians 4:⁸ *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

When you get your orders, rejoice!

Deuteronomy 11:²⁴ Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours:

Revelation 22:12 (AV)¹² **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Keys of Prosperity (Accessing the Covenant))

Lesson Text

- Psalm 34:1–3, Mark 4:35–40

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *The Covenant of Open Doors (Opportunity)*

II. *The Covenant of Open Heavens (Blessings)*

III. *The Covenant of Open Lands (Wealthy Places)*

Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Who was your favorite teacher in school and how did he or she impact you?
2. If you could choose an age to remain forever, what would it be?

II. Into the Bible

1. According to The Message Translation of Psalm 35:27, the psalmist proclaims: “But those who want the best for me, Let them have the last word—a glad shout!—and say, over and over and over, “God is great—everything works together for good for his servant. I’ll tell the world how great and good you are, I’ll shout Hallelujah all day, every day,” why is it important to utilize praise along with the keys of prosperity?
2. In James 2:18-22, we see how faith and good works are connected. Because Abraham believed right about God (faith), he was able to take the action (works) that corresponded with his faith. What role does faith and good works play in the covenant God made with us?

III. Life Application

1. *The Covenant of Open Heavens*: Money itself is neither good nor bad; it’s a tool. Aside from tithes and offerings, what other ways can we leverage money as a tool to expand the Kingdom?
2. *The Covenant of Open Lands*: When you are obedient to God’s leading, you will end up in the right place at the right time. Explain how you will show forth the glory of the Lord in your wealthy place and remain humble.