
The Promise of Good Success

God's Plan To Prosper You

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Sermon: God's Plan To Prosper You: The Promise of Good Success

Lesson Text

Joshua 1:1–9 (AV)¹ Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ²Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. ⁵There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. ⁷Only 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. ⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate 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. ⁹Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Introduction

Jeremiah 29:11 (BSB) For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, **plans to prosper you** and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope.

As we stated last week, Prosperity is not a hope, dream, lottery, or luck. Prosperity is the Divine Plan of God for the Success of His People.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT)¹⁸ Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.

Today's lesson text specifically connects God's Plan to his Promise of Success.

Joshua 1:8 (AV)⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate 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.**

God's Divine Plan for Prosperity is Success; defined as being strong and healthy in every area of our lives including financially, materially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

It consists of what I call "The Five P's": Plan, Promise, Path, Purpose, and Prosper.

1. God's got a **Plan** – Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the Plans I have for you"
2. God gives us a **Promise** – Joshua 1:8, "You shall have Good Success"

3. God shows us the **Path**– Proverbs 3:6, “He shall direct your Path”
4. God has a **Purpose** – Romans 8:28, “Called according to His Purpose”
5. God wants us to **Prosper** – Psalms 35:27, “God takes Pleasure in Our Prosperity”

Last week, we started looking at God’s Plan by exploring and exposing our Heart’s Desires. And what we learned was that there is a huge gap between God’s Heart and Our Heart:

- We must Realize the Gap by Learning the Heart of God
- We must Bridge the Gap by Trusting the Heart of God
- We must Close the Gap by Delighting in the Heart of God

Now what we will learn today is the same thing that Joshua learned as he was standing on the precipice of his success. And that is although he had a promise of success, he would have to fight and develop courage to achieve.

Unlike Salvation, which is a gift of unmerited and unearned grace and mercy, Success must be earned by believing in your promise, fighting for your promise, and overcoming the fears of your promise.

Series and Sermon: God’s Plan To Prosper You: The Promise of Good Success

“The Promise of Good Success, The Fight of Good Success, The Courage of Good Success”

I. The Promise of Good Success

Joshua 1:3 (AV) ³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

The first thing we must learn about Good Success is that it’s a Divine Promise from God to His People.

Genesis 12:2–3 (AV)² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Although we will deal with the purpose of prosperity in a future message, it is important for us to understand that the world needs us to prosper because we are the true source of prosperity.

Jesus said, “The poor you will have with you always”. And not just poverty poor; but spiritually poor, emotionally poor, broken poor, hurt and betrayed poor. And we are called to be the source of their blessing.

So regardless of where you are today, God has a Plan for your Prosperity that comes with a Promise of Good Success. It’s your responsibility to hold on to that promise no matter what!

2 Corinthians 1:20 (AV)²⁰ For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

I don't care who says you will never get there, never be blessed, never get promoted, never be healed, never get delivered, never achieve anything; you have to tell all of them that they are a lie because you have God's promise.

Romans 3:4 (AV)⁴ God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; ...

If people don't see, they are a lie; if you don't see it, you are a lie; if your life doesn't show, then your life is a lie. Why? Because God is True, and His Promise is yea and amen.

The promise has been stamped with God's approval, and your success is a sure thing!

II. The Fight of Good Success

Joshua 1:5 (AV)⁵ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

The second thing we must learn is that we have to fight for our promise of Good Success.

Just because you have a promise, doesn't mean that you just wait for it to fall in your lap. Why? Because the enemy will do everything he can to prevent you from walking into your promise of Good Success:

- John 10:10 (AV)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.**
- 1 Peter 5:8 (AV)⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Joshua 1:4 (AV)⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

Although there was a promise, there were also giants who would not give up without a fight.

Numbers 13:33 (AV)³³ And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

The key to fighting for your good success to not look at the enemy through your eyes, but look at him through God's eyes.

Numbers 13:30 (AV)³⁰ And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; **for we are well able to overcome it.**

- God is with us (He promised to never leave us)
- God is on us (Put on the Whole Armor of God)
- God is in us (Greater is he that is us; No weapon against us shall prosper)

III. The Courage of Good Success

Joshua 1:9 (AV)⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

- Good Success is Holding on to Your Promise
- Good Success is Fighting for Your Promise
- Good Success is Having Courage to go get Your Promise

God is going to make our way Prosperous and give us Good Success; however, we must develop courage if we are to ultimately obtain or achieve it.

Three times God tells Joshua to have Courage:

1. Joshua 1:6 (AV) ⁶Be strong and of a good courage: ...
2. Joshua 1:7 (AV) ⁷Only be thou strong and very courageous, ...
3. Joshua 1:9 (AV) ⁹Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; ...

The reason why we need courage is because the enemy will do everything he can to evoke the fear response in us when we are on the precipice of our Good Success.

He will evoke the fear of people, he will evoke the fear of failure, and he will even evoke the fear of success.

2 Timothy 1:7 (AV)⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Courage is not the Absence of Fear, it is Fear that has said its Prayers!

We must have Courage that has said its Prayers for our People:

- Joshua 1: ⁶Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.
- Courage for the people we're called to: our Spouses, our Children, our Families, our Brothers & Sisters in the Lord, our Co-Workers, and those we're called to shine the light.

We must have Courage that has said its Prayers for our Calling:

- Joshua 1:7 (AV) ⁷Only 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.
- Psalm 23:4 (AV) ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- Psalm 91:7 (AV) ⁷A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

We must have Courage that has said its Prayers for our Fears:

- Joshua 1:9 (AV) ⁹Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.
- Courage over the fears of failure, courage over the fears of success, courage over the fears of the enemy, courage over the fears of struggle, pain, hurt, and betrayal.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Promise of Good Success)

Lesson Text

- Joshua 1:1-9

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *The Promise of Good Success*

II. *The Fight of Good Success*

III. *The Courage of Good Success*

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

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. What is the hardest part about meeting with your Growth Group on Zoom? What is the easiest?
2. You get an opportunity to sing karaoke, what song do you pick?

II. Into the Bible

1. Read Joshua 1:8. What does "meditate" mean? How does one meditate day and night? (give scripture references). Define "good success".
2. Read Numbers. 27:15-23. Joshua was Moses' successor and played a key role in the exodus from Egypt. How did that charge to Joshua help him to lead the people after Moses?

III. Life Application

1. Name 1 thing that can happen in life that makes it hard to hold on to our promise of good success. How do we fight against that 1 thing and win?
2. What practical steps will you take to build courage to go get your promise?