
The Purpose of Prosperity, Part I (Predestined and Called)

God's Plan To Prosper You

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Sermon: God's Plan To Prosper You: The Purpose of Prosperity, Part I (Predestined and Called)

Lesson Text

Romans 8:28–30 (AV)²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. ²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Genesis 12:1–3 (AV)¹ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 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.

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.

Introduction

This series, “God’s Plan To Prosper You”, consists of what we call “The Five P’s”:

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 looked at the Path to Prosperity and learned three things: We must Discover the Path, Walk the Path, and Get Through the Path. Too many people are either on the wrong path, constantly getting off the path, or not fighting enough to get through the path.

Now let’s look at the Purpose of Prosperity.

Just like people struggle with their path (“What path am I to take?”), they also struggle with their purpose (“What is my purpose in life?” “Why am I here?” “What is my calling?”).

Today’s message will explore purpose, not from our perspective, but from God’s.

Romans 8: ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the **called according to HIS PURPOSE**.

Our second lesson text teaches us the “why” behind the purpose of prosperity: Genesis 12:³ ... and in thee shall **all families of the earth be blessed**.

Our third lesson text teaches us about the power behind the purpose of prosperity: Deuteronomy 8: ¹⁸ ... for *it is* he that giveth thee **power to get wealth**

And our first lesson text teaches us the four stages to the purpose of prosperity: Romans 8: ³⁰ Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he called, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**.

I have four points to this message, and today we will explore the first two stages of Purpose to Prosper, those being Predestination and Calling; and next week we will take a look at the first final two stages, Justification and Glorification!

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“Predestined with Purpose, Called with Purpose”

I. Predestined with Purpose

Romans 8: ²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, **he also did predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Predestinate doesn't mean that your life is predetermined, it means that once you get into God's plan, your destiny is guaranteed.

You don't have to wonder, hope, or worry about what is your purpose and destiny; you don't have to be frustrated about if or when it will ever happen because it is predestined.

Destiny is defined as the events that will necessarily happen to a particular person in the future.

From a spiritual and biblical sense, pre-destiny or predestination means that when God calls you, He is going to see you through.

When I was in Corporate America, I had a passionate desire to climb the corporate ladder. But I was always frustrated because I didn't know if I would ever reach my goals or desires for advancement and promotion.

Would I be held back by the “isms” of life: favoritism, racism, sexism, and all the other isms. And the truth is although I did get ahead at times, I still never knew.

But with God, we do know because we are predestined with a purpose to prosper.

Romans 8: ²⁸ And **we know that all things work together** for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to **his purpose**.

When the Great Shepherd of the Sheep starts out with one hundred sheep, He's coming home with one hundred sheep; He will not lose one of them.

Luke 15: ⁴ **What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? ⁵ And when he**

hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. ⁷ I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Some people are satisfied with 50%, others will be overjoyed with 80%, but we used to sing a song that represents our Lord and Savior, 99 and a half won't do; God will get all one hundred.

Philippians 1:⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

We don't have to look for purpose, we don't have to go to a prophet and ask him for purpose, we don't have to even pray for purpose. Why? Because we already have purpose, and our purpose has already been predetermined; it is already predestined.

Deuteronomy 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.

II. Called with Purpose

Romans 8: ³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, *them he also called*: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Not only are we predestined to prosper, but we are also called to it!

Romans 8: ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, *to them who are the called according to his purpose*.

We are not just called, but we are called with a purpose behind the call.

The challenge many Christians face with their calling is the fact that they are looking for a call instead of accepting the call they already have.

“Lord what am I called to do?” “Prophet, do you have a word from the Lord for me?” “Pastor, what is God telling you about my calling?”

We are too busy looking for something we already have. We are waiting on a call that has already been placed. *Go check your voice mail!* For the older folks, *check your answering machine!* Millennials and Generation Z, *check your inbox, text, Facebook, IG, TikTok!*

Matthew 22: ¹⁴ **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

Jesus didn't say, “I'm going to call you”, he said “I've already called you”; It's past tense. We just need to choose to accept the call.

Stop looking for the call, just accept the call!

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Genesis 12: ¹ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, ***Get thee out*** of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Purpose already called us out from our father's house (Our Comfort Zone) to be Great!

- Genesis 12: 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:
- Mark 6: ⁴ But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.**

Purpose already called us out from our kinfolds (Our Familiar Zone) to be Blessed!

- Genesis 12: 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:
- Deuteronomy 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.

Purpose already called us out from our country (Our Comfort Zone) to be a Blessing!

- Genesis 12: ² ... ***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.***
- Proverbs 10: ²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
- Deuteronomy 28: ³ Blessed *shalt thou be* in the city, and blessed *shalt thou be* in the field.
- Deuteronomy 28: ⁶ Blessed *shalt thou be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt thou be* when thou goest out.

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Purpose of Prosperity, Part I (Predestined and Called))

Lesson Text

- Romans 8:28–30, Genesis 12:1–3, Deuteronomy 8:18

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Predestined with Purpose*

II. *Called with Purpose*

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

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. How much money would it take for you to give up your smartphone for a month?
2. The names of the seven dwarfs in "Snow White" are Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy and Sneezy. If you were the eighth dwarf, what would your name be?

II. Into the Bible

1. Read the lesson text from Sunday's sermon, Genesis 12:1-3. What was Abram's part in this arrangement? What was God's part? Who had the most responsibility in this arrangement, God or Abram?
2. Read Deuteronomy 8:18. What is the biblical definition of covenant? What covenant is the Lord referring to here and who was the between? Does this covenant stand today? Share your scriptural support.

III. Life Application

1. What gives you confidence that God will bring you successfully to your destiny (be specific)?
2. What actions indicate a person has accepted God's call?