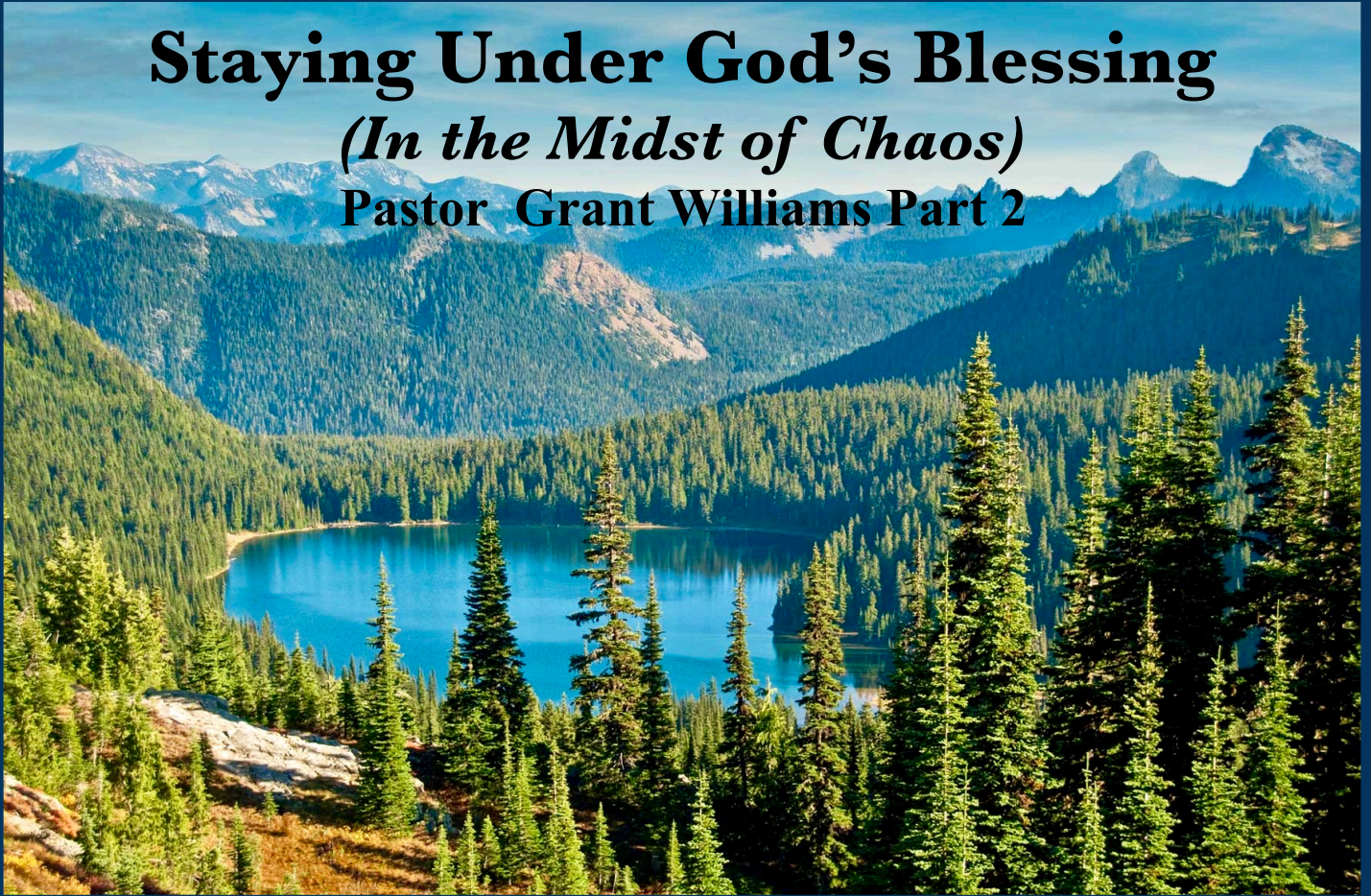


Staying Under God's Blessing

(In the Midst of Chaos)

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Recap, why are we studying this ? no matter who's in authority..

Proverbs 10:22 KJV

22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22 AMPC

22 The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].

Rich in all areas of your life: relationships, health, finances

Rich defined: plentiful; abundant. plentiful, abundant, copious, ample, liberal, generous, bountiful; More than enough

3 John 2 KJV

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

3 John 2 AMPC

*2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, **even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.***

So, there is **three kinds of blessings** mentioned in this passage but not limited to this passage.

1. Material prosperity (enough for the temporary assignment)
2. Bodily healing and health (enough for the temp assignment)
3. Soul/salvation (the foundation for which all is built upon)

This is speaking to the maturation in our walk or life of obedience according to God's Word. God said I will prosper you and bless you for My Plan, For His Purpose... be obedient, be righteous. Remember, righteousness is the platform that faith is built on. If we are not living according to God's Word why would we have the faith to believe He would prosper us, He would bless us.... We wouldn't and that is why we try to do it ourselves and that is when sorrow is added to our lives.

So, let's continue and find out what God tells us in the New Testament about the Blessing of the Lord. Remember, God hasn't changed. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the Word, the Old and New Testament, He is not in conflict with His own Words.

Set up for this passage: Paul is following up from his previous letter regarding the the collection of funds for Christians in Jerusalem who were in need. The Corinthians had previously agreed to participate in contributing to this collection about a year earlier. Paul gave them instructions for how to do so in 1 Corinthians and now Paul is reminding the church about their commitment.

2 Corinthians 8:7 KJV

7 Therefore, **as ye abound in every thing**, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligen

2 Corinthians 8:7 AMPC

7 Now **as you abound and excel and are at the front in everything**—in faith, in expressing yourselves, in knowledge, in all zeal, and in your love for us —[see to it that you come to the front now and] abound and excel in this gracious work [of almsgiving] also.

Abounding or Abound defined:

To be great in number or amount.; to have plenty; To be fully supplied or filled; to be prevalent.

Wait, I thought you said it was God who supplies all our needs... That God blesses us and shows us favor? So, why do people have to get involved? We are God's hands extended. We get to take part of the Blessing... remember what David said from last week on what a Blessed man and woman looks like, how they conduct their lives.

Psalms 112:1-5 KJV

1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in His commandments.

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

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

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

*5 A good man **sheweth favour**, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with **discretion**.*

These people were abounding in everything ! They locked into what the apostle Paul was saying and they were full of or abounding in faith, knowledge, zeal and as a result, things started to happen. Physical healing, relationships restored, financial miracles, supernatural wisdom etc.

2 Corinthians 8:9 KJV

*9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, **though he was rich**, yet for your sakes **he became poor (he humbled himself to reveal)**, that ye **through his poverty might be rich**.*

2 Corinthians 8:9 AMPC

9 For you are becoming progressively acquainted with and recognizing more strongly and clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favor and spiritual blessing), [in] that though He was [so very] rich, yet for your sakes He became [so very] poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched (abundantly supplied).

Remember: Gods view point of rich is abundant. plentiful, abundant, copious, ample, generous, bountiful; in all areas of your life and there is no sorrow added to it or there's no hopelessness. There will be trials and tribulations but there is no sorrow or hopelessness in God. He will give you plenty to do what he called you to do with His resources that He gives liberally to others as well.

2 Corinthians 9:8 KJV

8 And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

All grace, God is able to make all grace or every favor and earthly blessing come to you in abundance for His Plan. God has caused them to abound in faith and knowledge, diligence and utterance – all grace – everything that it takes to bring Psalm 112 (that we studied in Part 1) come to pass. We should be striving and thriving in Christ in all areas of our life as we mature in the knowledge of who He is and obedience to His commands.

Psalm 112:9 KJV

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

2 Corinthians 9:9 KJV

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor (those lacking): his righteousness remaineth for ever.

The Apostle Paul, through the quickening or revealing by the Holy Spirit has brought this over into the New Covenant from Psalm 112:9. Paul is giving you and I a “This Is That” moment. This was already spoken, there is nothing new under the sun.

2 Corinthians 9:10 KJV

*10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and **increase the fruits of your righteousness;**)*

He that ministers... It doesn't say provides, it says ministers seed to the sower. What does minister mean ? Jesus is the high priest of the body of Christ, He is the Head and He walked in the Blessing without measure. So, how does He minister? Salvation, baptizer in the Holy Ghost...thru His Word.

How does He do it? Does He have to come down here to earth and lay hands on us? NO ! Does He come down to earth and read to us in the morning with our cup of coffee? NO!

My hands our now His hands. We, you and I who call ourselves Christians or imitators of Jesus Christ are to do His work. Because we are the body of Christ.

In the Greek, Christ means: “the anointing” The anointing is the Blessing in manifestation, the glory of God working thru us and in us. He uses the body of His anointing to minister. **Minister in the book of Hebrews actually means administration and is translated priest, counselor, servant of God or provides.**

Colossians 1:17-18 AMPC

17 And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).

18 He also is the Head of [His] body, the church;

We or the church use the word “ministries”. We talk about the high priest of Jesus because the power goes thru Him and now the power goes thru us. Jesus is the high priest or the high minister. Seed to the sower, provision as needed for your assignment He ministers and bread for you to eat is what He ministers. He provides all our needs.

Philippians 4:19 AMPC

*19 And my God will **liberally** supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Matthew 6:33 AMPC

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

The multiplying of the seed sown He ministers and you're the minister that He intends it for. He has deep, deep desires to use you to minister food, (physical, spiritual, relational, financial) where it is needed and seed (hope and or tangible blessing) for those who are believing for seed. For needs to be meant in all areas of your life. Relational, Financial, Physical, and your Spiritual or soul prospers.

Then at other times when the Lord says, go over there and multiply the seed where we sewed into someone and now you're the multiplier. All grace, all grace He said, He is able to make all grace abound toward you.

Unfortunately, most of the body of Christ has put off this Blessing until we get to heaven.

The reason many have done this is, they try to walk in faith and it doesn't happen right away (our time table) so they give up (quit) they get weary. They think, God must not want me to do this or have this because it's not happening in the way I want to be blessed and say it just must not be His will. Well, when did God's Will or Plan change on account of you.

Let me ask you something – since we are talking about grace (every favor and earthly blessing).....did you earn your salvation? If you tried - you ain't got it.

Did you earn the infilling of the Holy Spirit? How'd you get it? Wasn't it by grace? Didn't you wait on the Lord? Do what is right and grow in the knowledge of who He is and be zealous?

Did you earn your faith? How'd you get it – we just found out how they got it, they got it by grace! Through the reading of the Word, thru doing some “thing”, faith without acts of obedience leads to death. We don't always do it perfect but, He gives us grace and as we continue to strive and do what is right, we are building the platform that our faith is built on. Faith comes by hearing God's Word and acting on it. What He has done for others He will do for you.

Acts 10:34 AMPC

34 And Peter opened his mouth and said: Most certainly and thoroughly I now perceive and understand that God shows no partiality and is no respecter of persons

What makes you think you have to earn your money? (outside of God/blessing it's called toiling...) Now, don't get all excited... I didn't say you didn't have to work. But when you're working in the Blessing, the Blessing is out there working for you.

So, here you are working and resting in God or His Plan because it doesn't matter what you're making (what they're paying you) . The only reason you're there is because God (if it's His will and not yours) has put you there.

Now, why would HE do that? why is He so deeply interested in where you work and where you go? Many people decide themselves where they will go...“I'm not going to work at some low paying job, or I'm holding out for a managers position or I ain't going anywhere unless they are paying me more than I'm getting here.”

We put condition on what we will do in the Kingdom of God. Remember, **that's not a job you're going to, it's an assignment.** That salary is just some seed (provision or supply to what is lacking or needed for the temporary assignment) – it doesn't say that's what you're going to live on. That seed grows and multiplies to the point you can't believe it used to be a small seed.

Ephesians 4:28 KJV

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

If God told you to go somewhere don't talk back, don't wine and complain– “I just don't want to go work there, I hate the people I work with, it's not enough money, it's too far away, the people are bad – it's.....” Well, why do you think you've been sent there ? Because You're Blessed ! He has blessed you to go perform Psalm 112 because they are poor and you are rich.

God has placed you on a temporary assignment because:

- You're suppose to go over there and release (here I am !)
- You're suppose to go over there and bless somebody
- You're suppose to go over there and give
- You're suppose to go over there and lend
- You're suppose to go over there and be righteous and your seed will be strong in that place.
- You're suppose to be a witness

You don't know what's going to happen where God has called you to go. You may end up owning the company, you may lead everyone to Christ or they may all reject you and despise you. But, God will say 'thanks for going where I asked you to go and I will never forget the seed that you sowed I will never forget your obedience.'

Then God will say, "Come on, I got another job for you"...

All we need to do is learn to say, "Sir, Yes Sir." We are in the Lord's army, we are raising the standard, taking more ground. WE need to have the mindset of: Where do you want me next? Where we going this time? Our job under the Blessing is to expand the Kingdom and change the environment where ever we go.

Our job is to bring light into a dark place. But your work, your diligence, your utterance, your faith – everything needs to be flowing in the Blessing and not out of your own flesh or toil.

You should be the hardest worker in the place of business that God has assigned to you. Not because you're dependent upon the wage that you're making, God will take care of you (**still be a good steward**) but to bring the Blessing of God into that place.

Well then, let me ask you something Pastor Grant how's he going to take care of me? I don't know. I don't know how or when it will happen but I do know HIS word says if you need food he will minister you food.

If you need money He will minister money and when it comes to multiplying you seed He will multiply it and it will have nothing to do/contingent upon where your working (McDonalds, Chick-fil-a, Ford Motor, etc) God's Blessing is not based on that. You may have to adjust "your wants" to you can go to where you are needed... but it then that there will be no toiling, God will provide all your needs and will use others for the Blessing that is on them.

Matthew 6:33 KJV

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 AMPC

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

It might look a little rough sometimes, but until God calls you to your next assignment keep doing what you're called to do. Keep loving on everyone when they are calling you all sorts of names and saying you're crazy. Keep smiling every morning when you come to work say "good morning", keep moving forward in righteousness.

My objective is not to be liked by becoming like the ungodly, I'm not suppose to care (about what this world thinks) my objective is to bring the Blessing of God in that place and rid that place of the curse and get the sorrow out of it.

Before you know it, things will start to happen and people will start to bless you as well and you won't even know why. What will happen is that God will speak to someone and say I have a person on assignment that's believing in me for some seed that I need you to go bless. So I need You to go plant \$ 500 worth of seed and a blessing into their lives.

Now, what happens to you over a period of years, your faith will increase and you'll get to the point where "bad news" is not going to shake you. The circumstance or information that is contrary to Gods Word won't rattle your cage because you're diligent. If you do what you're supposed to do and you're diligent before the Lord you don't have to care what anyone else thinks or what the circumstances are.

I don't have to worry about what anyone else thinks or says about me when I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing (THE WORD OF GOD).

Do you know what I think about what they think? NOTHING! Revered Jerry Falwell is a great example of not caring about what people think. Everyone around him said, don't get involved in "the moral majority" that's political – he said that's not political it's biblical. They said stop helping people with their jobs, money and cars that's the governments job – he said no – that's the church's job.

"Well Pastor Grant, shouldn't I care that everyone thinks I'm nuts for doing this Biblically, honest, not politically correct?" That's not my job or assignment to care what anyone else thinks.

My assignment is: no matter where I'm at or what I'm going through, I want to show people that God is in control and that my hope is in Him and that's my assignment. That's all the care that you and I and you should have. Gods Words says so and here's why...

1 Peter 5:6-7 KJV

6 *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that **He may exalt you in due time:***

7 *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7 AMPC

6 *Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, **that in due time He may exalt you,***

7 *Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.*

I'm not speaking to you saying you don't have a mountain in front of you, that's denial – I'm here to tell you the Word, Gods Word's and not my own.

1 John 4:4 KJV

4 *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

Romans 10:17 KJV

17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

I'm going to close by reading from Psalms 37 and let this take hold of your supernatural man this week.

Psalm 37:23-34 AMPC

23 The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step].

24 Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord grasps his hand in support and upholds him.

25 I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread.

26 All day long they are merciful and deal graciously; they lend, and their offspring are blessed.

27 Depart from evil and do good; and you will dwell forever [securely].

28 For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked [in time] shall be cut off.

29 [Then] the [consistently] righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever. 30 The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice.

31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. 32 The wicked lie in wait for the [uncompromisingly] righteous and seek to put them to death.

33 The Lord will not leave them in their hands, or [suffer them to] condemn them when they are judged.

34 Wait for and expect the Lord and keep and heed His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land; [in the end] when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

Psalm 37:23-34 KJV

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.