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Mirror Of The Word #5

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An exhortation was given regarding the covenant the Lord has for all believers; the scriptures tell us that the Lord takes pleasure in the prosperity of his children and He is blessed by their being blessed. Many times as believers we fail to understand the goodness of God and what He has laid up for us. We don't recognize that we have a covenant relationship with Him, the covenant that was established with our forefathers entitles us to have all that He provides, that He has given us power to get wealth. However, there is a challenge involved in order to receive the power and many believers will never achieve this power because of a religious spirit or the lack of knowledge. There will be priorities that we need to follow, seeking the Lord and putting Him first in all we do. As we begin to understand what is being said, our faith begins to grow because we realize that God is meeting all our needs. In understanding the covenant that we have with Him, worry will leave and peace takes over, knowing that what is promised will come to us.

Psa 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." KJV

Psa 31:19 "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!" KJV

Deut 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." KJV

A story was shared regarding an evangelist who had ministered to a group of people who were very remote in the country in which they lived, their funds were limited and there were many needs, but when the evangelist turned around and made a large offering to the people there, he began to realize because of the covenant that he had with God, his words were " that was the day that he began to prosper". His priorities were right and he planted seed.

God wants to establish his covenant with us and as you begin to prosper don't ever feel guilty and draw back, become a channel that God can flow through. In reading Galatians chapter 3, we find that we are the heirs of all that was promised to Abraham through Jesus Christ.

A challenge was given; begin to read the following scripture every day for the next week and do what it says.

Joshua 1:8 "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." KJV

Our words must speak the law, what the scripture says, meditating on the words spoken becoming doers of the word, observing the words, all that is written, spoken in order to have

prosperity and success. Prosperity not only means money, but also peace, joy and health. The person who does the will of God will become a blessed person.

For the person wanting the blessings of God there is a price to pay and discipline involved, sometimes for a period of time. It is important that we continue in the word of God, our attendance of services and staying in fellowship with other believers is important.

James tells us that the person who does the will of God will become a blessed person, but they cannot be a hearer only. They become doers of the word and must continue in the word, speaking the word and meditating the word, regardless of what they might be reading or studying or whatever the Lord has lead them to do, over a period of time the word will become a part of them, if they fail to continue, they will loose the engrafted word that has been planted in them. They are only deceiving themselves when they are not doers of the word thinking they are too busy.

The different translations below tell us what happens when we are hearers of the word only, we are deceiving ourselves as we look into a mirror, walk away and forget what we saw in the mirror, but the verses express what happens to a person who is a doer of the word and the benefits from being a doer. By being doers of the word, looking into the word or mirror we see the answers we are looking for. We find that we are blessed and have the righteousness of God, knowing that we are forgiven, we won't be feeling unworthy regardless of what someone might say, we won't get into the area of works, but will know who and what we have through Jesus. We are sons and daughters, joint heirs with Jesus Christ and if God is for us, who can be against us? There should be an urgency in continuing in the word of God, knowing that we are blessed.

James 1:22-25 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" KJV

v. 25 - a doer of the work or word

James 1:22-25 "But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth]. 23 For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it *and* being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; 24 For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. 25 But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it *and* perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience)." AMP

James 1:22-25 "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." NLT

James 1:22-25 "Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. *Act* on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. 25 But

whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action." MESSAGE

James expresses basically what Joshua speaks of about being a doer of the word, that you will automatically be blessed and receive Gods favor poured out on you, because of the covenant that you have with God, you have become a covenant keeping believer. In a business or covenant relationship if one breaks the covenant the deal is off, but the covenant that we have with God, because He keeps covenant, than our part of the covenant is that we become a doer of the word.

Eph 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:" KJV

Continue reading these scriptures from Deuteronomy, speaking and meditating on them in order to have the blessings mentioned. If we fail to continue and refresh ourselves, we will loose that engrafted word.

Deut 28:1-13 "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: 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. 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. 5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. 6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. 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. 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. 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. 10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 12 The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. 13 And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:" KJV

v. 1-2 hear and do, hearken diligently, becoming focused, knowing Gods plan. focused means adjustment, the eyes of understanding begins to come

v. 3-13 blessed in city and field, going out, the fruit of your body, your ground, your livestock, enemies to be slain and flee from you, all that you set your hand to do, your storehouses, blessed in the land that you will receive, establish you as holy people, people will be afraid of you, plenty of goods, fruit of your body, cattle and ground, the work of your hands, you shall lend and not borrow, you shall be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath, but you must hear the commandments, obey and do them.

Deut 28:11 "And the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity, through the fruit of your body, of your livestock, and of your ground, in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you." AMP

All these blessings were part of the covenant that God had with the children of Israel and this covenant effected many people and with this prosperity comes responsibility. This is God's plan

for our lives, we are to be blessed people, walking in love and being doers of the word.

In first Samuel chapter 17, we read the story of David meeting the giant, his father had sent him to check on his brothers who were serving in Saul's army. David saw that Goliath was harassing Saul and the army and the first question David asked was, what were the benefits of serving in the army, he was told that if he could kill the giant that his future life would be tax free, he would be given a wife and much money. David took on the challenge, knowing that he had a covenant with the Lord and that Goliath, an uncircumcised giant had no covenant with God and was about to die. The children of Israel had forgotten that they had a covenant with God, they quit continuing. David wanting to take on Goliath was ready to fight because of the covenant. A person with wanting to, is greater than any talent.

Keep continuing, not letting circumstances change the way God sees us and making the way we see ourselves, keep looking in the mirror of the word, keeping our eyes of understanding flooded with light. We have such a limited knowledge of what God has for us and wants to do for us.

Eph 1:16-23 "Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." KJV

Eph 1:16-23 "I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers. 17 [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, 18 By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know *and* understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), 19 And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable *and* unlimited *and* surpassing greatness of His power in *and* for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, 20 Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], 21 Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age *and* in this world, but also in the age *and* the world which are to come. 22 And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], 23 Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself]." AMP