



WEALTH NOTES

WEALTH—A REWARD OF OBEDIENCE

“In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.” (Deuteronomy 30:16)

God rewards obedience. The promises and provision God made for the children of Israel catapulted them into a wealthy place (land flowing with milk and honey), elevated them to a wealthy position (above other nations), and blessed them with wealth (spoils of heathen nations). “There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.” (Joshua 21:45)

Supporting Scriptures: Job 36:11; Isaiah 1:19; Matthew 7:11; Hebrews 11:6

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- 1 The land God promised the Israelites was an exceedingly abundant land.

“For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.” (Deuteronomy 8:7-9)

- 2 God set Israel above all nations. The heathen nations around them recognized the Israelites were wise and righteous people because their God had given them statutes to live by.

“Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?” (Deuteronomy 4: 6-8)

3 God promised the Israelites that they would have an abundance of everything and prosper in everything they do.

“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.” (Deuteronomy 28:11)

“Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.” (Deuteronomy 29:9)

4 The Israelites wealth enabled them to lend to other nations.

“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.” (Deuteronomy 28:12)

5 The Israelites inherited the wealth of their enemies, a reward of obedience.

“Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.” (Joshua 22:2, 6, 8)

CONCLUSION

God is the same yesterday, today and forever. The promises and provision God made for the Israelites are available today to the Body of Christ. “And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3:29)

God requires obedience from His people and He rewards their obedience. (Hebrews 11:6) The rewards are spiritual and natural and are for the present and the future. (Proverbs 11:31) God wants His people to accept and enjoy His blessings. (Deuteronomy 28:47-48; I Timothy 6:17) And, God expects His people to bless others as they spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (II Corinthians 9:8; I Timothy 6:18; III John 5-8)

“Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.” (Psalm 112:1-3)



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