

Tuesday Night Teaching Bible Study

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

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PRINCIPLES OF PROSPERITY

“PROMISE OF PROSPERITY”

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

New King James Version

Honor

- ▶ **kâbêd**, *kaw-bade´*; a prim. root; to *be heavy*, i.e. in a bad sense (*burdensome, severe, dull*) or in a good sense (*numerous, rich, honorable*); to *make weighty* (in the same two senses)
- ▶ to make honorable, honor, glorify

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Possessions (Wealth)

hōwn; *wealth*; by impl. *enough*:—enough, + for nought, riches, substance, wealth.

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First Fruits

- ▶ the first and best; first fruit, choicest portion
- ▶ **firstfruit**, i.e., the first portion of something which has been set aside in dedication and offering to God

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Increase (Produce/Crops)

- ▶ *Income*, i.e. *produce* (lit.) or fig.):—fruit, gain, increase, revenue.
- ▶ **Yield**, produce, crops, i.e., what is harvested from plants, whether grain or fruit (Ge 47:24; Dt 22:9); **2. LN 65.1–65.16 gain**, income, i.e., what is valuable.

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Affirmations of Increase

- ▶ It is God who makes increase possible
- ▶ The ingathering of increase was an occasion of celebration.
 - ▶ Festival of Unleavened Bread.
 - ▶ The Feast of Weeks (firstfruits of grain) was observed in May–June (Deut 16:9ff.).
 - ▶ Festival of Booths (Lev 23:39; cf. Deut 16:13ff.) The end-of-the-year harvest in October, chiefly a fruit harvest.

Worship

HONOR GOD WITH YOUR INCREASE IN
THIS MANNER IS WORSHIP!!!

Worship

- ▶ One practical test of whether one is trusting the Lord or one's own judgment can be found in how we view our possessions and finances.
- ▶ Today, this means giving to God the “first produce” of your paycheck, rather than waiting to give after all the bills have been paid.

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Honor the Lord - Worship

- ▶ If we don't faithfully give to the Lord, we don't really trust the Lord!
- ▶ Tithes and offerings are evidence of our faith and obedience!
- ▶ Giving is heart preparation for what God wants to say to us and do for us!

Promise of Prosperity

*“So your barns will be filled with plenty, And
your vats will overflow with new wine.”*

Promise of Prosperity - Barns

- ▶ **Barn** (δοχ, *asam'*, Prov. 3:10; “store-house,” Deut. 28:8; ἀποθήκη, “barn” or “garner”), a place of deposit for grain.
 - ▶ Only used in Proverbs 3:10 and Deuteronomy 28:8
- ▶ Filled - **Satisfaction, in general, signifies the act of giving complete or perfect pleasure.**

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Promise of Prosperity - Filled

- ▶ The notion of being full is satisfied and complete. Not gluttoned or greedy. Essentially, when you glorify God with your revenue i.e. worship God through giving (tithes and offerings) God will consecrate your storehouse or home.
- ▶ GIVE ME WHAT IS HOLY TO ME AND I WILL BLESS WHAT YOU HAVE!

Promise of Prosperity - Plenty

- ▶ Plenty – Overflowing (Excess a quantity much larger than needed)
 - ▶ (*śābā* ‘abundance, overflowing, i.e., a condition of plenty and more than enough

Promise of Prosperity - Plenty

Do you believe that this promise is true?

Promise of Prosperity - Overflow

▶ **Overflow – Run over (breach)**

▶ *What does it mean to breach?*

▶ פָּרַץ **pârats**, *paw-rats*´; a prim. root; to *break* out (in many applications, direct and indirect, lit. and fig.):—× abroad, (make a) breach, break (away, down, -er, forth, in, up), burst out come (spread) abroad, compel, disperse, grow, increase, open, press, scatter, urge

▶ to make a split or breach; to break through, down, or out (51)

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Promise of Prosperity - Overflow

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Promise of Prosperity - Overflow

- ▶ *The promise is that God will bless the work of your hands. You have to work to yield crops but God will honor the conditions for you to be plentiful in your work.*

Promise of Prosperity - Overflow

- ▶ *There is a natural symmetry between gifts to God and the blessings that ensue. (Deut. 15:13-14; 28:8). Proverbs takes Israel's covenant faith as a given.*
- ▶ Raymond C. Van Leeuwen, *The Book of Proverbs* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1997), pp. 49-50.

Promise of Prosperity - Overflow

- ▶ *God's purpose is not to make us rich, but rather to develop in us godly character and His responses are designed with that goal in mind.*
- ▶ *Giving to God is attached to character just as the worship of God is about character because giving is worship!!!*