



WEALTH NOTES

WEALTHY PATRIARCHS—GOD DELIGHTS IN THE PROSPERITY OF HIS SAINTS

“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.” (Psalm 35:27)

God’s requirement of man has been the same since creation – obedience (Gen. 2:16-17) and love (Deut. 10:12; John 13:34). And God’s reward has remained the same – blessings, material and spiritual (Lev. 26:3-13; Prov. 11:31; Matt. 6:33; Luke 18:28-30).

The wealth of the patriarchs of Biblical times undoubtedly affirms that God wants those who love and obey Him to prosper in the earth. “Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth... this is the gift of God.” (Eccl. 5:19)

Supporting scriptures: Deut. 28:11-13; 1 Chr. 29:11-14; Ps. 34:9-10, Ps. 112:1-3; 1 Tim 6:19

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1 Abraham

“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country.... And I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.... And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.... And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.” (Gen. 12:1-2, 13: 2, 5- 6)

2 Isaac

“And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.... And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.... And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.” (Gen. 21:3, 24:35, 25:5) But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son. (Gen. 25:6)

3 Joseph

“And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man...the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.... And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.... And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt...and they had possessions therein and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.” (Gen. 39:2-3, 45:13, 47:27) [Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And the Egyptians made...their lives bitter with hard bondage.... (Ex. 1:8, 13-14)]

4 David

“Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for the things of wood; onyx stones...glistening stones...and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house. Even three thousand talents of gold, and the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal. (1 Chr. 29:2-4) And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour; and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.” (1 Chr. 29:28)

5 Solomon

“And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.... Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart...And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour(1 Kings 3:3, 12-13) And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord...she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones.... And she said to the king.... Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.... Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. (1 Kings 10:1-2, 6-7, 9) So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.” (1 Kings 10:23-25) [also see 2 Chr. 9]

6 Jehoshaphat

“And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim: But sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord; moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.” (2 Chr. 17: 3-6)

7 Hezekiah

“Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old...And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done.” (2 Chr. 29:1-2) “And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much...And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.” (2 Chr. 32:27-30)

8 Job

“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. (Job 1:1-3) And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave job twice as much as he had before. Then came...all they that had been of his acquaintance before...and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold. So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters.” (Job 42:10-13)

CONCLUSION

God also gives material blessings to those who walk uprightly before Him.

“Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee: which thou has wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!” (Psalm 31:19)

“O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.” (Psalm 31:23)



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