

The Wealth Covenant (eBook2) (The Covenant of Divine Blessing) The Meaning of Deuteronomy 8:18

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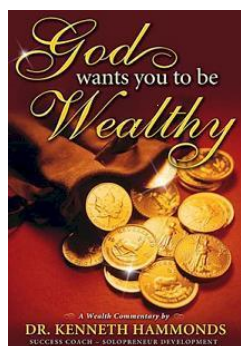
Workshops and Coaching Support for Christian Solopreneurs and Success Minded Individuals:

God Wants You To Be Wealthy (G'W) is **The FIRST biblically-based Wealth Commentary** book for Christian entrepreneurs and success-minded individuals, promoting Wealthy Thinking and Wealth Building. Extensively rich in scriptural references, and it has four helpful indices for analyzing and utilizing this “wealth commentary:” 1. A General Index, 2. An Index of Scriptural References, and, 3. An Index of Old Testament Hebrew Words and 4. An Index of New Testament Words referenced in the book.

It offers a scriptural, motivational, and spiritual perspective of wealth and how to build wealth in your life. One of its underlying themes: **the compatibility of spirituality and wealth**, or more specifically, the spirituality of building, enjoying, and sharing wealth. In Part One: Spirituality and Wealth, it explores the natural harmony of spirituality and wealth

God Wants You to be Wealthy is also the first wealth commentary. First, because it's the first work (to my knowledge) to **apply a systematic wealth approach** to the Bible. **A WEALTH COMMENTARY COMMENTS UPON AND INTERPRETS SCRIPTURE AND LIFE FROM A WEALTH PERSPECTIVE.** The God-given **Wealth Cycle P.I.E.S.** (Produce, Increase, Enjoy, and Share Wealth) is central to the idea of God's desire to promote wealth within and among all humankind. Indeed, this commentary sees God's wealth everywhere—in the Bible, in the universe, and in you.

This FREE OFFER (The Wealth Covenant) is in Chapter 5 of the book in the section of the book entitled, The Wealth Cycle: An Unfolding Revelation of Scripture.



[The information in the first nine pages repeats much of the content in the book, but sometimes adds more details and places it in a different context. Starting with page nine are Miscellaneous Notes that will give much detail for Bible students.]

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Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV, New International Version)

THERE'S GOOD NEWS !

I've got Good News for the human race! I've got Good News for you. It's good news for the businessman, it's good for the blue collar worker. It's good for the millionaire. It's good for the middle class. It's good for the minimum wage worker. It's good if you're in debt and actually, this Good News will keep you from going into debt. You'll want to pass this News on to your children and to your children's children. This News can empower people, families, and organizations. It can empower ministries, and change whole nations. And the results from this News can heal broken sick bodies, heal weary minds, save broken relationships, and eradicate poverty from the face of the earth. it's good if you don't owe a dime. This Good News can change your life. But, it's only good if you believe it and act upon it in God's power. "All right," you say, "Enough already. What's this Good News?"

Well, here is the Good News – **GOD WANTS YOU TO BE WEALTHY!** Wow! Can you imagine a better message for those just barely making ends meet; those deeply in debt; those who believe that man and God have forsaken them; those who are materially rich, but lacking true wealth? Yes, this Message is true and this Message is for YOU!

God wants you to produce and enjoy wealth in every area of your life. It is NOT just a material wealth thing it's a **full wealth** experience. God has made a Covenant of Divine Blessing (I call it a Wealth Covenant) with humankind.

When the children of Israel were released from the oppression of slavery in Egypt. They had no special skills and certainly no ability (so it seemed) to create and maintain the nation they were about to form. This group of slaves were going to need supernatural endowment. Well, God knew this and He also knew that he wanted this new nation to have a plenteous land full of the natural resources to create a wealthy nation. He wanted His people (this new nation) to be wealthy. He did not want them to borrow from other nations because that would imply that God could not take care of His People and that He need help from the surrounding gods and people of the nations to take care of His own.

But also God did not want Israel to think that when they were in this land of “good and plenty” they built this wealthy nation by themselves. Therefore, God warns them before they enter this land.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." Deuteronomy 8: 10, 11, 14, 17 (NIV)

After this warning comes the great promise and reminder, the covenant with the children of Abraham, with the People of God:

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My, what a powerful statement! God does not want His people broke, sick and sad. He wants it to “**go well**” with them. (As we will show, *well* is the root word for English word, *wealthy*.)

In the New Testament God confirms this Wealth Covenant in 3 John verse 2

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. 3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

What about the “Wealth Covenant?” What is its origin? Why it is it important? And what does it have to do with you and me? Well, that’s the discussion this little introduction. The full discussion God, wealth and the Christian is in my motivational book for Christian entrepreneurs, business people, and success minded individuals called, ***God Wants You To Be Wealthy***.

GOD – THE SOURCE OF WEALTH

God is not a god of poverty. No! God is the God of abundance and wealth. God’s nature and attributes overflow in richness, wealth, abundance, and diversity. Since God is abundant it stands to reason that His creation, the

universe, and the planet we have been planted upon, would likewise be rich in resources. This vast universe receives its wealth from God. God is the source of the wealth of the universe and the wealth within human beings. God's wealth is immeasurable, incomparable, and incredible.

Gold and silver are not in the Earth by accident or chance. Their presence is designed by God and here to help fulfill His purpose for humankind. They are *His* gold, silver, minerals, and animals. We don't own anything. We are caretakers, stewards of this great mineral and animal wealth. God has graciously allowed us to enjoy the abundant variety of creation and has commissioned us to utilize it for human good, enjoyment, and progress.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:8 (KJV)

We humans are born into a wealthy universe and placed upon a planet of rich resources. **We must have been designed and born for wealth.**

Therefore, since you were designed for wealth, you were born to be wealthy. Indeed, *every* human being was born for this purpose. Yes, there are challenges to experiencing this wealth. However, the opposition of enemies does not change the fact that God's original intent for his human creation was: to enjoy a wealthy relationship with Him; to enjoy wealthy relationships with one another; and to enjoy the wealthy resources of this planet. **This is God's Original Wealth Plan.**

Wealth is **the natural human condition**. Poverty or lack is an aberration, an abnormality, **a deviation** from God's wealth standard. Just as *physical health* is also the natural human condition, but sickness, deformities, and abnormalities are deviations from God's health standard.

Financial poverty is an economic deviant. Spiritual poverty is a religious deviant. Broken relationships are relational deviants. Sin is a spiritual, social, and emotional deviant. Greed is a material deviant. All these are deviants from God's original plan.

Wealth is good and important because it is:

- From God.
- God's blessing to the world.
- God's way of showing love to His creation.
- God's plan for dealing with the many ailments of humanity.

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The misuse of wealth by some does not invalidate the divine nature of God’s Wealth Plan any more than does the abuse of the Name of Jesus invalidate the reality and divine nature of the work and Person of Jesus Christ or does abuse of power by the clergy of the Church invalidate the necessity and divine nature of the work of the Church. Human error in behavior does not negate the purposes of God; it merely vividly portrays the need for the plan of God to be fully realized in the human heart and human society.

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THE PURPOSE OF WEALTH

Since God has placed within human beings alone the desire and ability to produce wealth, what is its purpose? Well, simply put, the purpose of wealth is twofold: for **God** and for **good**. That is to say, wealth’s purpose is *to glorify God* and *to do good for (to help) mankind*.



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Wealth’s purpose in helping mankind can be further broken down into four areas:

- To assist in meeting human needs
- To move human cultures and human life forward to a better future
- To help alleviate human suffering and pain
- To spread justice (righteousness) throughout the world

The Wealth Covenant (Blessing)

Isaiah 54:10 (NLT, New Living Translation); 56:6 (NLT)

(Isaiah 54:10 NLT) For the mountains may depart and the hills disappear, but even then I will remain loyal to you. My **covenant of blessing** will never be broken," says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Blessing = shalom = health, prosperity, peace, wholeness, soundness

Prosperity = Wealth

(Isaiah 56:6 NLT) "I will also **bless the Gentiles** who commit themselves to the LORD and serve him and love his name, who worship him and do not desecrate the Sabbath day of rest, and who have accepted his covenant.

The Scriptural Command to Produce

God's original intent for humankind was for humans to be **entrepreneurial** and **produce** whatever they needed for existing and prospering on this earth. God has wisely placed within humans an urge, a compelling desire to produce, progress, and be successful. Indeed, humans (Adam, Eve and their children) were given an Original Mandate by God in the Genesis 1:28 directive to "**be fruitful and multiply**" [produce *abundantly*, produce *wealth*]. The God-given mental abilities, talents, and gifts resident in humanity also mandate this. Humans are obligated to produce wealth in order to enjoy being fully human. Entrepreneurship (creative productivity), therefore, is at the very heart of what it means to be human.

Humans - as Producers

First of all, the ability to produce with **infinite variety** is resident only in humanity and humanity's gifts as given by God. Early man showed this capacity in a variety of ways.

Cain (Genesis 4:17)

Cain was the first builder. He built a city and there by showed the human aptitude for architecture and design. He may have been the inventor of the wheel.

Tubal-Cain (Genesis 4:22)

Tubal-Cain was the founder of the processes of smelting bronze and iron ore. Tubal-Cain was perhaps the discoverer of fire or at least the first to use it for this process. If his father six generations before, Cain, didn't invent the wheel (a tool), certainly Tubal-Cain did or improved its usage. The NKJV calls him a *craftsman*. (Hebrew, *choresh* = *skilled worker, artificer*) Strong's Dictionary translates this word as "mechanic," meaning one who works with his hands, or repairs machines. The NIV says Tubal-Cain, *forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron*. He created and repaired tools to assist humans in their quest to prosper and conquer earth's harsh environment. So, Tubal-Cain was the world's first *mechanic*!

Jabal (Genesis 4:20)

Jabal was the first to perfect his skills in the raising and domestication of livestock. Animals in the early days of humanity were essential for fulfilling the command to humanity to "*subdue, conquer the earth.*" (Genesis 1:28) Jabal preferred a lifestyle of traveling and exploring. He didn't like living in the city and was comfortable roaming throughout the land and living in tents.

Jubal (Genesis 4:21)

Jubal like his brother, Jabal, (perhaps also his twin) was the father of music. He took the tools created by Tubal-Cain (his half brother) and crafted musical instruments. (NIV = *harp and flute*; NRSV = *lyre and pipe*; Hebrew = *stringed and reed instruments*) The ability to produce music with the human voice and instruments is one of the great wonders of human creativity.

Producing Wealth is the starting place for wealth within the individual and society. Here is the good news: **God has placed within human beings the priceless ability to produce wealth.** The ability to produce wealth is more important than even possessing wealth. The man who possesses wealth, but is unable to produce more will soon discover poverty. He will tragically find he has not only lost his wealth, but even more tragically, he is unable to replace it.

Yes, you can produce wealth. It is a distinctly human ability given by God. Therefore, since you are human – try it out! You'll like it.

Unfolding the Revelation of This Scripture

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My progressive understanding of this powerful Scripture in Deuteronomy 8:18 sparked the discovery of the processes of the Wealth Cycle.

Here is the progressive nature of the discovery.

First, there was the acknowledgement of this verse in the King James Version. The phrase in the KJV reads, “*power to get wealth.*” That is a strong phrase, but the translation seems to hint that you can get it from “out there somewhere.”

The next phase of my revelation came from the eye-opening translation of the New International Version. It places the emphasis upon the power within the individual. It reads, “*the ability to produce wealth.*” Just think about it. You have the God-given ability to produce wealth. Wealth is not merely “out there somewhere,” waiting for you to stumble across it by accident or luck. Your wealth comes from within, the human power within. It is an empowerment from God to every individual.

The final step in the progress of this discovery was when I looked into the meaning of the original Hebrew language of this verse. The Hebrew word translated to “get” and “produce” is the word, ‘**asah** (pronounced – ah-SAH). This word has a variety of meanings and among them are: *to make, earn, bring into being, or even to CREATE*. What a concept! Humans can create wealth. Wealth that did not formerly exist in a manifested form can come into being whenever humans “will” and “work” to bring it about. This study established my understanding so firmly that I now declare this everywhere I go and to everyone who will listen.

When human beings realize this truth and allow it to work in their lives, things begin to change and wealth begins to flow. Nothing is more empowering in your economic life than to know that you don’t have to “steal” wealth, you don’t have to “cheat” for wealth, you don’t even have to “hope for luck” (gamble) to get wealth – you can *create* wealth because you have the *ability*. Ability means God supplies the *mind, means, and motivation* to create wealth.

Mind = The capacity, ideas, and wisdom to create wealth.

Means = The methods, processes, and the opportunities to create wealth.

Motivation = The empowerment, strength, and the persistence to create wealth.

The ability to produce wealth does come from God, for without these God-given endowments it would be impossible for humans to produce wealth. When God declared this to Israel after their emancipation from slavery, He was *confirming*, making good on, His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Actually, this upholding of the *wealth covenant* (or the prosperity aspect of the covenant) has its foundation with Adam in Genesis.

Because the God of wealth created you, you have the inner wisdom, power, and possibility to produce wealth. You are really somebody. You are a wealth-producing, specially-designed creature called *human*. Whatever you can conceive God will help you achieve. Any person whether in the underclass, or at the bottom rung of society can tap into this God-given promise.

The Scripture below gives one of the keys to producing wealth.

Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 10:4 (NIV)

WEALTH ABILITY CHART

Mind	Means	Motivation
Ideas	Method	Empowerment
Capacity	Opportunity	Persistence
Wisdom	How to (know how)	Strength
Thinking	Way	Passion
Attitude	Process (Techniques)	Inspiration

WEALTH – OUR INHERITANCE



This picture is Michelangelo’s ceiling painting, *The Sistine Chapel*, in the Vatican in Rome, Italy. This is from the painting depicting the creation of Adam. The hand of God is on the right and the hand of Adam on the left. (Painted sometime between 1508-1512.)

To be fully human is to be wealthy and successful. (Fully human means to reach for the highest potential within.) We have inherited wealth and success from our fathers: God – our Heavenly Father and Creator; Adam – our earthly father who was the first human to bear the image of God; and Abraham – our spiritual father of faith. Wealth is indeed a human inheritance. Claim your inheritance now by fully living and letting God work in you and through you.

As inheritors, we have many valuable possessions passed on to us – to you. We are inheritors of the wealth and abundance in our universe and Earth. We are also inheritors of the vast wealth of resources *within* every human being like: the magnificent image of God, the limitless human imagination, and the human brain, *that great mental genius within*.

A Biblical Example: Abraham, the Father of Faith and the Father of Wealth

The Scriptures declare Abraham as the great father of faith in the living God and the father of those who believe. (Romans 4:11-12, 16-18; Galatians 3:7) Today, we are yet enjoying this great spiritual heritage. This heritage was passed on to us from his descendents who wrote the Bible; the great prophets; and finally through his greatest Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

Abraham also had wealth, a multifaceted wealth. Indeed, he is the **Father of Wealth**. Abraham is the first person in the Bible who is called *rich or wealthy*. Probably not the first person *to have riches*, but the first significant person in which there was the mixture of faith **and** wealth *to be called very wealthy*.

Abram was very rich (NIV, very wealthy) in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

Genesis 13:2 (NKJV)

The LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks [sheep and/or goats] and herds [cattle], silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.

Genesis 24:35 (NKJV)

We are amazed at the spiritual resolve of this man of faith and wealth, Father Abraham. Spiritual and wealthy; is that possible? Yes! In Deuteronomy 8:18 God promises believers the ability to create wealth in order to fulfill the covenant He “*swore to your fathers.*” Our spiritual father Abraham (Galatians 3:7) was rich and he was the father of the spiritual seed to follow. Yes, spirituality and riches *can* go together, no rather; spirituality and riches are *obligated* to join forces.

No, faith and riches are not incompatible. As a matter of fact, this combination is preferable. Better a man of faith and strong moral fiber be rich than a man of cynicism, skepticism, and feeble ethical principles.

Abraham’s Wealth Included:

- Livestock, food, and commodities for trade (sheep and/or goats and cattle)
- Money (silver and gold)
- Employees (male and female workers – servants)
- Transportation (camels and donkeys)
- Land (mentioned in Genesis 12:1)

Genesis 13:2 in the KJV says, *And Abram was **very rich** in cattle, in silver, and in gold.*

The NIV translation says, *Abram had become **very wealthy** in livestock and in silver and gold.*

The Hebrew word for *rich, wealthy* used here means *heavy*. Since wealth was measured in biblical times by heavy items like gold, silver, precious stones, and livestock, the usage of the term “heavy” is indeed understandable. (See Chapter 4 of *God Wants You To Be Wealthy* for more on the wealth of Abraham.)

Abraham’s wealth is the foundation for the wealth promised to the Children of Israel.

The Bible truly is the Good Book, the Prosperity Book and the Wealth Covenant is sure. Are you experiencing the covenant in FULL? If not, God has placed within you the ability to create and enjoy His promises.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION [PAGES 9-15] ARE MISCELLANEOUS NOTES FOR BIBLE STUDENTS ON THE KEY WORDS IN AND MEANING OF DEUTERONOMY 8:18

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Remember – Hebrew = zakar

Remember – human obligations, His covenant. Keep Him on mind, His words, instructions, commandments. It also includes the ideas of celebration and praise. Of the human side of keeping the requirements of the covenant., not just remembering God’s grace, love, and nature. Remember the human obligations to God’s word and will.

Forefathers**Isaac – Gen 26:12-13**

(Gen 26:12 NIV) Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him.

(Gen 26:13 NIV) The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.

Jacob Gen 27:28-29; Gen 28:1-4; Gen 30:30, 43 (27)

(Gen 27:28 NIV) May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness-- an abundance of grain and new wine.

(Gen 27:29 NIV) May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

(Gen 28:1 NIV) So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him and commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman.

(Gen 28:2 NIV) Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother.

(Gen 28:3 NIV) May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples.

(Gen 28:4 NIV) May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, the land God gave to Abraham."

(Gen 30:27 NIV) But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the LORD **has blessed me because of you.**"

(Gen 30:30 NIV) The little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I have been. But now, when may I do something for my own household?"

(Gen 30:43 NIV) In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and maidservants and menservants, and camels and donkeys.

Believers Today and the Abrahamic Covenant

Galatians 3:8; Romans 4:11-17

(Gal 3:8 NKJV) And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

(Rom 4:11 NKJV) And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,

(Rom 4:12 NKJV) and the **father of circumcision** to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

(Rom 4:13 NKJV) For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

(Rom 4:16 NKJV) Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is **the father of us all**

(Rom 4:17 NKJV) (as it is written, "I have made you a **father of many nations**") in the presence of Him whom he believed; God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

“and so” = in this way

confirm = NIV, NRSV; establish = KJV, NKJV, fulfill = NLT

This is the way God makes good on His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – by giving the children of Abraham the ability to produce wealth.

Hebrew = quwm, (Pronounced, koom) = accomplish, be clear, confirm, continue, make good, lift up (again), strengthen, succeed, make sure, uphold

Abrahamic Covenant included:

1. Land
 2. Material Blessings
 3. Children – Nation
 4. Spiritual Blessings
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Spirit Filled Life Study Bible Deut 8:12-16 Note: “Israel’s health, prosperity, and success are based on the covenant relationship with God.”

“as it is today”

This is the benefit of the covenant today.

This is how the covenant works with you today.

This, I affirm, declare today.

So it is right now.

This is true today.

I will do this. I will empower you starting today.

I am reminding you of this today.

Other Scriptures with this phrase in the NIV “as it is today”

(Deu 4:38 NIV) to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you and to bring you into their land to give it to you for your inheritance, as it is today.

(Deu 10:15 NIV) Yet the LORD set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today.

(1 Ki 8:24 NIV) You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it--as it is today.

(Ezra 9:7 NIV) From the days of our forefathers until now, our guilt has been great. Because of our sins, we and our kings and our priests have been subjected to the sword and captivity, to pillage and humiliation at the hand of foreign kings, as it is today.



(Jer 44:22 NIV) When the LORD could no longer endure your wicked actions and the detestable things you did, your land became an object of cursing and a desolate waste without inhabitants, as it is today.

KJV “As it is this day”

(Gen 50:20 KJV) But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

(Deu 4:38 KJV) To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

(Deu 10:15 KJV) Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

(Deu 29:28 KJV) And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

(1 Ki 3:6 KJV) And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

(1 Ki 8:24 KJV) Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

(Ezra 9:7 KJV) Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day.

(Jer 11:5 KJV) That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.

Deuteronomy 18, Verse 17 – “THIS wealth” Wealth is defined in the previous verses. In 8:1 = live, increase, enter, and possess the promised land

Verse 7-13 = Good Land

- Water – streams and pools, springs
- Wheat, barley = vegetation plentiful
- Plenty of food
- Lacking nothing
- Precious metals
- Houses
- Increase in livestock = biz
- Increase in silver and gold = financial, biz
- All will be increased and multiplied

Deuteronomy 18, Verse 16 “that all might go well” = wealthy.

Things going well, prosperous well being = wealthy

VERSE 7 “GOOD” LAND

(Deuteronomy 8:7 KJV) 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;

Verses 7-9 describe the land and wealth of the land. It is a wealthy land. Wealthy real estate. There is wealth in real estate.

Verses 10-13 describe the wealth that will come from how they use the land.

Good = tov = **Tov** (Pronounced tōv, like the “o” in stove.)

Some Bible students may recognize *tov* as the Hebrew word for “good.” This is the word used in Genesis when God looked at His creation and said, “It [this beautiful new creation] is **good** (tov).”

Tov has the idea of physical or moral goodness, or excellence in quality. In the Genesis creation passage, tov is probably best translated as, “It is **excellent!**” One can only imagine the pristine beauty and excellence of a newly created universe as it comes directly from the very hand of Almighty God.

This definition of wealth reminds us that wealth is “good” and can be used to produce much “good.” Wealth also helps promote excellence and quality (Job 21:13; Esther 10:3). Everything from quality health care to quality schools and quality housing can only come about when there is wealth. – Now that’s “good” doing GOOD!

We are to have the same heart for people that Mordecai, one of the great ancient leaders of Israel, had when he saw the plight of the people. Esther 10:3 (KJV) says Mordecai was “*seeking the **wealth*** (Hebrew word, *tov* – good) *of his people.*” Like Mordecai, the missionary efforts of the Church also seek the wealth of the people.

BDB (Brown Driver Briggs, a supreme authority Biblical Hebrew Lexicon – tov

BDB says it means Pleasing, good

Adj = pleasant, agreeable, good

Good, sweet, agreeable to the senses

Prosperous, valuable, precious

Welfare, prosperity, happiness, benefit, good things

Other occurrences of the word, tov:

(Jer 17:5 NIV) This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

(Jer 17:6 NIV) He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see **prosperity** [tov] when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

(Jer 17:7 NIV) "But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

(Jer 17:8 NIV) He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

(Eccl 7:14 KJV) In the day of **prosperity** be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

(Psa 16:2 NRSV) I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good [tov = prosperity] apart from you."

BDB = *is not my welfare [tov - prosperity] dependent upon thee?*

(Job 22:21 NIV) "Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way **prosperity** will come to you.

(Psa 65:11 NKJV) You crown the year with Your **goodness** [prosperity], And Your paths drip with abundance.

(Psa 25:12 NKJV) Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

(Psa 25:13 NKJV) He himself shall dwell in **prosperity**, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

So the translation “**wealthy**” land or land of prosperity for Duet 8:7 is acceptable.

(Deu 8:7 KJV) For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land [**wealthy land, a land of prosperity**], a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

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Tov – good appears 590 times in OT.

(Deu 8:16 NKJV) "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to **do you good** in the end;

(Deu 8:16 NIV) He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it **might go well** with you.

Verb form of tov = yatab (or yatav)

The meaning in Strong’s Dictionary Word #3190. yatab, yaw-tab'; a prim. root; to be (causat.) **make well, lit. (sound, beautiful) or fig. (happy, successful, right):**--be accepted, amend, use aright, **benefit, be (make) better**, seem best, make cheerful, be comely, + be content, diligent (-ly), dress, earnestly, find favour, give, be glad, do (be, make) good ([-ness]), be (make) merry, please (+ well), shew more [kindness], skilfully, X very small, surely, make sweet, thoroughly, tire, trim, very, be (can, deal, entreat, go, have) well [said, seen].

BDB = be good well, glad , pleasing; be well for or with, go well with

Yatab appears 111 times NT Agathos (good) = 106 and kalos (good) = 137 = 243

Total noun and verb = 701 times OT and 243 NT = total of 944 times

Brown Driver and Briggs (BDB), the premier Biblical Hebrew Lexicon, defines *tov* primarily as pleasing, good, sweet, and agreeable to the senses. It goes on to define it as meaning prosperous (prosperity), valuable, precious, happiness, benefit, or simply good things.

Here are some Bible verses using the Hebrew word *tov*.

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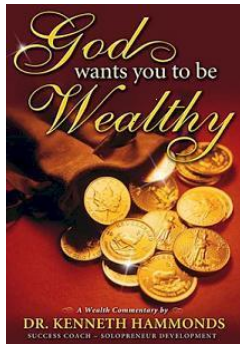
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Deuteronomy 8:16 (NKJV)

The noun and verbs forms tov appear in the OT 590 times. The NT words for good (kalos and agathos) appear 243 times. So all totaled, the word “good” appears 944 times in the Bible.

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