
How to Overcome
FINANCIAL FAMINE
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Historically, every time God's people as a whole entered into bondage, the only way they were delivered was by divine intervention. In each case, God would supernaturally visit someone, and assign them to take a message to His people. The people have to receive the one appointed by God as His messenger. I have received just such an assignment from the Lord, and I am being obedient to Him and taking the message of deliverance from financial bondage to His people.

When God visited me, He let me know that He is going to bring about some tremendous miracles in these last days for the Body of Christ where finances are concerned. However, even though He is going to divinely intervene on our behalf, there are conditions that have to be met. God insists that we consecrate ourselves wholly unto Him. This is the only way we will enter into divine prosperity.

Abraham's Prosperity

Let's look at the life of Abraham, the Father of Faith. He was a godly man who completely consecrated and dedicated his life to Jehovah. Consequently, he became a very wealthy man. But Abraham never pursued these blessings. He never sought after riches and wealth. He sought Jehovah. Because his motivations were right, Jehovah Jireh, the Source of Supply and Provider of All, manifested Himself in Abraham's life.

God saw to it that Abraham did not lack for anything.

On the other hand, his nephew Lot, a greedy, selfish man, was very ambitious to become wealthy. As you know, it produced bondage and Abraham had to go and rescue him from his captors.

Jacob was another who witnessed the prosperity of his grandfather,

Abraham. He was about fifteen years old when Abraham died. Evidently, he did not learn very much about walking with God as Abraham had. He wanted wealth and riches, and he would do anything to get them. The Bible teaches us that God desires for His people to prosper; yet at the same time, there are strong warnings against deceitfulness, dishonesty, usury, and oppression of the poor to become wealthy. If you do not heed these warnings, the result will be bondage. Jacob had been a deceiver, and consequently, he entered into bondage.

Bondage Always Comes As a Result of Disobedience, Rebellion, Lethargy, and a Neglect of Obeying God's Word.

However, if there is repentance, God will forgive you, and help you make a fresh start. When Jacob came face to face with God, had a heart-changing experience, and began to seek God first, he was then blessed by God. The Lord even changed his name from Jacob to Israel, which means the "Prince of God."

I want you to understand something that is very important. The Bible reveals to us the stories of people who failed, who made mistakes, and did things under pressure that they shouldn't have done. They missed God and got into trouble. Yet God forgave them. The moment they repented and became obedient to His laws, He would cause His blessings to come upon them. The Bible is also a story of grace, and of God's mercy and forgiveness.

God is no respecter of persons. He will also forgive you for any disobedience and then move supernaturally on your behalf to deliver you.

God Will Command His Blessings Upon You

Let's look at Deuteronomy chapter 28:1,

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. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

I want you to pay very close attention to these blessings:

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. 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. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. 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.

I want you to notice what God has said here. God said that He would bless Abraham and his seed if they were obedient to His Word. Look closely at verse eight:

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.

The Lord said this to me: "Son, I want to command My blessing upon My people. The problem with most of My people right now is that they are listening to everybody else in the world talk to them about their financial situations and they won't let Me talk to them. They listen to the news media and they are being told that there is inflation and that interest is going up. They listen to the world and let the world command curses on their finances." God said to me, "I would like to have the opportunity to say what I think."

I don't know about you, but I want God talking to my finances and not the world. I won't allow the evening news to dictate what is going to happen to me financially. I am in this world, but I am not of it.

Covenant people should live better than the world lives. We do not have to be depressed, oppressed, or suppressed. God has told us that He wants us to be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. Our affairs do not have to be ordered about by this world.

If you believe what the devil says about your finances and if you believe what the news media and carnally minded people say, then those signs will follow your finances. The wisdom of the world tells us there is inflation and recession, and that you cannot overcome it. If you are convinced of this, you will never have enough. Signs will follow what you believe.

Let God's Word Be Final Authority

The Lord said to me, "I want My people to quit listening to what the world's wisdom has to say about their finances and start listening to what I've got to say about it. I am going to command a blessing upon them in order to deliver them out of bondage."

I began reading every scripture in God's Word where He commanded something to happen. In Genesis chapter one, the Spirit of God was moving across the face of the waters and God said, *Let there be light.* There was light. You'll find that every time God created something in the book of Genesis, it is always prefaced with "and God said." God said, and it was so. God told me, "I want to command a blessing upon you. All I would have to do to change your

entire financial situation is say ‘Prosperity, Come! Lack, Go!’ That is all it would take.”

God calls those things that be not as though they are. (Romans 4:17) The word “calleth” means to summons. All God has to do to change any situation is to say the Word. There is nothing more powerful than God’s Word. It is superior to everything that is made, since all things were made by Him. (Col. 1:16) God told me, “I want to command My blessing upon My people. When I release My words upon their finances, it carries as much power as when I said, ‘Light, Be!’”

Did you know that God has been talking about our finances for a long time? He has already said that He desires that we prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers (3 John 2). He has already said that He delights in the prosperity of His servants (Ps. 35:27). Where we’ve missed it is that we’ve listened to the world too long. Now it’s time that we stop listening to the world, stop listening to the news media, and stop listening to anything that is contrary to God’s Word. God has said that He will command a blessing upon us. Psalms 148:56 says,

For he commanded, and they were created. He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

When God delivers a decree, it shall not pass. In other words, it cannot be negated. When God talks to your finances, Satan cannot stop it from coming to pass.

How Powerful Is God’s Commandment?

In Isaiah 50:1 we find:

Thus saith the Lord, Where is the bill of your mother’s divorcement, whom I have put away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

In other words, He is telling them that their rebellion and disobedience have put them into bondage, not Him.

Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem?

Do you believe that God can redeem your finances? His Word says His hand is not shortened. *Have I no power to deliver?* Now I want you to notice how God connects redemption and power to words. He says,

Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

God is saying, "I'll tell you just how powerful My words are. All I have to do is say the word and oceans, rivers, seas, lakes, ponds, streams, and creeks dry up." Can you imagine someone so powerful that at His rebuke, at His word, every body of water on this planet would dry up? He can do it. That's our God. That's how powerful His command is. That's how powerful His rebuke is.

Isaiah 51:11-13 says,

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am He that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; and forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor?

Do you realize what God is saying here? He's reminding the people that their Maker, the Creator of the Universe, is still able to deliver them. God is saying, "I'm so powerful that all I have to do is say the Word and I can put your oppressor to flight. Where is your adversary, the devil; I'll take care of him!"

In Isaiah 54:14 God says,

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

God is letting the people know that He created Lucifer. Originally he was God's anointed cherub. But because of his beauty, wisdom, and exalted position, his heart was lifted up in pride and God cast him out of heaven. God is saying that since He created Lucifer, He'll be responsible for him. How will God take care of Satan? *"NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST YOU SHALL PROSPER. "* God says He'll see to it that no weapon formed against His children shall prosper. That's our heritage, Praise God!

God is mightier than our adversary. Satan is not in God's class. All God has to do to stop the work of our adversary is speak the Word.

God Will Rebuke The Devourer

In Malachi 3:10 we read a very familiar scripture. God says,

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine

house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes.

Now notice here that God says He will rebuke the devourer. In the New Testament we are instructed to resist the devil. We are instructed to fight the good fight of faith. We are instructed to bind our adversary. But here in Malachi, God says that He will rebuke the devourer for us. The word "rebuke" means to address sharply, reprimand, to force back. When you rebuke the devil, you'll notice a boldness that will come upon you. When you're fed up with the devil and finally get mad at him and rebuke him, then you become a different person. When you're fed up and mad enough to rebuke the devil, he'll leave you alone.

Well, I've got good news for you. God's fed up with the devil controlling your finances. He's tired of hearing His children say, "I'd love to give more, but I can't." He's tired of your not being able to give. He's tired of His ministers not being able to build their churches. He's "fed up," and He is going to rebuke our adversary.

It will take enormous amounts of money for us to do in the earth what needs to be done for Jesus to return. God said to me, "I'm going to command My blessing upon My people, for it is they who shall finance the greatest revival that has ever come upon this planet. I will do a work in their finances and I will cause them to prosper for the gospel's sake."

The Devourer Shall Be Stopped

God is going to rebuke the devourer for your sake. The word *devour* means to swallow up, to consume. That is exactly what has been happening to our finances. Have you ever had all of your check spent before you could even get it to the bank? If so, then it was consumed. Have you ever had your money just seem to disappear and you wondered what happened to it all? It was swallowed up. God said, "I will rebuke the one who is swallowing up your money. I will address him sharply." When the Creator of the universe speaks, the Bible says His voice is like thunder. The Bible speaks of the voice of Jesus in the book of Revelation and says it was the sound of many waters. God's voice is a powerful voice and His words carry tremendous power. It is a frightening sound to our adversary.

God is going to speak to your finances. In the spirit realm there will be a thundering voice heard and Satan and his forces will rock and reel under the blow of God's voice.

What Must You Do?

I asked the Lord what we must do. He said "My people are in financial famine and I want them out. If they'll do what Isaac did in famine, I'll reward them as I did Isaac."

Let's read in Genesis 26:1:

And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham.

There was a famine in that land. There is a financial famine in our land today. There is drought and lack. God pointed this out to me and said, "There was a famine in Isaac's day and Isaac obeyed me in the midst of that famine. If my people will obey me today in the midst of financial famine, then I will command the blessing upon them, I will rebuke the devourer for their sake and I will reward them with the rewards of Isaac." Look at verse twelve,

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him.

What did Isaac do? He sowed in famine and the Lord rewarded him greatly.

I said, "God, do You mean that You want me to tell Your people to sow in famine?" He said, "Yes. The worst thing they could do in financial famine is to hold on to what little they've got. The worst thing they could do when it seems there isn't enough is to become stingy, selfish, and greedy. Tell them to sow in famine, and I will give them the same blessing that I gave Isaac." God will say, "Blessings, be on their finances! Devourer, get out of their finances!"

Get Out of Bondage Now!

God needs for us to get out of financial bondage now. Jesus is coming soon. There is much work yet to be done, but we can do it. With men it is impossible, but with God it is possible. Satan cannot stop the preaching of the Gospel. He will try to by keeping the Body of Christ in financial bondage. But God is not going to allow it, if we'll obey His voice. If you will determine in your heart to be set free, then God will move supernaturally on your finances and deliver you.

How I Sowed in Famine

When God revealed these things to me we had tremendous needs in our ministry. We were building, expanding, and more and more money was needed. We had to keep our faith on the job continuously. I had gotten to the place where I was fed up with the devil controlling my finances. God said He would command His blessing upon me and rebuke the devourer for my sake. My wife and I agreed in the Name of Jesus that we would sow in famine. We wrote out

ten checks for $1,000 each representing the ten major areas of our ministry: the Bible Training Center, the Evangelistic Association, the Radio and Television Outreach, and so forth.

I needed a bigger and faster airplane to travel to all our meetings. So we also sowed $1,000 from that account. Carolyn and I sowed $1,000 personally as well. Altogether, checks totaling $11,000 were written. In the natural, it looked foolish to give away $11,000. But God had told me, “You sow in famine and I will command my blessing upon you.” We wrote out the checks and sowed them into the ministry which God had instructed us. The same day, we received a check for $10,000. God blessed us with our seed back.

I sowed in famine and the next week, I was given a $150,000 airplane. It was given to me debt free. In that same week, a person gave me a check for $100,000 for my Evangelistic Outreach. In one week, over a quarter of a million dollars came to us and financial miracles haven’t ceased since.

Do you know why these blessings have come upon me? God has commanded His blessing upon me and has rebuked the devourer for my sake.

Prosperity Belongs to You

God wants to prosper His people. It is not His intention, however, for this wealth to be spent on our own lusts or to gratify our flesh. This is to finance the revival that is coming on this planet. Where will God get the money? There is a scripture that is beginning to be fulfilled on our behalf. It says that the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just (Proverbs 13:22). The Amplified Bible says that it will eventually find its way into their hands.

Your Attitude Is Important

The way we sow in famine is also important to God. Let’s look at the way the people were instructed to bring an offering in Exodus 35:4,

And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a WILLING HEART, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord.

In verse ten it says,

And every wise hearted among you shall come.

Wise-hearted people are people who obey God.

Verse 21 says,

And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord’s offering to the work of the

tabernacle of the congregation, and for all His service, and for the holy garments.

And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold.

Notice their attitude! They were willing to obey God.

In chapter 36:3, we see that Moses received the offering the children of Israel brought. They were being obedient to the word of the prophet. Finally in verse five it says,

And they spake unto Moses, saying,

The people bring MUCH MORE THAN ENOUGH for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make.

Moses had to give another commandment in verse 6,

Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

These people were so willing to obey God that they gave more than enough. They weren't selfish but gracious, and God was well pleased with them.

In verse seven it says,

For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

Don't ever say that you don't have anything to give. You do. You have stuff! All God wants is for you to be willing to give what you have and He'll bless it back to you over and over again.

If you continue reading on into chapter 40, you'll see that the day Moses entered the Tabernacle, the glory of the Lord filled the place. From that point on, the Lord covered them with a cloud, and everywhere they went they were protected. They enjoyed divine health and divine prosperity.

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In Deuteronomy 28, God commands blessings upon those who obey Him. Victory will come. God is rebuking the devourer and commanding the blessing of Isaac upon all who are obedient to sow in famine. Sow your seed now and keep on sowing and watch God move supernaturally in your behalf.

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My friend, after you have read this book, then purposely sow your seed as a point of contact in order to overcome the financial famine in your life, then make

this your daily confession:

I, _, sowed in famine on this date_and I shall keep on sowing by faith until I receive the hundredfold return as God has promised in His Word HE IS COMMANDING BLESSINGS UPON MY FINANCES AND IS REBUKING THE DEVOURER FOR MY SAKE.

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