

WEALTH & RICHES

Would God Make You Rich?

- I. Would God make you abundantly rich in wealth and material possessions?
 - A. Many will give you the idea that God, not only won't do this, but that He is against it-Abundance of wealth & possessions
 1. Let's not speculate, but rather let's search the scriptures and find out if God would do this
 2. If God wants people poor, in lack, or only having their needs met moderately we'll see that in the scripture
- II. It's an undeniable Bible fact that God definitely blessed people, but 2 questions 1) In what way? 2) To what degree?
 - A. Abraham-God blessed Abraham in the material realm and it was excessive
 1. Genesis 12:2-God's promise was, "I will bless you." – In what way? To what degree? Who did it?
 2. Gen24:1,35-The Lord has blessed my master greatly (exceedingly) and he has become great (CEV-Very rich; NET-Very wealthy): he has given him flocks, herds, silver, gold, menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and donkeys
 3. Genesis 13:2-Abraham was very (exceedingly) rich in cattle, silver, and in gold
 - B. Isaac-Genesis 26:12-THE LORD blessed him and it was in the material realm and it was excessive
 1. Genesis 26:3-God's promise was, "I will bless you." - In what way? To what degree? Who did it?
 2. Materially-14-CEV-The Philistines were jealous of the large number of sheep, goats, and servants that Isaac owned
 3. Excessively-Gen26:13-CSB-He became rich & kept getting richer until he was very wealthy; CEV-He grew richer & richer until he was extremely wealthy; MS-He planted crops in that land and took in a huge harvest. God blessed Him. He got richer & richer by the day until he was very wealthy. He accumulated flocks, herds & many, many servants, so much that the Philistines envied Him
 - a. Gen26:16-TL-Go somewhere else, you have become too rich and powerful for us; VO-He was threatened by his prosperity
 - C. Jacob-Genesis 30:43-God blessed Jacob in the material realm and it was excessive
 1. Gen28:3-4-God blessed Him and gave Him the blessing of Abraham - In what way? To what degree? Who did it?
 - a. Gen28:13-This is significant because the God of Abraham and Isaac blessed them excessively in material wealth
 - b. Gen28:15-I am with you & will keep (take care of) you in all places where you go; How did God take care of Him?
 2. Gen30:43-AMP-He increased and become exceedingly rich and had many sheep, goats, maidservants, menservants, camels, and donkeys; CEV-The man Jacob became very, very rich; NASB-He become exceedingly prosperous
 - D. Joseph-Gen41:41-God blessed him in the material realm and it was excessive
 1. One of the evidences is that God is with you is that you are prospering and having success-Gen39:2, Hebrews 13:5-6
 - a. EXB-The Lord was with Joseph [indicating a covenant relationship] and he became a successful man [prospered]
 2. The Lord is the one blessing and prospering-Gen39:3,23-In what way? To what degree? Who did it?
 - a. This is materially-5-The blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house and in the field
 - b. This is excessive-2-ISV-Very prosperous; TLB-The Lord greatly blessed Joseph
 - c. Genesis 41:41-There was the nicest clothes, jewelry, he's got his own house (Gen43:24); Pharaoh's ring was a symbol of Pharaoh's authority and henceforth gave Joseph access to anything in the land he desired
 - E. The Children Of Israel-God blessed them with material wealth and it was excessive-Psalm 105:37
 1. He brought them out with silver and gold – God did it
 2. It was excessive; TLB-Loaded with silver and gold; MS-Their arms filled with loot; NET-Enriched with silver and gold
 3. Exodus 3:21-22-This was a spoiling (strip, plunder) of their gold, silver, and clothes; AMP-Great possessions; GW-Strip Egypt of it's wealth; MSG-Clean the Egyptians out; TLB-The best of Egypt
 - F. Joshua-God is blessing His people with an excessive amount of material wealth
 1. Josh1:5-8, 6:27-The Lord was with Him and the result was prosperity – In what way? To what degree? Who did it?

2. Joshua 8:2,27,11:14-God blessed them with the spoil from the cities they were defeating; We know the blessing was from God because when they touched the accursed thing they were defeated by Ai and there was no spoil (Josh6,7)
3. Joshua 22:8-CEV-You've become rich from what you've taken from your enemies. You have big herds of cattle, lots of silver, gold, bronze and iron, and plenty of clothes; ERV-You have become very rich. You have many animals. You have gold, silver, and expensive jewelry. You have many beautiful clothes; GNT-You're going back home very rich

G. David-God gave David riches and wealth excessively

1. 1Chron29:28-He died in a good old age, full of days, riches, & honor-**In what way? To what degree? Who did it?**
2. 1Chron29:11-12-O Lord, you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of you-God did it
 - a. Do you have a problem with God honoring people? Then why have a problem with Him making people rich?
3. 1Chronicles 29:3-4-This is over a 4 billion dollar offering today (3,000 75 pound chunks of gold)
 - a. *Because I set my affection to the house of my God* – This is why he had the money (Matt6:33)
 - b. If you have truly set your affection on God and His things one of the main way we see it is in your giving

H. Solomon-God gave Solomon riches excessively - **In what way? To what degree? Who did it?**

1. 1Kings 3:13-I have also given you that which you have asked not, both riches and honor – God did it
2. 1 Kings 10:23-Solomon exceeded all the kinds of the earth for riches and wisdom – It was excessive
 - a. 2 Chronicles 1:15-And the king made silver and gold as plenteous as stones

I. Jehoshaphat-God added more riches to Him after he already had riches in abundance

1. 2Chr17:3-5-The Lord was with Jehoshaphat; The Lord established his kingdom and he had riches in abundance
2. 2Chr20:25-They spent 3 days gathering spoils; Would someone be abundantly rich and God keep adding to them?

J. Hezekiah-God gave him substance very much-It was material blessing, it was excessive, God did it

1. 2Chron32:27-29-Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor: 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

K. Job-God blessed Job very much in the material realm

1. Job1:3-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.
 - a. CJB-Wealthiest man in the east; CEV-Richest person in the east (20million)
 - b. 1-He was an upright man and feared God – This how he got it
2. Jb42:10-The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before; The Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning

L. Isaiah 23:17-18-The prosperity was holy to the Lord b/c it was used to prosper His people which to Him is a holy thing

1. MS-Her profits will be put to the use of GOD-Aware, GOD-Serving-People, providing plenty of food and the best of clothing-DA-Excellent clothing; GW-Expensive clothing; NET-Beautiful clothes

M. Jeremiah-Jeremiah 33:6-9-God is the one lavishing his people with prosperity

1. 6-9-Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.
2. **God didn't stop at cleansing them from their iniquities and pardoning their sins, He kept going to material wealth; He didn't stop but most of His people stop at that**

- N. Ezekiel 16:6-14-God clothed them with the best, decked them with silver & gold, they were famous for their prosperity
- O. Hosea 2:8-For she did not know that I gave her corn, wine, oil and multiplied (increase exceedingly) her silver and gold
- P. Ps66:12-TL-You brought us into wealth and great abundance; CJB-Place of plenty; TLV-Superabundance; God did it?
- Q. Daniel 2:48-The king made Daniel a great man and gave him many gifts (many riches, lavished him with many gifts)
- R. Zechariah-1:17-AMPC-Thus says the Lord of hosts: My cities shall yet again overflow with prosperity; ERV-My towns will be rich again; WYC-Overflow with good things
- S. Malachi 3:10-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. – This is (prosperity) that you can't contain
- T. Nehemiah-2:20-The God of Heaven He will prosper us; therefore his servants will arise and build
 1. You can't build if you don't prosper
- U. Ruth-When God finds someone who will honor him, he finds ways to prosper them if they'll allow it
 1. 2:1-Boaz was a mighty man of wealth; 3:11-Ruth was a virtuous woman; 4:10-Ruth married Boaz and became a mighty woman of wealth;

III. When did God change? If God doesn't do this now, then we did He change?

- A. God doesn't change because He doesn't need to change, because he started out perfect
 1. Malachi 3:6-KJ-For I am the Lord I change not; MSG-I am God – yes, I Am. I haven't changed
 2. Js1:17-KJ-In whom there is no variableness (change); CS-Who does not change; AM-He is perfect and never changes; CE-He is always the same; ER-God never changes like the shadows from those lights. He's always the same
 3. Hebrews 13:8-MSG-For Jesus doesn't change – yesterday, today, tomorrow, he's always totally himself
- B. People will give you the idea that He used to be his way, but He no longer is and that He changed
 1. Mark 7:8-The tradition of men has changed, the doctrines of men has changed, the deception of people has grown worse, but God is still the same
 2. He's always been against covetousness, He's always been against getting stuff the wrong way, He's always been against having the wrong relationship with stuff HE HAS NEVER BEEN AGAINST HIS PEOPLE HAVING A LOT OF MATERIAL STUFF