

# Voice of Triumph

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*"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease [God's perpetual season]." Genesis 8:22*

## RECEIVING A HARVEST THAT IS GREATER THAN THE SEED SOWN

**Accentuate abundance:** Famine or the threat of hunger has nothing to do with God's provision. God's love has everything to do with his favor toward you. Romans 8:34-39, ask this question, who can separate us from the love of Christ? Famine is listed. There is not one crisis that can separate you from the love of Christ, so cling to him. If you trust in scarcity more than the love of Christ, then surplus will never override shortage. In Genesis 26, God shows favor to Isaac during famine. It did not look like the right time to sow or reap. "He that observes the wind [and waits for all conditions to be favorable] will not sow, and he regards the clouds will not reap." Ecclesiastes 11:4. But Isaac sowed and received, not reaped. The dynamics changed when God had a path to deliver his season to him. God showed Isaac off, drew attention to him and made him the head.

**Activate abundance:** At first, it appeared Isaac was following the footsteps of his father Abraham when the famine began; he moved to a Philistine town. Although it was enemy territory, they had substance that Isaac did not have. Moreover, after Isaac received a visitation from God, he trusted and obeyed the Lord's command to stay put. God has a stimulus package that has never changed because it has never failed. This is what sets it in motion: you go where God tells you to go, stay as long as he tells you to stay, do what he tells you to do, leave when he tells you to leave, and you will receive what he has purposed for you to receive. That's living in God's season. In Genesis 26:3-6, God told Isaac, "Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father; and I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries, and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed [immediately, if not sooner] my voice [authority], and kept [guarded] my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws. And Isaac dwelt in Gerar." So where do you fit in the scheme of things? Galatians 3:29 confirms our position in Jesus Christ. The Amplified says, "And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise." The stimulus plan names you as an heir.

**Accumulate abundance:** Before you build your wealth and riches, cover your assets, income, revenue against liability and expense with the blood of Jesus. When you command their alignment to the will of God—the power to get wealth—you protect them not just from natural loss, theft, decay, corruption, but also you preserve them supernaturally which guarantees recovery. This is God's vow; you don't have to vouch for God; you will not be ashamed of your hope. Prayer is not a vain thing. In verse 7-11, fear gripped Isaac's heart so he told the king that Rebekah his wife was his sister. You will often reach for cover when you are insecure. As Isaac's surety for good, God bailed Isaac out; even though he owed a debt he could not repay. Because God was involved, King Abimelech made a law backed by capital punishment that shielded Isaac and Rebekah from danger, abuse, loss, and destruction. With a strong defense, even if you do not progress at first, you won't regress. You can't mount up, if the bottom keeps falling out. As you trust God to safeguard your substance, it will not be misappropriated. And even if the weapon takes shape, it shall not prosper.

**Accelerate abundance:** In verses 12-14 Isaac's life elevates. "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and *received* in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great. For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds and great store of servants..." God was with him as he promised. God's presence made the distinction. God blessed him as he promised. God preserved him for his divine purpose in spite of shortcomings. God gave him all the land he promised. God multiplied his possessions until he had a profit. No longer in the red. Isaac was not longer in a cramped space. God brought him out with a flourishing finish: Remember, 100-fold is not 100%; each seed is multiplied by 100, not a seed for a seed. You cannot exhaust a seed sown along with the Word of God unless you dig it up. Psalm 126 in The Message sums it up for Isaac which means laughter. "It seemed like a dream, too good to be true when God returned Zion's exiles. We laughed, we sang, we couldn't believe our good fortune. We were the talk of the nations—"God was wonderful to them!" God was wonderful to us; we are one happy people. And now, God, do it again—bring rains to our drought-stricken lives. So those who planted their crops in despair will shout hurrahs at the harvest, so those who went off with heavy hearts will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing." Since God already sowed heaven's best [Jesus Christ] for you why would he withhold earth's best from you?

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### Thought for Transformation

*Isaac received his harvest in the same year, he received 100-fold. Joel prophesied in chapter 2:21-27 something even greater—a huge return on your investment in the same month. He commanded the land to produce profusely. "Fear not, O Lord; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. He comforted the beasts so they would not fear death by starvation." Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Then he commanded the people: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil; and I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am the Lord your God; and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed."*

*Read Leroy Thompson's No More Empty Hands.*