

The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 441 Scriptures

This is Section B of a multi-part instruction. Have you received your rightful inheritance? What road are you on? Is it a path that leads to progressive increase or one that leaves you in dire straits? A subject so misunderstood; now you can grasp the four degrees of financial increase as revealed through the Book of Ruth. You will see the favor of God demonstrated in her life when she transitions from rags to riches. "Wealth and riches are in his dynasty...", Psalm 112:3.

Throughout the Holy Bible, you can see how God's bountiful love, grace, mercy, and favor are readily available to abound toward you at all times. Sufficiency means you will always have your needs met, the desires of your heart fulfilled, and the exceedingly, abundantly, above all that you can ask or think of according to the power that works in you, in a state of rest.

Financial prosperity within the kingdom of God is established by God's covenant blessing for His people. God's will for you is not just to manage your money, but master your inheritance. "Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation i.e., "saving health" have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places," Isaiah 49:8-9, King James Version. Saving health in Hebrew is *yeshuah* i.e., "help, aid, welfare, victory, deliverance, and prosperity." Let us unpack Kathryn Joy Foster's book, Pathway to Prosperity.

Chapter Two
I'll Make It Up To You
Commitment of God

Once upon a time, there was a woman named Naomi who was married to Elimelech. Born out of their union were two sons named Mahlon and Chilion. Their hometown was in Bethlehem-Judah, which is interpreted as the House of Praise.

During a time of famine, the family moved to the country of Moab that was a known enemy of God. In this case, the scripture says that they "went" on their own accord, but were not "sent" by God. Whenever you choose to leave the place of praise and ally with God's enemies, you will experience unnecessary trials.

This course of action eventually turned their glory into shame. Anytime you take a "chance" on something that is not God ordained you will be headed for self-destruction. God is sure. He doesn't take chances, so neither do you have to take chances. In fact, there is no such thing as luck in the kingdom of God, even if it is prefaced with the word "good". The origin of the word "luck" can be traced back to the name Lucifer. The bible references Lucifer as Satan's original name. Needless to say, he took a chance when he thought he and one-third of the angels could dethrone God Almighty. You know his end, total defeat.

Naomi and her family probably based their decision on what their forefather Abraham did when there was famine in the land. Abraham also migrated to a foreign land when he went into Egypt. The difference in Abraham's results was he didn't experience devastation -- although it was a time of testing. "And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn

there; for the famine was grievous in the land. And Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife, and all that they had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold,” Genesis 12:10; 13:1-2.

When you enthrone God in your heart, good success will find you. Abraham was led by the Spirit of God and the Word of the Lord that set him up for promotion. Always seek to get the word of the Lord and be led by His Spirit and not someone else’s road map even if they twist God’s Word like satan did during his temptation of Jesus.

In Naomi’s story, a crop failure plagued the flow of nourishment in Bethlehem-Judah. Her family’s livelihood was literally devoured right before their eyes. They could not produce a harvest because their seed had been eaten. Why? The people turned from serving the one and only, true and living God to setup idols in His place.

They believed the idol they served was solely responsible for the fertility of their land, totally removing God off His throne, as the Lord of the Harvest. Perchance you should dethrone God to sit on the throne in His stead, then failure and premature death will surely overtake you.

You will be empowered to fail if choose not to serve the Lord God with joyfulness and gladness of heart for the abundance of all things, even in times of recession. The kingdom of God never experiences layoffs, cutbacks, or downsizing. In other words, when you complain you are sentencing your finances to default.

Always remember, you can put something in God's place, but you will never be able to replace Him. When you place your trust in something that is not alive, you are going to get the results of something that is dead.

Naomi's family pilgrimage proved quite grievous. Her husband met an untimely death. Her two sons then married women of Moab. To escalate Naomi's grief, both sons died prematurely, leaving her with two daughters-in-law from a foreign land and absolutely no possibility of having an heir or support. However, Ruth's and Orpah's marriage to Mahlon and Chilion extended their right of entry into a covenant with the God Almighty.

Quickly, they all were becoming an image of those who were cursed with a curse. Naomi and her family positioned themselves to be weakened and wiped off the face of the earth. They were empowered to fail because they participated in a condemned system. Now, the effect of Naomi's and Elimelech's idolatry had infiltrated into the next generation. It devoured the seed needed to continue their name.

No matter the kind of devastation you may have experienced, God is able to restore you from a corrupt world system, as well as, to keep you from falling. His promise to you is found in Jude 24-25, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Allow God to reposition your soul to receive fully and completely from His abundant supply. Wherever God places you, He is also well able to keep you there. God desires to give you much

more than what you lost. Restoration from God's point of view gives you what the Lord originally intended, not just what you lost.

Some ten years later, Naomi received a word that the Lord was again recognized as the sole provider in Judah. After hearing how God had visited the land of Judah with bread, Naomi decided to return to the place she once called home alone. She never had any intentions of taking either of her daughters-in-law. Naomi's plea to them was, "... Go, return each to your mother's house; the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband..." Ruth 1:8-9.

Naomi wished the two women well and believed God's favor would give them rest because of their kindness to her family. Naomi then gave them a farewell kiss expecting to end their relationship forever, disregarding their covenant with God that was established through marriage. Initially, the two women cried out to Naomi making every intention to show their loyalty to her.

Naomi attempted to dissuade them from following her. She painted a grim picture of hopelessness. She even blamed the God she served for all her misfortunes. God only has a covenant to add and multiply, while satan only has a contract to subtract and divide. While God extends mercy, satan always makes you pay.

Orpah agreed in her heart with Naomi to return to idol worship in Moab. She left the pathway of prosperity to return to her own heritage. When you give up your own heritage, that's when you will be open to fully receive all God's heritage. Then and only then, will you receive your God-given inheritance.

On the other hand, there was nothing Naomi could say or do to cause a break in her bond with Ruth. Representative of Ruth's unyielding commitment is Romans 8:38-39. Absolutely nothing shall separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, or things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature..." will influence me to make a commitment to another than God. I am totally committed to love God. Ruth told Naomi that wherever she went, she was going, wherever she lived, she was living; and, whoever were her people and her God would be hers. That's the kind of commitment we should make with Jesus. Say out loud: I will abide in the kingdom of God and not choose the world's system of operations. I'm sold out to you, Jesus. I have been bought with a price. Therefore, I will glorify God with my life.

Ruth didn't understand everything about her newfound binding commitment. However, she recognized the country of Moab had positioned itself as an enemy of God. She wasn't clear about everything that was going to happen, but she knew in her heart what she didn't want. Before you can successfully move toward your prosperity goals, be clear what you want, as well as, what you don't want for your life and heritage.

This journey for Ruth was a leap of pure faith. Ruth saw absolutely no prosperity indicators ahead. In fact, all the evidence pointed to nothing but gloom, despair, and agony. However, she made a decision to go to a place she had never been, to be with people she had never known, and to live a life that first appeared laborious and dreadful.

Ruth experienced insurmountable grief with the loss her husband, her father-in-law, and her brother-in-law. She was leaving her birthplace, her heritage, her mother, her family and her sister-in-law. She chose to travel for over 50 miles in the company of Naomi who rejected and despised her. Ruth chose to accompany someone -- for life -- who found absolutely no value in her. Never underestimate whom God may send to help you to get to the next level. It may be the one you least expect.

Naomi's grief manifested in words of resentment, bitterness, and pain, even to the point that she blamed the God that Ruth had now come to serve for her own setback. The enemy will always attempt to accuse God for any trouble in your life to get the attention off of his wicked intentions. However, Ruth's commitment was stronger than death. Proverbs 3:5-10 could have been Ruth's goal for prosperity:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths [God will clear the path for you]. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."