

The 28 Blessings of Deuteronomy 28 Part 1

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The opening line of Deuteronomy 28:1 captures the prerequisite of True Biblical Prosperity and shows us why the Prosperity Gospel does not work.

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{8085} [m"v; — **shama`**, *shaw-mah'*; a primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.): —attentively, call (gather) together, carefully, certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear(-ken, tell), indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim(-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, surely, tell, understand, whosoever (heareth), witness.

to observe and to do

{8104} rm"v; — **shamar**, *shaw-mar'*; **a primitive root; properly, to hedge** about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.: — beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep(-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch(-man).

Here are 5 reasons the Prosperity Gospel DOES NOT work.

1. The Prosperity Gospel is based on a False Gospel that teaches Jesus died so you can have it all.

You Do Not need to keep the Commandments of Elohim, but if you tithe faithfully and support the vision with generous offerings, Elohim will Bless You Real Good.

2. The Prosperity Gospel DOES NOT emphasize the importance of Keeping the Commandments (the Prerequisite to Prosperity).

3. The Prosperity Gospel is an Anti-Messiah and Lawless Message.

4. The Prosperity Gospel is based on seeking the things of YeHoVaH, not on Seeking YeHoVaH.

5. The Prosperity Gospel focuses on Giving NOT Living.

The only people who benefitted from the Prosperity Gospel were those who preached it.

However, YeHoVaH reveals the secret to prosperity in Deuteronomy 28.

From the very beginning, when man was made in His image, YeHoVaH's plan was for man to be blessed, to be fruitful, and to multiply.

The first act of YeHoVaH's actions towards man was to Bless man.

Ge 1:22 And Elohim blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

Ge 1:28 And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Ge 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

The second act of YeHoVaH's actions towards man was to bless the Sabbath, a day of rest for man.

Ge 2:3 And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which Elohim created and made.

Yeshua made it clear to us that the Sabbath was made for man.

Mk 2:27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

Even after the flood, YeHoVaH's act towards man was to bless him.

Ge 9:1 And Elohim blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

YeHoVaH called a man who would represent Him in the earth, and He blessed him.

Ge 12:1 Now YeHoVaH had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

Ge 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Ge 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

And now as YeHoVaH is about to fulfill His promise to Abraham's offspring Israel, He shares with them the Blessings/Benefits of observing His Commandments.

Deuteronomy 28 captures the benefits of a Torah Observant Life and sums them up in 14 verses.

The beauty of these blessings is that they are corporate and individually focused. YeHoVaH is not only speaking to the nation, but to the individuals within the nation.

The blessings are for those who obey, and the curses are for those who disobey.

The people knew what YeHoVaH expected of them, there were no surprises. The people knew when they obeyed, they would be blessed and when they disobeyed, they would be cursed.

The people had incentives to do the right thing and be blessed.

But also, they could not complain when they disobeyed and experienced the curses because they knew it was of their own doing.

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Deuteronomy is, in a certain sense, a "repetition of the Law".

The Hebrew name of the book is *`elleh haddebarim* ("These are the words") or, more simply, *debarim*.

As his final act, at this important time of transferring leadership to Joshua, Moses delivered his farewell addresses to prepare the people for their entrance into Canaan.

Almost all of Deuteronomy is made up of speeches by Moses during the final months of his life, just before the Israelites crossed the Jordan to enter Canaan.

After leaving Egypt, YeHoVaH had condemned Israel to 40 years of wandering in Sinai as punishment for not entering Canaan as He had commanded them to do at Kadesh.

The 40 years included the time spent at Sinai and on the journey to Kadesh, as well as the next 38 years.

Dt 2:14 Thirty-eight years passed from the time we left Kadesh Barnea until we crossed the Zered Valley. By then, that entire generation of fighting men had perished from the camp, as YeHoVaH had sworn to them.

Dt 2:15 YeHoVaH'S hand was against them until he had completely eliminated them from the camp.

In Deuteronomy, the Laws are summarized and interpreted. Thus, Deuteronomy is, in essence, a Covenant Renewal Document.

"The 28 Blessings of Deuteronomy 28"

The word Blessings {1293} hk;r;B]

— Brakah, *ber-aw-kaw'*; from 1288; **benediction**; By implication prosperity: — blessing, liberal, pool, present.

Nu 6:23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

Nu 6:24 YeHoVaH bless thee, and keep thee:

Nu 6:25 YeHoVaH make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Nu 6:26 YeHoVaH lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Nu 6:27 And they shall put **my name** upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Dt 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of YeHoVaH thy Elohim, to observe *and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that YeHoVaH thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

1. Dt 28:1 *YeHoVaH thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

{5945} öwOyl][, — 'elyown, *el-yone'*; from 5927; **an elevation**, *i.e. (adj.)* lofty (compar.); as title, the Supreme: — (Most, on) high(-er, -est), upper(-most).

Dt 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken (Hear and Obey) unto the voice of YeHoVaH thy Elohim.

2. Dt 28:3 Blessed *shalt thou be in the city ...*

3. Dt 28:3 ... and blessed *shalt thou be in the field.*

YeHoVaH Let them know that whether they live in the city or live in the country/field they would be blessed.