

## Praying to Unlock Divine Provision

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[3Jo 1:2 NASB95] 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

- Not everyone is going to be a billionaire. That is not the threshold as to whether this “works” or not. That fact remains that those who pray, sow, and believe for their material needs to be met see miracles in their material needs. Progressive and degreed like salvation, healing, and even here in the financial arena.
- [1Ti 6:10 NASB95] 10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” A person can be guilty of that sin and not have one dime.
- [Job 42:10 NASB95] 10 The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

**What do we need to know about how to pray to unlock divine provision?**

**There are three important truths about praying to unlock divine provision.**

### I. Redeemed From the Curse of the Law

- a. [Gal 3:13-14, 29 NASB95] 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. ... 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.
- b. Deuteronomy 28 lists blessings and curses. There we learn that the curse, or punishment for breaking God's law, is threefold: poverty, sickness, and the second death.

### II. Abraham's Blessing

- a. Just as the curse is three-fold in nature, so was Abraham's blessing.
  - i. First, it was a material, financial blessing.
  - ii. Second, it was a physical blessing.
  - iii. Third, it was a spiritual blessing.
- b. The New Testament scripture, III John 2, agrees that God wants us to have material, physical, and spiritual prosperity.

### III. How To Pray About Finances

#### a. Claim what you need.

- i. God owns it all, but has given us authority over it
- ii. “For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills ... for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof” (Psalm 50:10, 12). “The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof ...” (Psalm 24:1).
- iii. [Rom 5:17 NASB95] 17 “For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”
  1. The Amplified version of the scripture reads, “They shall reign as kings in life, by one Jesus Christ.”
- iv. We're talking about claiming what the Word says is yours. We're not talking about claiming something that's off the wall. Somebody may say, ‘Well, I'm going to claim ten million oil wells!’ God didn't promise you ten million oil wells. **You can only believe and confess in line with God's Word.** Don't go off into left field.” Hagin.

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- v. What do you need?
  1. Food birds of the air – Matthew 6:26
  2. Clothes Solomon in all his glory – Matthew 6:28-30
  3. House large beautiful full of good things - [Deu 6:10-11 NASB95] 10 "Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied,...
  4. Transportation – [Isa 60:1, 6 NASB95] 1 "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ... 6 "A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD.
  5. Inheritance - [Pro 13:22 NASB95] 22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.
  6. Debt, Providing for extended family... on and on
- b. Rebuke & bind satan off of it**
  - i. God is not the one hindering your blessing.
  - ii. Daniel 10:12 [Dan 10:12-13 NASB95] 12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding [this] and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. 13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.
  - iii. [1Th 2:18 NASB95] 18 For we wanted to come to you I, Paul, more than once and [yet] Satan hindered us.
  - iv. [Luk 10:19 NASB95] 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.
- c. Loose angel, ministering spirits**
  - i. [Psa 91:11 NASB95] 11 For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways
  - ii. [Psa 103:20-21 NASB95] 20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word! 21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will.
  - iii. The writer of Hebrews wrote of the angels, [Heb 1:14 NASB95] 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?
  - iv. A footnote to Psalm 103 included in my Thomas Nelson Spirit-Filled Life Bible entitled "Fivefold Ministry of Angels" shows God's purpose for angels and how they exist to serve God in five ways:
    1. "To "bless the Lord" (in worship and service)
    2. To "do His word" (concerning activity on earth)
    3. To heed the voice of God's Word as it is spoken through the saints on the earth (emphasis mine)
    4. To minister on God's behalf (as described in Hebrews 1:14) and
    5. To do God's good pleasure (as His hosts at His direction)"

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v. Jacob – Genesis 31:11, Jesus – Matthew 4:11

### d. By faith, believe that you receive your answer.

i. Mark 11:22,24 [Mar 11:22, 24 NASB95] 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. ... 24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be [granted] you.

1. Faith is the criterion of success in spiritual matters. Wuest.

2. "Believe that you receive" - Sees the fulfillment before it happens.

ii. Hebrews 11:1 – Faith is the title deed of things hoped for... Wuest.

1. [Heb 11:1 NASB95] 1 Now faith is the assurance of [things] hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2. The acts is itself the title deed or evidence of the sure answer to our prayer or the unfailing source of the divine supply. We may be absolutely certain that our God will honor this title deed at the right moment. Wuest.

- The provision of God is tapped into when we claim/ask for what we need/desire, bind the demonic, loose angels, and believe that we receive what we have asked.
- Start today. Grow.