

*A DEPARTURE FROM PROMISES TO THE COVENANT*

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# FINANCIAL REST

PART 1

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## INTRODUCTION

Imagine you turn around and you realize that your health is sound, and everything is going well with you. This is the subject we are looking at today- How to remove stress and financial pressure off your life. We are looking at how God will begin to fund your bills by Himself and suddenly everything you have ever desired in your life starts coming through like never.

You see, it takes one blessed man in a family to rewrite the fortune of the present and coming generation- a child of destiny. We read the story of Bishop David Oyedepo every time; he came from one of the unlikely families in his village. Today, that blessed man has become the foundational blessing for many generations of Oyedepos to come. It takes one blessed man to turn things around and I pray in the name of Jesus Christ that you will be that person this month in the name of Jesus Christ.

## SOURCE

Men can only be a channel; they can never be the source of blessings. There is only one source of blessings and when you realize that source as God Himself, your perspective about how you relate with Him in your finances and other areas of your life will change drastically.

Men can only carry the blessing to you, they cannot initiate the blessings. Men can only bring a blessing; they cannot give a blessing. If God does not command the flow, there is nothing men will carry to you. So, I want you to change your perspective today by bringing God into perspective in everything that you do regarding your finances.

## THE CRUNCH

You see friends, there is nothing new under the sun; economic crunch, lack of finances, lack of things to hold; you check your bank account and it is always on minus. All these have happened before! Let me humble you: till Jesus comes, there will always be scarcity.

When Abraham died and got to heaven, he had a mansion and in his mansion was a finished basement where Lazarus lived (Luke 16:19-31). Yet Lazarus was in heaven staying in the basement quarters of Abraham. He was in the bosom of Abraham.

In the days of Abraham, we had various covenant examples of people who went through a financial crunch and yet in the same land of hardship, they were still prosperous. Abraham is a good example.

Gen 12:10 says *“And there was a famine in the land....”* Yet in Genesis 13:2, the Bible says, *“And Abraham was very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold”*.

Another example is Isaac. Genesis 26:1 says *“And there was famine, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham...”*. The Bible says, in the days of Abraham, there was a famine; and there was also famine in the days of Isaac. So, you see, for generations to come there will always be famine. There was a famine in the days of my father, there is famine now and I know that there will be famine in the days of my children, but they will be exempted.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and the son of Isaac was Jacob. So, generations after generations, there has always been famine. There has

always been lack and inadequacy. There have always been people depending on governments for benefits. No matter what you do, there will never be a time where there will be no people who do not lack anything on the face of the earth. But you see, you must make your choice because you can be exempted.

While studying some materials during the week, I realized that there were 2000 scriptures in the Bible regarding finances. Jesus gave 37 parables and 33 were on finances (63%) which focused, specifically on finances. This is because Jesus knew that wealth in the hand of a man without God in it will never increase – no matter what he does.

## MONEY FLOWS

The general language of money is ‘currency’. That is why they say ‘money flows. Money is a current and it flows. When you do not have it, someone else does. The day you look at your pocket and there is no money, it simply means that there is somebody whose money cannot fit his own pocket.

There is nothing wrong in having money. Money only become a drug money when used to buy drugs. It is a good money when used for a good purpose.

Let money to you through the practice of the covenant.



## THE REAL DEAL

There is a difference between the law and the covenant. The law is a choice, but the covenant is an obligation. The covenant is different from the law. You can break the law, but you cannot break the covenant. You can overspeed at 100 miles per hour on a road of 50 miles, with no one seeing you or escape an arrest. But you cannot out speed the covenant because God watches over the covenant by Himself sealed by the blood of the Son.

Laws are breakable, but the covenant is unbroken. You can break the law of wealth by cheating to have money. But the covenant of wealth cannot be broken. And that why I know that by the law, you can stumble on wealth, but it takes the covenant to keep the wealth.

Kingdom wealth is not about having money or money stumbling into your accounts. I am talking about a perpetual flow that you know within yourself that this can never stop no matter what anyone does. Covenant wealth is like a corporate or official car given to you by your employer, employers don't give official cars because they like you but because they want you to do your job better. In most cases, they put their logo on the car to say this isn't yours but belongs to the company and anywhere you go everybody sees the logo indicating a car in trust. The same way is covenant wealth, it is entrusted by God for His will.

When you drive recklessly, you get reported to the owner of the car. Same, when you get reckless with your finances, God is watching.

## GOD IS INVOLVED

Any part of your life that God is not involved in is not guaranteed to increase. Imagine when God spoke to Noah to take every beast in pairs, if he had left a cow behind, today there will never be an animal called a cow. Same with the Lion. Anything you leave behind from God you cannot guarantee a future for it. Wealth is procreated by obedience. There is no other cure for poverty but only through covenant practice. It does not matter if you relocate to the White House, it will turn black when you arrive. There is nothing you do that will replace the covenant. Even when you cross the border and arrive anywhere, it will never make you wealthy. It is not about changing your location; it is about changing your position. Change your covenant position, and no matter where you are, wealth will come to you.

## COVENANT REQUIREMENTS

The first covenant requirement that guarantees your wealth is your tithe and kingdom advancement giving. Some people say tithe is old testament. But when you say that, make sure you do not claim every blessing of the old testament including saying Abraham's blessings are mine.

Friends, you cannot break the scriptures. I know a lot of people have used a variety of explanations for tithing but let me use this. Every time you pay your tithe, it is like investing in a promising company. When you understand tithing from that perspective, you will know that when you drop God's portion, on return, it is not coming back as 10% because one shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight (Deuteronomy 32:30).

Second is giving to parents. I know a lot of you have crossed the border already and have bordered away everybody. You have even changed your phone numbers and your parents do not have your new number. Let me tell you- the prayer of your pastor cannot be answered if the prayers of your parents are absent.

Ephesians 6:1-2 says *“Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with a promise).”*

The one who made that promise cannot fail. I see my parents not just as my parents but as channels for the fulfilment of a promise. Have you not seen in families; people gauge how long they will live by how long their parents lived? This means that there is a spiritual gene in families that children take from their parents.

You might not be at the level, but whenever it is in your capacity, you take good care of your parents.

You see, one of the greatest regrets in the Bible was Jacob, Esau, and their father. Friends, Jacob missed the blessing from his father, and it took him 25 bad years of roaming around to get it back. He went everywhere in his life but never succeeded. There are some of you going through some struggles. You just need a word of blessing from the mouth of your parents. Just one word of blessing saying: you will prosper. That is all that matters. Jacob went everywhere, met everybody on his journey, but he was nobody for 25 years.

And even if your parents are dead, try and look for one. Look for an old man or woman that can bless you or be a source of blessing to you. Look for one parent that can say one word of blessing to your life: a word of blessing. The last word from their mouth is important to your destiny. If you are giving money to your pastor but cannot give to your parents, then you are a prodigal son. Any pastor that collects money from you but knows you are not giving to your parents is a bad one.

If you have no parents, there must be an old woman or man around you. There must be someone you can send something to. There must be an uncle in the village. Your dad is gone but there is somebody you can be a blessing to that can act as a parent over your destiny to speak the word that God has committed in their mouth. It is a promise and it is a promise that you must obtain.

### RAISE THE BAR

Another point I would share with you today is to raise the bar of the next generation. These are the steps to take to walk in covenant wealth. Generations after you must not suffer what you suffered. Raise the bar by helping the next generation to be better to walk in true wealth.

Proverbs 13:22 says *“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children...”*

Please leave an inheritance, not just for your children but even your grandchildren. This also applies to people you don’t know.

How many people can you help to have shoes to put on to school? Please help the next generation by making them better.



I have always believed in my life that until I give something out, I have not overcome it. I was listening to a pastor earlier in the week. He said one day he was travelling, and in an airport, he saw a little girl mopping the floor. He asked the lady why she was working when she was supposed to be in school. The girl said she cannot go to school because her parents cannot afford to send her to school. The pastor asked the girl if she really wanted to go to school and she replied “yes”. What the girl did not know was that the pastor owns a university. And just last month, she graduated from the same university. That is how to access covenant wealth.

### KNOW THE PURPOSE OF YOUR INCREASE

Every resource brought to you by God is for a purpose. Until you know the purpose of your increase, you are like a timebomb waiting to explode. I heard of the story of a man who applied for a contract and won. They paid him the money and afterwards he withdrew it and took it home. He then asked God, what is the purpose of this money? You see, when you ask that question, you will find God in your resources. Lord, what is your role in this organization? Do you want me to give 2% of every profit to the motherless?” Those are covenant questions.

I was asking God yesterday, what is the essence of this increase? Why this increase? And I heard clearly in my spirit that “there is a church starting in America, get in touch to be a blessing”.

You see, every time you have an increase in your life and you ask God for its essence, God knows that you are the right channel to reach others because the tap that carries water never runs dry.

When money comes to your hand, ask God, “Lord what can I do with this money to get you involved? Lord, how is running my business going to impact lives and generations to come?”

## BUILD A SYSTEM

To build covenant wealth, you need to put a system in place. For example, you need to be clear on what is for your children, your household, the motherless, your parents, your tithe etc. You need to have a system in place- a way resources are allocated.

It could be a channel through which you can invest in the lives of others: motherless babies' homes, hospital bills etc. Let every resource coming to you have a channel of investment.

I declare for you that rest is coming your way and your stress will be over in Jesus' Name.

# *The End*

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