

Profit – Power – Presence

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Introduction

The Title of this message today is Profit – Power – Presence

- * In the age we are living this world has tainted the churches perspective on how we look at success
- * Many have been robbed of who they are in God
- * Many have lost focus on there heritage and most have no understanding of the Promise God has for them

Today God has a Word for you:

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Profit – Power – Presence

- * I will pour WATER upon him that is thirsty - FLOODS upon dry ground!
– Somebody in this place shout **PROFIT** – My established heritage
- * I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and MY BLESSING upon thine offspring! Somebody shout **POWER**
- * and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water course! Somebody shout **PRESENCE**

2.

Somebody is about to move into the supernatural of God

- * Right where you are - God can Pour on you
- * Right where you are – Floods of his refreshing will penetrate your dry ground
- * Right where you are – God will pour His spirit upon your Seed – get this – your seed will be blessed by the profit – power and presence of God!
- * Right where you are – things you are birthing your seed – your offspring will SPRING UP

Give the Lord a shout of Thanks!

Freedom is the subject of the present Scripture

- * **Isaiah 44** establishes that we can be set free by the Lord
The Lord clearly shows that He has a vital interest in people being set free from the bondages and enslavements of this life

Isaiah is predicting the Babylonian captivity of the Jews

*Isaiah predicts that God will use **human events** in order to set His people free from their captivity*

Human Events – Can anyone relate to Happenings!

- * Know this, the Lord is in your midst, he is in your stuff, The Lord will use THESE THINGS – EVENTS – HAPPENINGS – out of them comes..
- * By His own power God will liberate and restore His people to the promised land
- * But more important, true liberty—an inner peace and freedom—can come only through the Lord, the only living and true God

You can be set free physically but still have your soul in bondage
God and God alone has the power to set people free from the enslavements of this life, including the terrifying bondages of life – and from the bondages of sin.

Set Free by the Lord, the Only Living and True God – is the only way to truly gain Profit on any kind in the World

Ecclesiastes 1:3 [KJ]

“3 What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun?”

*** Simply what the writer is saying is - if you toil under the sun [meaning working from an earthly perspective – only working from this side of the sun gives you a earthly profit]**

You see you can work on earth and live up there – simply I have a Heavenly Purpose and Destiny while working on this earth!

*** Come on now, I am doing the work of the Father**

*** Come on now, I am moving in the Profit – Power and Presence of the Great Commission!**

*** Come on now, I am a worker in the harvest fields of the Lord**

My job title is “GONE FISHING!” – I am a fisher of men

Proverbs 14:23

“All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty”

*** I have my hands to the God Plow - My foot steps are orders by God**

*** I am working the fields of the Lord – not just talking about it!**

*** Mere talk only leads to poverty**

*** Today there are a whole lot of poor souls – poor churches – poor ministries – cause they are not working they are only talking!**

Matthew 16:26 [KJ]

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

A man's soul is worth more than the whole world

*** The word soul is the same word translated "life" - Matthew 16:25 “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it”**

The Lord uses the word life in two senses

There are two stages, two beings, two existences to the same life

* The life that exists on this earth and the life that shall exist beyond this life

Once a person (life) is born into this world, he shall exist forever

* It is just a matter of where he goes after this world: to be with God or to be apart from God

No man can gain the whole world, but what if he could?

* All the pleasure and wealth and power and fame are nothing compared with his soul

4 primary reasons why the soul is far superior to the things of this earth

1. Everything fades and passes away - A person possesses something only for a short time

2. Everything cannot be used all at once - Everything sits and remains unused most of the time

* Clothes sit

* A car sits

* Power goes unused

* Popularity and fame quickly pass and are forgotten

3. The human soul is eternal

The soul never dies and never ceases to exist

It shall live forever either with God or apart from God

4. The human soul is of more value than the whole world

A Soul / A Life must be born again – must repent and be saved

Once a man has lost his soul - it is lost. It cannot be bought back

- * There is not a holding place
- * There is not an in-between place that you can go to
- * There is not a Time Out place – that you can go to and wait for some one to light candles or pay your way out – no bail setting
- * You only get two choices – Only Two Doors in this game – Door One or Door Two – Yes or No – Accept or Reject
- * Heaven has only one way in – only one door to enter
- * Hell has no exit signs!

Once a man has lost his soul, it is lost. It cannot be bought back

- * The loss of a soul is forever
- * Imagine!

Even if a man possessed all the wealth of the world, he would not be able to buy back his soul

Why?

Because it is gone; it has passed on forever

They will never return to earth, not even for one day
That soul is gone forever

Isaiah 44:10

“Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit him nothing?”

- * Nothing wrong with having things but the things can't become a god to us, they will profit us nothing but a lost soul

Titus 3:8 (KJV)

“8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men”

“they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works”

The Greek word maintain means:

To set before; to give attention to; to be forward and eager and diligent in doing good works

It means...

- To keep on doing good works
- To sustain good works
- To persevere in doing good works
- To carry on good works

It even has the idea of sustaining good works against all odds regardless of circumstances and difficulties

*** It means to persevere in good God works even in the midst of opposition or danger**

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The necessity of doing good works is also brought out by the word "CAREFUL"

The word means...

- To think upon good works
- To consider good works
- To give careful attention to good works
- To focus upon good works

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them"

You are God's workmanship

- * We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
- * The believer experiences two creations, both a natural birth and a spiritual birth

The spiritual birth is the point of this verse

- * When a man believes in Jesus Christ, God creates him in Christ

What does this mean?

- * It means that *God quickens the spirit* of the believer and makes his spirit alive – *simply your bad [lost] breath becomes good [saved]*
- * Whereas the believer's spirit was dead to God, God creates it anew and makes it alive to God.

Ephesians 2:5

"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)"

- * It means that God causes the believer to be born again spiritually.

John 3:3, 5-6

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God....Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit"

1 Peter 1:23

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever"

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“Being born again...”

- * Not of corruptible seed
- * But of incorruptible seed

How?

- * By the Word of God
- * That lives and abides [dwells – has residence] forever!

1 John 5:1

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him"

- * It means that **God actually places His divine nature into the heart** of the believer.

2 Peter 1:4

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust"

- * It means that **God actually makes a new creature** of the believer.

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"

- * It means that **God actually creates a new man** out of the believer

Ephesians 4:24

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness"

Colossians 3:10

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him"

- * It means that God renews the believer by the Holy Spirit

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The Holy Ghost moves over the chaos and sets things in God order!

Titus 3:5

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and *renewing of the Holy Ghost*"

Take the Word of God Kiss it with the Holy Ghost and you are deadly to the Devil and his kingdom!

*** My friends when God Becomes alive within you – your life becomes Profitable – Powerful and His Presence is Tangible!**

Not by works of righteousness that we have done...

*** But according to His mercy He saved us – **PROFIT****

*** By the Washing of regeneration – **POWER****

*** By the renewing of the Holy Ghost - **PRESENCE****

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God will help His people by assuring them that they belong to Him (v.2)

*** They are His people, His possession**

*** This is a wonderful truth that should give every believer great reassurance**

When believers know that they belong to God, they know that the Lord loves and cares for them and will provide whatever security, protection, and provision they need

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God created them, formed them from the womb

This has a twofold application with Israel

- * Not only was each Israelite created by God - but also the nation as a whole**
- * God helps His people as they walk through life day by day**
- * They need not fear when they face enemies and the hardships of life**

Ephesians 1:3-5

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will”

1 Peter 2:9-10

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy”

- * Who DAT NATION? WE DAT NATION**

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A Profitable People and a people with Gods Power

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God will help His people by blessing them both physically and spiritually

Physically they will prosper because the Lord will send rain to water their fields and produce rich crops

Spiritually they will prosper because the Lord will pour out His Spirit on believers and their descendants

Isaiah 44 – 3b “...I will pour my spirit...

* Spirit: Greek XWI [Ruwach] meaning: Wind, Breath, Mind, Spirit

Means: Spirit of God, the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit

Means: Energy of life - as manifest in the Shekinah glory of God

The power that created physical life will create spiritual life

By the power of God’s Spirit, the believer becomes a new creation, a new person

Centuries earlier, the Lord had predicted the coming of His Spirit through Moses and the prophets

(Nu.11:29; Isa. 32:15; 59:21; Eze.36:24-28; 37:14; 39:29; Joel 2:25-29; Zec.12:10)

This prophecy was fulfilled by the coming of Christ to save and empower His people (14-36)

Acts 1:8

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”

A Profitable People and a people with Gods Power and Gods Presence

Acts 2:1-5

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven”

Acts 4: 30-31 [KJ]

“By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness”

* God empowers them through the gifts of the Holy Spirit

* It is God’s Spirit that causes believers to spring up and multiply in number as rapidly as grass and trees near streams of water

Isaiah 44:4 (KJV)

“ 4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses”

The work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers cannot be overemphasized

His work is stressed time and again throughout Scripture. Here are several of the Spirit’s major functions:

1) The Holy Spirit comforts believers just as Christ comforted His followers when He was on earth

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John 14: 16

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever”

2) The Holy Spirit teaches believers

John 16:13

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come”

3) The Holy Spirit bears strong witness to the work of Christ and salvation

John 16:14-15

“He [the Holy Spirit] shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you”

4) The Holy Spirit leads and guides believers

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Romans 8:14

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God”

1Corinthians 3:16

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

The Holy Spirit Baptizes in Holy Fire

Matthew 3:11

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire”

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“John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire”

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Profit – Salvation – He pours out on those who thirst

Power – Dry Ground is flooded and His Spirit is poured out!

Presence – Holy Spirit poured out on our seed – blessings and powerful growth – generational profit – power - presence