

Title: The New Creation Series – Session 12: The Inheritance of the New Creation (Part 2)

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Introduction

In this teaching session, we will talk about 2 more elements that are part of the new creation's inheritance:

9. Divine prosperity and success
10. Freedom from generational curses.

9. Divine Prosperity and Success

- Prosperity is freely and fully included in the Gospel, and in the sacrifice of Jesus, side by side with forgiveness of sins, justification, and sanctification. The perfect will of God for the new creation is to prosper in all aspects of life (marriage, finances, job, business, children, education, ministry, relationships, etc.) and to endure with joy ONLY the suffering of persecution for the sake of Jesus' name.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NASB)

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, **so that you through His poverty might become rich.**

- The context of the passage above is material things and money. So the new creation has been made rich financially speaking.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB)

⁸ And God is able to make **all grace** abound to you, so that **always** having **all sufficiency in everything**, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

- God's will is for believers to have ALL sufficiency in ALL things at ALL times, so that they would have an abundance for every good deed.

Ephesians 1:3 (NASB)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ,

- Many Christians today and Bible commentators advocate that in the New Testament, the blessings of Christians are all only "spiritual" in nature, and not physical or tangible. What they mean by "spiritual" is symbolic, metaphorical, unknown, or mysterious.
- They say that only in the Old Testament, the blessings of the people of Israel were physical in nature: abundant crops in agriculture, herds of sheep and camels, servants, fertility in giving birth to children, and health. However, the blessings of the church are only spiritual. Have you ever heard this idea?
- People in general have this idea that "SPIRITUAL" means unreal, mystical, unseen, intangible, invisible, or without sound.
- The Greek word used for "SPIRITUAL" in Ephesians 1:3 is gr. *Pneumatikos*, where gr. *Pneuma* means "spirit" and gr. *tikos* means "belonging to, from, pertaining to". In this verse the phrase "spiritual blessing"

means that the blessing comes from the Holy Spirit, it has the origin in the spiritual realm, is created by the spiritual realm.

- The spiritual blessings are blessings with properties and characteristics pertaining to the spiritual world. When you have a spiritual blessing of health (a pneumatikos of health), it means that blessing does not depend on the treadmill, or how less you eat, or how healthy you eat. It depends only on the Spirit of God, is realized through the Spirit of God. This kind of blessing is not subject to the natural earthly laws.
- When you have a spiritual blessing in finances, that does not depend on how much you've studied, or what job you have, or how intelligent you are. When your welfare comes from the spiritual world, it is not affected by the natural laws. Everything that comes from God is eternal in nature, so your health and welfare are eternal.
- In the invisible realm of heavenly places that is all around us, Christians are already blessed with every possible blessings that come from the Spirit of God. The world can only hope for the best. People have to work hard, to sweat, to get anything, and even when they manage to get what they want (a promotion, an increase in salary, a certain position, a car, a house), they have to continue to work as hard to keep it and maintain it. When it comes to the spiritual blessings, God gives them and He also maintains them. That is GOOD NEWS!!!

Ephesians 5:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and **spiritual songs**, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord:

- What are these spiritual songs? Are they unseen, unreal, without sound, or intangible? No. They are songs that come through the Holy Spirit, or from the Holy Spirit – songs in tongues. The same Greek word Pneumatikos is used in this context as well.
- Another supporting argument is that everything we see and feel in this world comes from God, from the spiritual realm. From nothing, God created the physical world which is not more real than the spiritual one.

1 Corinthians 15:44 (NASB)

⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a **spiritual body**. If there is a natural body, there is also a **spiritual body**.

- In this context, the Bible talks about the body of Jesus when He was raised from the dead. It was sown a natural earthly physical body, and it was raised a spiritual body. Here it also talks about our spiritual glorified bodies that we will have at the second coming of Jesus. We will all receive a glorified body, a spiritual body. The same Greek word Pneumatikos is used in the above verse.
- Let's analyze Jesus' spiritual body after resurrection. In 1 Corinthians 15:45, the Bible says Jesus (the last Adam) became a life-giving spirit. Did He walk as a ghost after resurrection and nobody could see Him? No. After resurrection, Jesus told Thomas to put his hands on His wounds, to see that He was not just a Spirit without flesh and bones. However, His body was a spiritual body. Then, later on He ate together with the disciples, stayed with them 40 more days, and taught them (spoke to them) about the Kingdom of God.
- All these examples debunk the idea that a spiritual blessing is not tangible or real. The body of Jesus after resurrection was real, but it wasn't subject to the natural laws. He could disappear and walk through walls. We will all have this kind of spiritual bodies that will never die, that are not subject to sickness and corruption at all. And even the current mortal bodies are subject to the Spirit of God, and by the power of the Holy Spirit can disappear, be teleported, go through walls and fire (i.e. Philip on the road to Gaza – Acts 8:39, the three young men in the Old Testament who walked unharmed in the furnace).

- All the spiritual blessings are included in the eternal life we already received, which is included in the nature of the new reborn spirit of the Christian. All the facets of the eternal life are actually the descriptions of all the spiritual blessings, which only need to be worked out and manifested by us from the spiritual realm into the natural world by faith.
- So, in the heavenly places where we as Christians have the same authority and power as Christ, we also have at our disposal, already granted by God, every possible spiritual blessing, which includes all physical blessings as well. This is way much better than what the people of Israel had, where their blessings were based and dependent on their obedience to the Law, while our blessings are dependent on Jesus' obedience and sacrifice. In other words, our blessings are secure, eternal, and without conditions.
- Here are some other useful bible references that support biblical prosperity: Genesis 13:2; 17:6; 26:12-14; 30:43; 39:2-3; Deuteronomy 8:9, 11-14, 18; 28:8; Psalm 1:3; 112:3; Proverbs 8:18; 10:16, 22; 15:6; Philippians 4:11; 3 John 1:2.

10. Freedom from Generational Curses

John 9:1-2 (NASB)

¹As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

²And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"

- Verse 2 above tells us that the idea of generational curses and sin being the cause of sickness was very prevalent in Jesus' day. Obviously the disciples thought that if something like that happened, it had to come from a sin, and it had to be either the person or his/her parents that sinned. So, the parents could pass down their sin to their children. That was taught in a few places in the Old Testament (Exodus 20:5; 34:6-7; Numbers 14:18; Deuteronomy 5:9).

Ezekiel 18:1-4 (NASB)

¹Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²"What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The fathers eat the sour grapes, But the children's teeth are set on edge'?

³"As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "**you are surely not going to use this proverb in Israel anymore.**

⁴"Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. **The soul who sins will die.**

Ezekiel 18:20 (NASB)

²⁰ "**The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity**, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself."

- Parents eat the sour grapes, and children reap the consequences. God instructs not to use that proverb in Israel anymore. Everyone will pay for their own sin and not for the sins and curses of their parents.

Jeremiah 31:29-34 (NASB)

²⁹ “**In those days** they will not say again, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

³⁰ “But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge.

³¹ “**Behold, days are coming,**” declares the LORD, “**when I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

³³ “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “**I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it;** and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

³⁴ “They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “**for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.**”

- “In those days” refers to the days of the new covenant when that proverb and saying will no longer be valid.
- Who is God talking about in v33? About believers in Christ who are in the new covenant, who have become His people (1 Peter 2:9).

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; **the old things passed away;** behold, new things have come.

- All things are new. Old things are passed away. Generational curses are passed away.

Memory Verses

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If you have any questions from the Bible or from this teaching session, or you have a personal problem (in finances, in marriage, with children, with addictions, or with a sickness in your body, etc.) for which you need prayer, please don't hesitate to contact us at contact@eduardserediuc.org or directly from the website from the Contact section -> General Inquiry form. My wife and I will take the time to answer you and pray for you. May God bless you!