



## PROSPERING IN TOUGH TIMES—PART 2

GLORIA COPELAND AND PASTOR GEORGE PEARSONS

### DAY 6—Thriving in Famine

#### A. Genesis 26:1—There Was a Famine in the Land

1. Severe shortage
2. Extreme scarcity
3. Serious economic downturn
4. Times like these are very difficult for those who:
  - a. Don't know God.
  - b. Know God but don't know what His WORD says.
5. Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

#### B. Job 5:20-22—What God's Word Tells Us About Times of Famine

1. *(NLT)* He will save you from death in time of famine, from the power of the sword in time of war. You will be safe from slander and have no fear when destruction comes. You will laugh at destruction and famine; wild animals will not terrify you.
2. Psalm 33:18-19 Behold, the eye of The LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy *(NLT—*who rely on his unfailing love*);* to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
3. Psalm 37:18-19 *(NKJV)* The LORD knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
  - a. Shame in lack is experienced by those who are harassed by bill collectors.
  - b. *Satisfied* (HEB) = To have enough, to be filled up, to have plenty of
4. *(NLT)* Even in famine they will have more than enough.
5. (HEB) He will supply until no more is needed.



C. Proverbs 10:22—We Don't Just Survive in Famine—WE THRIVE!

1. THE BLESSING of The LORD makes rich and He adds no sorrow to it.
2. THE BLESSING works all the time—especially during tough times.
3. *Thrive* = to prosper, flourish, succeed, advance, grow vigorously, to increase in goods, estate and stature
4. In spite of the severe famine, we are about to witness a man exercise his faith in his covenant with God.
5. We are about to see Isaac defy an economic downturn and become the richest man in the world.
  - a. The kingdom-of-God-system will reverse the curse in anyone who will believe.
  - b. God will restore your life back to the Garden of Eden.
  - c. Isaiah 51:3 For The LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of The LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

*If you have the Kingdom of God operating,  
it operates above the system of the world and in spite of it.  
—Pastor Bill Winston,  
Kingdom Principles: Operating Above the System of the World*

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### DAY 7—Isaac's Supernatural Harvest

#### A. Genesis 26:1-6—The Key to Prospering in Tough Times Is Obedience

1. The LORD told Isaac to stay in Gerar and not go to Egypt.
2. "Don't look to any other source except Me."
3. "I will bless you right where you are—in spite of the famine."
4. Obedience gives birth to THE BLESSING.
5. Isaiah 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

#### B. Genesis 26:12—Isaac's Supernatural Harvest in Famine

1. Job 5:22 (NLT) You will laugh at destruction and famine.
  - a. Isaac (HEB) = He laughs
  - b. Isaac laughed at famine all the way to the bank.
2. The harvest was supernatural.
  - a. Even in the more fertile regions, the yield was no greater than 25- to 50-fold.
  - b. "The hundredfold return is working for me all the time."
3. He reaped this in the "year of drought."
4. Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV-84) But blessed is the man who trusts in The LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.
5. Psalms 65:11-13 (NLT) You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy. The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep, and the valleys are carpeted with grain. They all shout and sing for joy!



C. Genesis 26:13-14—Isaac Became the World's Richest Man

1. Verse 13 (NLT) He became a very rich man, and his wealth continued to grow.
  - a. *He waxed great* (HEB) = He increased, advanced, was promoted, became large, exceeded and towered.
  - b. *Very great* (HEB) = Speedily, quickly, rapidly.
  - c. (HEB) The man was great. He kept going on and was great, until he became exceedingly great.
  - d. His house got bigger than Abimelech's palace.
2. Proverbs 10:22 THE BLESSING of The LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
3. Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember The LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.
4. Verses 15-24 Even though the Philistines filled in his wells, he refused to quit.
5. Verse 22 (NLT-96) Abandoning that one, he dug another well, and the local people finally left him alone. So Isaac called it "Room Enough," for he said, "At last The LORD has made room for us, and we will be able to thrive."

*God does not want us to live on the level of "only human."*  
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*It doesn't matter what's happening in the world.  
It matters what's happening on the inside of us with the Word.*  
—Gloria Copeland

### DAY 8—Symbols of THE BLESSING

#### A. Genesis 26:26-29—Prosperity Can Be Seen

1. Verse 28 (NIV) We can clearly (NLT—plainly) see that The LORD is with you.
2. Verse 28 (MSG) We've realized that God is on your side.
3. Verse 29 (GNT) Now it is clear that The LORD has blessed you.

#### B. Zechariah 8:13—Symbols of Kingdom Prosperity

1. (NLT-96) Among the nations, Judah and Israel had become symbols of what it means to be cursed. But no longer! **Now, I will rescue you and make you both a symbol and a source of blessing.** So don't be afraid or discouraged, but instead, get on with rebuilding the temple.
2. Zechariah 9:16-17 And The LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.
  - a. *Lifted up* (HEB) = Conspicuous, sparkle
  - b. *Ensign* (HEB) = To gleam from afar, to be conspicuous as a signal, a flag fluttering in the wind, a sign, a banner, a token, an emblem
  - c. (NKJV) The LORD their God will save them in that day, as the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, lifted up like a banner over His land.
  - d. (GW) On that day The LORD their God will rescue them as the flock of his people. They will certainly sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.
3. Psalms 67:7 (MSG) God! Let people thank and enjoy you. Let all people thank and enjoy you. Earth, display your exuberance! You mark us with blessing, O God, our God. You mark us with blessing, O God.



4. Genesis 12:2-3 (AMPC) I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]. ...in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].
5. Deuteronomy 28:10-11 (AMPC) And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name [and in the presence of] The LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. And The LORD shall make you have a surplus of prosperity.
  - a. (MSG) All the peoples on Earth will see you living under the Name of God and hold you in respectful awe. God will lavish you with good things: children from your womb, offspring from your animals, and crops from your land, the land that God promised your ancestors that he would give you.
  - b. Prosperity on us is a witness of the goodness of God to those around us.

*Whatever has been provided in Heaven, He wants you to manifest it on earth.  
He wants people to see through you in order for them to see what Heaven is like.  
He wants the Kingdom of God to be represented through you in this earth  
so that people can see what God is really like.*

*"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."*

*—Pastor Bill Winston,*

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### DAY 9—Heaven in the Midst of Trouble

#### A. Deuteronomy 11:18-21—Days of Heaven on Earth

1. No matter what the times are like, we can have heaven on earth.
2. The times are subject to us.
3. He wants people to see through us to see what God and THE BLESSING are like!

#### B. My Kingdom Is Flourishing, and THE BLESSING Is the Place to Be

1. *A word from The LORD through Kenneth Copeland, Oct. 19, 2008:*
  - a. Don't pay attention to or make any plans based on what the media says or what [politicians] say. Stand on My WORD in John 16. Pay attention to Me. I [the Holy Spirit] will obey verses 13-15. I will show you things to come. **I will lead you through troubled times.**
  - b. John 16:13-15 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. He 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.
  - c. I already have THE Plan for you, and it's very good. Follow it. **It will not only get you through, it will place you in a very high place—a rich place—a strong place of victory.**
  - d. You will have to discipline yourself and be diligent to listen to Me. All the other voices will have a plan, a word, an idea for your future and security. Don't listen to Babylon's system. It has fallen apart. My system is stronger than ever. **My kingdom is flourishing, and THE BLESSING is the place to be.** Keep your eyes on My WORD. Listen to it. It will guide you and I will perform it.
2. Love Me. Love My people as I have loved you. Walk in it. Love never fails, and neither does My plan.



3. Be very cautious to stay completely clean from covetousness. First Timothy 6:10 must live in the forefront of your thinking.
  - a. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
4. If you will do these things and continue therein, you will come into your wealthy place. A place lifted up. A place in Me already planned and prepared for you now. Here. Not heaven—not yet. But it will seem like heaven right in the midst of all the trouble, and you'll be able to reach out to untold numbers of suffering people with the good news of the gospel.
5. I'm coming very soon. Sooner than you think. Keep your eyes on Me and you'll get the job done.

*If you just follow God in this Kingdom reality, He will lead you  
to success and victory and prosperity.*

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*My inheritance does not fluctuate with the ups and downs of the market.*  
—Pastor George Pearsons

### DAY 10—End-Time Instructions

#### A. Colossians 1:12-14—“Everything Is Going to Be ALL RIGHT in the Household of Faith”

*A word from The LORD through Kenneth Copeland at the Southwest Believers' Convention, Aug. 6, 2010.*

1. The world is in serious trouble. But for the household of faith and those that will **cling to My WORD**—everything is going to be ALL RIGHT.
2. The world...is in serious trouble. Some very hard things are coming in different places around the world. They're that way now and they'll not get better. They will continue to get worse and worse. It is on a downhill run that the world cannot stop. But for the household of faith everything's going to be ALL RIGHT.
3. **You'll have to take a stand. You'll have to fight the good fight of faith.** But, when did you not have to do that? These are dangerous times. They are dangerous times financially. They are dangerous times in the earth because the earth is weighted under a gross weight of sin. There are things and places and situations underneath the earth, in the oceans and in the heavens that are being rattled and shaken. The earth is trying to break apart in different places.
4. **Stand on My WORD** and it will not come near you. **Praise and worship My Name. Don't feed and feed and feed fear and trouble into your life and into your mouth....** Quit living in that house. Get on back over here in the household of faith. **Feed on My WORD**; not on the bread of sorrow.... Look in My face.... **Praise and worship and preach The WORD. Praise and worship and preach The WORD.** Everything is going to be ALL RIGHT.



5. Your time has come. It is your time to excel. It is your time to do exceeding, extraordinary things in the financial world, in the medical world, in all of the areas where the world is in such dire trouble and so confused that they're confused beyond their ability to understand how confused they really are. And they're hurting because of it. They are crying out because of it.
6. For those in the household of faith, everything is going to be ALL RIGHT!

## B. Five Things We Must Do to Prosper in Tough Times

1. Cling to God's Word.
  - a. Proverbs 6:20-22 (NKJV) My son, keep your father's command, and do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak with you (NLT—Advise you).
2. Take your stand.
  - a. Ephesians 6:11,13-14 (AMPC) Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.... Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. Stand therefore [hold your ground].
  - b. 1 Corinthians 16:13 (AMPC) Be alert and on your guard; stand firm in your faith.
  - c. Psalms 91:9-10 (NKJV) Because you have made The LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling.
3. Fight the good fight of faith.
  - a. 1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith.
  - b. How? By words of faith.
  - c. 2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
4. Praise and worship and preach The WORD.
  - a. Psalms 9:1-3 (NKJV) I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. When my enemies turn back, they shall fall and perish at Your presence.



5. Don't feed on fear and trouble.

- a. 2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- b. Feed on The WORD.
- c. John 14:1, 27-28 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.... Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

*Whatever comes, God always has a place of safety and preservation for His people;  
But, for Him to do that in our lives, we've got to allow Him to come in and teach us.*

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*We learn how to do it, then we practice it. If you don't practice what you learned,  
it's not going to manifest; but we're going to practice.*

*We practice what we've learned. Glory to God!*

—Gloria Copeland

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