

New Covenant Inheritance: Lesson 5 – Success

This lesson in the New Covenant Inheritance module looks at the third nation that was squatting on the Promised Land. **Genesis 15:19** identifies them as the Kadmonites. They represent another bondage that Satan put man under, but we have now been freed from it because of Jesus.

Let's look at the Hebrew meaning of this name and see what it identifies as the third aspect of our inheritance.

Kadmonites – 'koph dalet mem nun yud' (H6935) from root word 'koph dalet mem nun' (H6923)

Strong's definition of the root word is: *A primitive root; to project (one self), that is, precede; hence to anticipate, hasten, meet (usually for help): - come (go, [flee]) before, + disappoint, meet, prevent.*

The provision of God that Satan has bound is your success. He has prevented man from ruling the earth and from success in life. Mankind has an internal expectation to succeed, but the curse has put obstacles, trials, opposition, and failure in the way. As a result, many people live in disappointment and/or are always looking for help. The term 'self made man' is the result of human effort to overcome the bondage of Satan. Unfortunately, human experience has shown that success in one area usually comes with failure in others. A successful business man often has failure in marriage or relationships or health. Only God can give true success where every area of our lives prospers. This is a covenant inheritance that Jesus has made available to us when we rest and follow.

So let's explore the scriptures about the success God predestined you to have. Write out **Joshua 1:8**: _____

In the New Covenant, who is the "book of the law"? _____.

What should be coming out of our mouths? _____.

In the New Covenant, what does "observe to do:" mean? _____.

What does doing these things produce for you? _____.

The Hebrew word for success is 'sakal'– 'shin caph lamed'. These represent 'God hand teacher'. The Hebrew tells us that success is a product of God's hand teaching us. It is not a product of self-effort.

Strong's defines 'sakal' [H7919] as: *A primitive root; to be (causatively make or act) circumspect and hence intelligent: - consider, expert, instruct, prosper, (deal) prudent (-ly), (give) skill (-ful), have good success, teach, (have, make to) understand (-ing), wisdom, (be, behave self, consider, make) wise (-ly), guide wittingly.*

Joshua 1:8 is the only verse that translates 'sakal' as success. More commonly it is translated as prosper, wise or understand. In the Greek, the equivalent word is 'euodoo' [G2137] which means succeed or prosper, from two root words meaning 'good' and 'journey'. Success in life comes when God gives us good on our journey. Since good is all he has to give, it follows that our life is supposed to be successful.

Euodoo is used in **3 John 1:2**. Write out this verse. _____.

John is expressing the same desire that God has, that we prosper (are successful) in every area of our lives. Notice that the basis for prospering in life is that our soul must prosper. Our soul is comprised of three components: mind, will and emotions. Prosperity in these three areas requires them to be renewed to the truth and led by Holy Spirit. When your soul prospers, then everything in your life prospers. The New Covenant is all about bringing prosperity to your soul. The first clause says that God will put His way of thinking in our minds and write them in our hearts. This covers our mind and emotions, leaving our wills as the only aspect of the soul that we have to change. We use our will to choose to agree with what God teaches us (his thoughts) and to receive his directions (his ways). When we embrace his thoughts and ways we start seeing ourselves the way God has made us and talking about things the way God talks about them. That is the road to success in life.

Here I want to introduce you to all of the seven areas in our lives. God wants you to enjoy success in every one of them. All seven areas are very familiar to you, it's just that you have probably never had them spelled out for you. The same goes for the seven physical senses that you have – I suspect that caught you out also, unless you have heard me teach on this before. You have been taught by man's rationale that there are only five physical senses. Well, it's time to introduce you to another of God's hidden treasures. I was meditating on God's perfection of sevens when it occurred to me that, since our bodies were designed perfectly, we probably have seven physical senses. So I actually did the smart thing and asked the Lord what the other two were. It wasn't an audible voice that told me; rather he used my aviation background to show me the other two. The sixth sense is your sense of balance – surprised? It's obvious once it is pointed out, isn't it? We use this sense all the time and even talk about it, but because our teachers never listed it as one of our physical senses, we remained in the mindset that we only had five. The seventh is your thermostat. Your body has a sense that regulates your internal temperature. Every time you start sweating your thermostat is directing your body to reduce your internal temperature and when you shiver, it is attempting to raise your internal temperature. So there you have it – seven physical senses. Isn't that amazing, yet, so obvious. Someone's human experience or reasoning has had you thinking for most of your life that you only had five. What's so important about these seven senses? Not a lot, other than you can use them to test your friends, 😊. I simply used it to illustrate that our minds are programmed by what we have been taught and the important thing is to receive God's laws (thoughts and ways) into our minds and hearts by a conscious choice of our wills. As far as your seven spiritual senses go, you probably haven't even heard about them, but that's not a topic for this lesson. If you want to know, go ask God.

Anyway, back to the seven areas of your life. Write out what you think the seven might be before you read the next paragraphs. I suggest you do it in pencil as you may want to change them as you work out the list.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

The first three are the components that make up you – your spirit, soul and body. Success in these is the basis of success in life. Firstly, your spirit must be born again. This makes you righteous and holy and filled with the fullness of God – now that is the start of real success. Our intimacy with God is a privilege that produces success.

Secondly, your soul needs to be renewed by the word of God. I presented how this happens at the top of page 2 – you choose to embrace God’s thoughts and ways about everything. This is what Paul called “being transformed by the renewing of your mind” in **Romans 12:2**. The result of doing this is that your life will “prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God”. This means you get to live in your inheritance, free from the curse, and others around you will see it.

Much of today’s medical profession involves dealing with issues of the soul. A lot of conditions afflicting people are rooted in their thinking, choices and feelings (mind, will and emotions – the soul – the psyche, as studied in psychology). Psychologists are professionals who attempt to fix mental and emotional problems. Unfortunately, most of their remedies use human reasoning, experience and/or rationale to attempt to heal. This is using human self effort to address the problem when the only real solution is dealing with them God’s way. The majority of mental problems are rooted in guilt and condemnation. Deal with these through the sacrifice of Jesus and you have fixed most of the mental issues. Then it becomes a path of renewing the mind to the New Covenant reality of our forgiveness, righteousness and intimacy with God.

The third area is our physical health; our bodies. Through the cross, Jesus paid for divine health for us and has made it part of our inheritance. There are many verses that deal with living free from sickness and disease. Jesus called health “the children’s bread” (**Mark 7:27**). Living in divine health is a huge part of our inheritance. It is what everyone wants. This is why the medical, cosmetic, fitness and health industries exist. Health and longevity are probably the two most sought after aspects of life on earth. Our New Covenant inheritance has provided both. Believe what God says and receive it. Transform your thinking to see yourself healthy.

The other four aspects of life are external to you as a person, but are an integral part of your life. They provide your life with purpose and fulfillment. They are family, social, vocation and finances. I could expound on each of these, but that’s not what this lesson is about. Rather, we just need to know that God’s plan is our success in every area. Resting in Jesus’ completed work and renewing our mind to always follow Holy Spirit is what makes God’s plan manifest as real success in our lives.

Now read **Romans 5:17-21** and answer the following:

Whose offence enabled death to reign over mankind (v17)? _____.

Whose obedience now enables men to reign in life (v17)? _____.

What must men receive to be able to reign in life (v17)? _____.

Would reigning in life be considered ‘being successful’? _____.

Is this reigning limited to certain areas of your life? _____.

As you already know, a person “receives the gift of righteousness” when they are born again. The circumcision of our hearts makes us 100% righteous. However, the verb “receive” in verse 17 is in the present tense, not the Aorist tense. Paul is telling us that there is more to it than just being born again. The tense tells us that there is an active, every day receiving that we need to do.

What do you think this receiving is? _____.

What did the offence produce in men (v18)? _____.

What did the gift of righteousness produce (v18)? _____.

What made men sinners (v19)? _____.

What makes many men righteous (v19) _____.

Why was the law given (v20)? _____.

What does God give to obliterate the offence (v20)? _____.

What does sin's reign produce (v21)? _____.

What does grace's reign produce (v21)? _____.

What does grace require in order to reign (reign through) (v21)? _____.

Who is the source of our eternal life (v21)? _____.

Since we have been delivered from sin and made righteous, God continually supplies the abundance of His grace to enable us to reign in life; to be successful in every area of life. To actually enjoy this ruler-ship, we do two things: agree we are righteous (actually see ourselves as righteous) and embrace the abundance of grace flowing through us every day. This involves resting in the completed work of Jesus – casting cares upon Him and letting Holy Spirit guide us in every area of life. The amazing thing is that grace makes this easy to do (**Philippians 2:13**).

To get the picture of what resting in Jesus' completed work looks like, read **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**.

What three things characterize resting (v16-18)? _____.

What two things are not part of resting (v19-20)? _____.

Verse 21-22 explains our role in living like this. We are required to discern (prove) all things, whether they are good or bad and only accept the good. Everything bad is to be rejected and steered clear of. This is why God puts his way of thinking in our hearts and minds, so we can rightly discern and choose the good.

Verse 23 states that "the God of peace who sanctified you (AOR – made you physically pure, morally blameless, perfectly innocent) completely; preserves you faultless, spirit, soul and body, in the presence of Jesus Christ".

I think "faultless" sums up success. Who is going to make us successful (v24)? _____.

Write out **Psalm 91:16**. _____.

The Hebrew reads "*length of days I satisfy (fill to satisfaction, satiate) him, and I show (to see, experience, make to enjoy, provide) him to salvation (yeshua – deliverance, health, victory, prosperity, welfare) of me*". The Hebrew word Yeshua is Jesus in English. In this verse it has five Hebrew letters. From your sheet fill in the meaning of each letter and then write the resulting phrase that expresses what the letters tell us about Jesus:

Yud: _____ Shin: _____ Vav: _____ Ain: _____ Heh: _____

Phrase: _____.

This verse expresses God's desire for you to have success in life, because that is what brings satisfaction. This success is through the revelation of the salvation that God has provided for us. A long life without satisfaction is a failure. God's plan is for us to live long and enjoy a successful life.

Our final scripture is **Psalm 1:2-3**. Verse 2 echo's **Joshua 1:8** that we discussed above. Doing these results in what verse 3 describes. In your own words, write out the three things verse 3 uses to describe a successful life?
