

# Kingdom Abundance Overview

## Key Verse

*John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (NIV)*

## Opening Questions

What comes to mind when you hear the word “abundance”?

Do you think this is something that is good or bad?

## Exploring the Bible

What, exactly, is abundance? Many times we think of abundance in terms of finances, and that is certainly one manifestation of abundance. But abundance is much more than just having more than enough in the financial realm. It is living in the abundant provision for every area of our lives including financial, emotional, vocational, and marital.

### **I. An Abundant Beginning**

*Genesis 2:8-9 - Now the LORD God planted a garden in the East, in Eden; and there he put the man He had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (NIV)*

Question: Where does God place Adam after he made him?

Answer:

Question: What did God fill the garden with?

Answer:

God demonstrates His abundance when He creates man. He creates for him a garden filled with appealing food. There was variety of sights, smells, and flavors of food to eat

in this garden. Adam did not have to work to produce this garden or its fruit. He simply had to be a caretaker of this abundance. This was the environment of abundance God provided for his beloved creation, man.

## **II. The Great Fall**

Read *Genesis 3:21 – 24*

Question: From where are Adam and Eve banished?

Answer:

Question: God set up cherubim and a flaming sword to protect what?

Answer:

God never wanted to chase man out of the garden. God had created the abundance of the garden so that man could enjoy it. But man's sin forced God to drive him out of the garden. Man goes from having an abundant life, provision in the garden, and access to the tree of life to being driven out and forced to work the ground that was now cursed in order to grow food. He also has no access to the tree of life. This is what sin does. It destroys our ability to access the abundant goodness of God.

## **III. A Promise For the New Land**

God has chosen a nation for Himself. That nation is the nation of Israel. God's purpose in choosing them was to demonstrate His goodness and blessings to them if they obeyed Him. The people are about to enter a land that God has promised to give them. Part of the instructions and promises that God gives to His people before they go into this new land are found in this passage.

Read *Deuteronomy 15:1 – 6*

Question: What should not exist in the land people are about to possess (verse 4)?

Answer:

Question: What was the condition for getting the blessing of the Lord (verse 5)?

Answer:

Question: What does God promise additionally (verse 6)?

Answer:

God makes an incredible promise to His people. If they would obey Him, He would bless them so abundantly in this new land that there would be no one in the whole country that would be poor. God's outpouring of abundance would be so great that everyone would benefit. God had no desire to see anyone living in poverty in this new land under His Lordship. His desire was that everyone should prosper, not just a few. But it wasn't just financial abundance. If they obeyed all that the Lord had given them, they would be living in spiritual, emotional and social abundance. The financial abundance would be another clear manifestation of God's abundance.

#### **IV. A Snapshot of Abundance**

The Israelites have had an up and down time in the promised land that God gave them. When they obeyed the Lord, things went well. When they decided to follow other gods, they were reduced to poverty. But under King David who followed the Lord wholeheartedly and under his son Solomon, the kingdom reached its pinnacle of prosperity.

*Read 1 Kings 10:14-29*

Question: How common was silver in Solomon's reign (verse 27)?

Answer:

Question: How valuable was silver (verse 21)?

Answer:

Imagine living in a society where a precious metal such as silver is considered almost worthless because it is so plentiful. That means that everyone has a lot of silver, not just the king. Solomon is receiving about 25 tons of gold every year. This alone has a tremendous positive effect on the economy. Everyone is prospering. Israel is the center of the world economically, politically, educationally, and in every other way. The whole world was literally benefiting from the outpouring of blessing the Lord was giving to Israel.

#### **V. Restoring Abundance**

##### **A. The Promise**

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Question: What does Jesus promise to give us?

Answer:

The promise is not just abundance of wealth or health but an abundance of life. That means living a life that is passionate and full because we are doing what God made us to do while being plugged into the eternal life of knowing Jesus Christ and God our Father.

## **B. The Way**

Read *Matthew 6:31-34*

Question: What are "all these things" that will be given to you (verses 31 & 33)?

Answer:

Question: How do you get "all these things" (verse 33)?

Answer:

When we identify what God made us to do and then focus on doing it in and for the kingdom of God and through the power of Jesus Christ, all the things we need are taken care of and God pours abundance into our lives.

## **C. The Provision**

*Deuteronomy 8:18 - But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.*

Question: Who gives a person the ability to produce wealth?

Answer:

*Philippians 4:19 - And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (NIV)*

Question: How are our needs met by God?

Answer:

God never sets the standard of how He meets our need based on the size of our need but the size of His resources. Since His resources are unlimited, His provision is always much bigger than any need we have.

*1 John 3:1 - How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (NIV)*

Question: What has God lavished on us?

Answer:

The most important thing any human being needs to live a healthy and abundant life is love. God lavishes love upon us as His children. God wants us to live in emotional health and supplies an abundance of love for it.

*Romans 8:32- He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (NIV)*

Question: What will God give us as His children?

Answer:

God already gave His son Jesus for us. There is nothing that He will withhold from us. Anything we need is available from our heavenly Father. The abundance of heaven extends to every aspect of our life.

## **Practical Exercise**

The Kingdom of God brings abundance. Is there an area where there is lack in your life? If so, this is an area where God desires to manifest His Kingdom in your life. If you feel comfortable in sharing this area, we will pray for the abundance of God's Kingdom to manifest in your life.

God wants to show us how to make wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). Do you think God trying to show you a way to make wealth/abundance?