

Pastor George shared the following during last Sunday's offering message.

The BLESSING Makes Rich

Proverbs 10:22;

“The blessing of the LORD, **it maketh rich**, and He addeth no sorrow with it.”

Genesis 26:12-13; (NIV)

“Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. **The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.**”

Deuteronomy 8:18; (NLT-96)

“Always remember that it is the LORD your God who gives you to **the power to become rich**, and he does it to fulfill the covenant he made with your ancestors.”

Word from the Lord through Pastor George from the KCBC Winter Symposium, Friday, January 12, 2024

“You have experienced a level of prosperity. You been taught, trained and you know it's there. But this night, you are stepping over into a new dimension of the prosperous life. It is a life that is beyond what you have ever seen or experienced, or have known of. There are so many ways that I can get it to you. To get you what you need to not only supply your own household - but even more and beyond so you can be able to supply My projects and My vision in the body of Christ.”

“You will get to the place where you will pay for an entire project. ‘Lord, how much do you want us to give? Do you want us to pay for the whole thing?’ Those days are coming if you will believe for it and not be limited. Do not limit the Holy One of Israel.”

“But you need to release your faith, sow towards it and receive. Millionaires are coming up out of this congregation. You will step over into the billion flows. It will come to a place where completely paying for a project won’t even put a dent into your reserve.”

“Do you dare believe that? Do you dare believe that I can do that in your life? I am saying this to my congregation right now: you are a prosperous people, and you are becoming more and more and more and more prosperous every day. **Rich is not a dirty word. Rich is a Biblical word. We are being taught how to handle riches so that riches don’t handle us.** You are a blessed and rich congregation.”

The Heart of True Prosperity

Genesis 12:2; (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].**”

Brother Jesse Duplantis makes the following statement, which Pastor George spoke;

“Our motivation for accumulation is distribution, with revelation.”

Our life consists not in the abundance of the things we possess, but in the abundance of things we sow.

The Heart of True Prosperity Quotes by Kenneth Copeland

Proverbs 10:22; (AMPC)

“The blessing of the Lord—it makes **[truly]** rich.

- “True prosperity is the ability to use the power of God to meet the needs of mankind in every realm of life — spirit, soul, body, financially, socially, and politically.”
- “True prosperity is the ability to reach out to others in their moment of impossibility and take their needs on as your own.”
- “True prosperity is walking with God to be able and equipped to do for others. Whatever He needs done. Whenever He needs it done. And, with whatever He needs it done with.”
- “True prosperity is not keeping your bills paid and your body well just so you can lie around and watch TV in comfort. God is not prospering us to get us out of debt so we can get into bigger debt. **He is not prospering us so we can buy and buy and buy. He’s prospering us so we can give and give and give.**”

The Heart of True Prosperity Scriptures

Philippians 2:4; (AMP)

“Be concerned for not merely your own interests, but also each for the interests for others.”

Galatians 6:10; (KNOX)

“Let us practice generosity to all while the opportunity is ours, and above all, to those who are one family with us in the household of faith.”

1 Corinthians 10:24; (JBP/WOR)

“Let no man set his own advantage as his objective but let each seek the good of others.”

Luke 10:33-35; (NLT)

“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed

his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

2 Corinthians 9:11; (NIV)

"As a result of your giving, you will be enriched in every way so that you can get generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

(AMPC) "Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and your generosity as it is administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God."

Dr. Billye Brim shared when she was at a convention, a rabbi said.

"God's Word commands us to make money because we are His stewards on earth with the responsibility of distributing His wealth."

Ambassador David Friedman spoke this past Sunday.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/david-friedman/>

I will share a story about something that happened a thousand years ago. A thousand years ago there lived a rabbi whose name was Rabbi Schlomo, the son of Isaac. He was referred to by the acronym of his name, Rashi, rabbi a Alamo, SH Isaac, I, Rashi. And this is a common way used to refer to biblical scholars in ancient times.

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/rabbi-shlomo-yitzchaki-rashi>

Rashi was the greatest Jewish commentator on the Bible in all Jewish history. To this day, almost every Hebrew Bible is published with the biblical text, along with Rashi's commentary.

What are the first words in Genesis 1:1?

"In the beginning, God created heaven and earth."

Rashi's comment on this verse is exceptionally basic and simple for such a learned scholar.

He asked the question, "Why is the Bible starting with the story of creation? Why begin there? The Jewish faith is a faith in which we are obligated to observe God's 613 commandments."

The first commandment doesn't begin until after the Jewish people have been freed of slavery in Egypt. They've left Egypt, they've crossed the Red Sea, and God commands them to observe the New Moon every month. That's the first commandment in the Old Testament.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/new-moon-Bible.html>

So why are we starting with the story of creation? Rashi's answer is the creation story exists as the title insurance of the Jewish People to the Land of Israel. He says, A Day will come when the nations of the world will rise and say to the Jewish people, you are thieves. You have stolen the land of Israel.

Rashi says, the creation story provides the Jewish people with their response. **God created the world.** God owns the world as the owner. God can give whatever land He wants to, whomever He wants. And God gave this land to the Jewish people.

We know that God promised the land of Israel to the Jewish people from His covenants to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He said to

Abraham, because all this land that you see I have given to you in your progeny forever.

Genesis 13:15, He said to Isaac, For you and your descendants, I will give all these lands and it'll confirm the oath I swore to your father, Abraham.

Genesis 26:3, And He said to Jacob, I am your God, the God of your father, Abraham and Isaac in the land upon which you were resting. I will give to you in your progeny.

Genesis 28:13, God promises the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Rashi wasn't worried about the fact that those promises were made. What he was concerned about is people will say, well, who is God?

What gives God the right to give the land of Israel to the Jewish people? Therefore, the Bible starts with creation.

Who is God? He's the creator of heaven and earth. He owns the world. And that was Rashi's message, the story of creation places God center stage to establish the truth of His covenants. Not just that the covenants were made, but that the covenants are truth. That God had the power to make those promises. This is God's world. His covenants are true, and therefore they must be kept.

Today we live in a world where the United Nations and almost every single one of its members challenges the right of Israel to its biblical homeland. But Rashi's response is as correct today as it was a thousand years ago. God promised that little piece of land about the size of New Jersey, surrounded by 22 Muslim nations, to the Jewish people. That is God's land. That is God's will.

When you hear reference to the state of Israel, I want you to know and understand that because of limitations that are placed upon Israel by other nations, even to some extent by our own nation, Israel does not yet have sovereignty over some important biblical places.

Let's take a couple of examples where Israel doesn't have full sovereignty.

- Hebron - Abraham purchased a burial place there for his wife, Sarah. And where Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah are buried.
- Beth El where Jacob dreamed of a ladder ascending to heaven and angels going up and down Shiloh.
- Shiloh, where the tabernacle rested for some 369 years after the Israelite nation crossed the Jordan River. It's where Samuel the prophet was born. It's where Hannah taught the world how to pray. Hannah is whispering. She's asking God to give her a son, and because she's whispering and nothing's coming out of her mouth, the high priest thinks she's drunk. He never saw that before, that someone is whispering to God. This is also where Rachel's tomb is located. Rachel, as you know, died on the side of the road giving birth to Benjamin, and she's buried separately from the other matriarchs from Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah. She is, as the Bible tells us, perpetually crying for her children to return to the promised land. Jeremiah comes years later and says to Rachel, stop crying. God has heard your suffering, and your children will return to their border.
- Joseph was buried in Egypt, but he made his brothers promise that when God would bring the Israelite nation out of slavery and bring them to the promised land, his bones would be taken out and reinterred in the city of Shechem. And that's where he's buried today. It's very hard to get there because Israel doesn't have sovereignty.
- Bethlehem, Israel does not have sovereignty today. It's the home of King David. It's the birthplace of Jesus. It was once a city that was 80% Christian. Today it is 80% Muslim.

When we were in office, we were able to change a lot of the policies that we're not observing today. The State Department reversed 50 years of policy and concluded that it's fully and completely appropriate for Jews to live within their biblical homeland.

Things have been very different since October 7th, 2023. I had a chance to see the 47-minute recording of what actually happened on that horrible day. I don't encourage any of you to see it due to its explicit and horrific (demonic) actions on people.

The Nazis with all the horrible things that they did, didn't film themselves. They had the sense not to make a record of what they did.

The slaughter, the rape, the beheading, the dismemberment, and the burning of 1200 innocent Jews, the kidnapping of 240, more of whom about 136 are remaining in captivity under the most barbaric of conditions. It's a heavy weight. It's been 120 days now since that terrible day. There's still 136 innocent people being held in caves and tunnels.

Many of the universities here in the States are cheering for the barbarians. They're cheering for the murderers. Israel's enemies are claiming that Israel's targeting civilians. I can tell you I know that's false. When I was ambassador in 2019, I got to sit in the war room and I observed how every Israeli response to every attack was based upon, really a careful calculation of whether the target was sufficiently threatening to justify the risk of collateral damage.

It's exactly what the laws of war require, as if anybody, but Israel keeps the laws of war. Israel is held to this standard that they must keep the laws of war. Nobody else does. Nobody else cares.

The ratio of civilian deaths in Gaza to Hamas terrorist deaths is the lowest in modern warfare. And every human life is precious. I don't want to see anybody die. Israel didn't start this war. Israel didn't want this war. And Israel is now fighting for its very existence. **And we must stand with Israel.**

People look at the casualties, and say, more civilians have died in Gaza than have died in Israel. Therefore, Israel's wrong and Gaza must be right. In World War II, there were 70,000 civilians killed in England, and 2 million civilians were killed in Nazi Germany. We have sympathy with the Nazis for that reason. Does that make any sense at all? It's not a numbers game. This is a question of good versus evil. It's not quantitative, it's qualitative.

We say categorically together, we stand with Israel, we stand with God. We stand with God's covenant to the Jewish people. You have no idea how singularly important that is. Not just to a military victory, but also to help ease the enormous trauma felt by the people of Israel. Remember these people in Israel, they've suffered this enormous trauma, and they turn on the TV and they turn on the BBC, and they turn on Sky News, and they turn on CNN, and they're being criticized for being victims.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. We're a small people. There were 18 million Jews in the world in 1941. We lost 6 million of them from 1941 to 1945. Today, we're at about 15 million. We haven't recovered from the Holocaust.

Israel was divided as a nation before October 7th. Then October 7th, switch and we became unified. When the war started, nobody left. I was there on October 7th, I stayed for almost a month. We didn't want to leave, but the flights coming in were overbooked. All the Israelis all around the world were flying back to serve in the Army. The Israeli government called up 300,000 reserves to report to duty. Within two hours, 350,000 showed up.

Many of the liberal radical students,

- They fight for women, and their rights, but they celebrate Hamas, which has raped so many women.
- They fight for children's rights, but they celebrate Hamas, which has beheaded and burned children.
- They fight for gay rights, and they celebrate Hamas, which executes gays and lesbians on site.
- It is frightening. Antisemitism at levels we haven't seen since Nazi Germany.

I want to thank you, EMIC for fasting for Israel. It's an incredible commitment. I'll tell you a little bit about myself. I'm an observant Jew. I was born the son of a pulpit rabbi, the values that I learned, studying the Torah from kindergarten all the way through high school. They stayed with me through life. And they really were my guideposts when I became the US Ambassador to Israel.

My first memory of Israel was when I was nine years old. It was 1967. And I come down the stairs, and my parents were crying. I thought something bad had happened but then I see them dancing. They said, it's the end of the six-day war in Jerusalem, the Israeli army just recaptured the old city of Jerusalem. It took many years to understand what that was. It was the realization of a 2000-year-old continuous prayer by the Jewish people to be restored to their holy city. And I never forgot that moment.

Most of us have grown up with some time-tested and fundamental Judeo-Christian values. They've made our nation great. But we are becoming, more untethered from these values. And as we do, our moral North star begins to fade, and we lose our way. I was criticized by the State Department, often they told me I was too Jewish. They told me I should keep my religion out of things.

I became convinced I was doing the right thing. America does not impose upon any of its citizens an obligation to believe in God. You don't have to believe in God if you don't want to. You don't have to observe any faith if you don't want to. But America was never intended to be a godless society where faith is shunned and mocked and vilified and trivialized, as if you believe in God, you have two heads.

I'll tell you why our country is not a God of society because the most important document in our history, the Declaration of Independence, proves that point. It recognized for the first time that human rights are not granted by the government. They are endowed in every human life by God. Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness. We're all endowed by our creator. That's where our nation was founded. We were given God-given rights. They don't come from man, they come from God. And that's why they're non-negotiable. And they're absolute and they're immutable and they can't be taken away.

There's a lot of rights out there. How do you know which rights were endowed by God? If you look in the Bible, you will find references to every one of them. They were all fluent in the Bible. And those values are stated unambiguously. The prophet Isaiah tells us, out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. In other words, the values that animated the founding of the United States of America came from, were spoken from the city of Jerusalem.

There was a Jerusalem Embassy Act that was passed by Congress in 1995 by overwhelming majorities in the House and the Senate, but no president was willing to implement it until President Trump. We fulfilled the will of the American people. We unequivocally proclaimed that America would stand with Israel and will not flinch from the threats of rogue nations or terrorists.

The question will be asked, "Why were there no new wars between 2017 and 2021, those four years." I believe that the moving around of

our embassy will be considered an important factor in that, as God's hand was on it.

Everybody said, when President Trump makes this announcement irreconcilable conflicts and endless wars for the next generation will occur. And there weren't any. Not only was there not an explosion of violence, but there was an explosion of peace. We normalize relations between Israel and five Muslim nations with UAE, with Bahrain, with Sudan, with Kosovo, with Morocco.

People say to me, you're so smart. How'd you figure that out? And the answer, I didn't know. We were truly blessed by God. There's no mortal security service. Not the CIA, not the Mossad, not MIS, no one. No security service could have protected the entire world from violence, only God. And I believe that He did.

We were preparing for this earthquake of an announcement on December 6th, 2017. I took great comfort in knowing that our prophets teach that moving our embassy to Jerusalem could be part of God's plan to bring peace to the world.

The most accepted Biblical textual paradigm for peace is engraved on the wall outside the United Nations:

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations shall not lift sword against nation nor study war anymore.

Isaiah 2:1-4

He offers the prophecy that the nations of the world, not just the Jewish people, the nations of the world, will all come to the mountain of God, to Mount Mariah. The nations of the world will come to the mountain of God where the temple stood. Why will they come there? They'll come there to learn God's ways and to follow His path. Because

we are mentioned in Jerusalem as the wellspring of all that God teaches.

Now what happens when the nations of the world all come to this great mountain? Isaiah says, God will resolve their differences. And then, and only then, nation will not lift up sword against nation or study war anymore.

How do nations pick up and come to Jerusalem? **A nation moves to Jerusalem by moving its embassy there. It's a diplomatic mission.** Isaiah had a vision that this would bring peace, that the road to peace runs through Jerusalem. Indeed, it should. Jerusalem literally means **shalem - city of peace**. So, there was no violence in response to that Jerusalem announcement in December of 2017, because God prevented it as only God could have done.

Isaiah was right. Israel normalized its relations with five Muslim nations, without giving up one inch of its God given homeland.

God's covenants are not negotiable and not subject to compromise. We stand with Israel and its sovereignty over its biblical homeland. So, even though it doesn't seem right now, we're very close to peace, the world is aflame with antisemitism, war, and violence. With your help, with God's help, with our unity, it's going to change.

Deuteronomy 25:18,

You were attacked because you were weary, you were tired, worn out, and no longer fearing God. We're all paying a high price for our weakness. All of us around the globe, weakness in defending our borders, weakness in fighting with each other in bickering, and engaging in political fighting, weakness in our faith.

But since that war, we're not weak any longer. Amen. We are angry. We are mourning our losses, but we are no longer weak. The Jewish

people are standing as one with their Christian allies and we are stronger than ever. My father, the pulpit rabbi used to say his last thing, every Saturday morning from Psalm 29.

“God will give strength unto His nation. God will bless His nation with peace.”

It's kind of an odd choice of words. We're asking for strength, but we're also asking for peace. First, we must be strong. Only after we're strong do we achieve peace.

And now the Jewish people are strong. The evangelical Christian community is strong. Yes. The members of this church I can see led by Pastor Terry and Pastor George are quite strong, and peace is being ushered in.

Amen.