RUSSELL SANDERS 3-1-2024 HOW TO BE PROSPEROUS

Prior to Joshua leading Israel across the Jordan River into Canaan, God gave him instruction on how to prosper and be successful. We read that instruction in Joshua 1:8. It applies also to each of us.

Joshua 1:8 says, "This book of the law [word of God] shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

This instruction to Joshua actually applies to all of God's people over all periods of time. Joshua was prosperous and had good success, but as Israel occupied the land, they did not follow god's instruction. They were disobedient and even rebellious. Consequently, they suffered droughts, plagues, and enemy conquests. They were ultimately destroyed as a nation until modern times.

For us today, we must study and learn God's word. God will make us to prosper. But no, that does not mean what the popular "prosperity gospel" says it is. It is not prosperity in money or the goods of this temporary world.

Our prosperity as the Father's children relates to our position in the kingdom of heaven. It gives us peace, love, joy, and all the fruits of the Spirit. These are the benefits of spiritual prosperity that is lacking in the world.

When we follow God's instruction then we, like Joshua, shall have the ultimate good a success as we enter the kingdom of Heaven with Jesus.

How much better success is there than walking on those streets of gold?