

THE POWER FLOWS WHERE REMEMBRANCE REMAINS

Devotional by Pastor Jeremy Richardson

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)

Text:

"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." — Deuteronomy 8:18

Introduction

One of the greatest dangers to the blessing of God is not adversity—it's forgetfulness.

Israel did not lose God's power because God changed. They lost the manifestation of His power when they forgot the One who gave it to them.

The key to continual increase is not merely receiving God's power; it is continually remembering where that power comes from.

When remembrance remains, the flow remains.

1. REMEMBER THE SOURCE OF YOUR INCREASE

Moses warned Israel that when they entered houses they did not build, vineyards they did not plant, and enjoyed prosperity they did not create on their own, they must never forget the Lord.

God is not merely the giver of things; He is the giver of the power to obtain things.

The blessing is not the wealth itself. The blessing is the divine power behind the increase.

Key Thought:

If God gave it, God can multiply it.

Supporting Scripture

James 1:17 (NKJV)

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights..."

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Application

- Remember who opened the door.
- Remember who gave the opportunity.
- Remember who provided the strength.
- Remember who caused the increase.

Never allow success to disconnect you from the Source of success.

2. FORGETFULNESS IS THE BEGINNING OF DECLINE

Immediately after commanding Israel to remember, Moses warned them not to forget.

Throughout the Old Testament, decline always followed forgetfulness.

When people forget God, pride enters.

When pride enters, dependence leaves.

When dependence leaves, decline begins.

Example: King Asa

King Asa trusted God and prospered.

When an enemy came against him, he sought the Lord and saw supernatural victory.

Later in life, Asa began depending upon natural resources and human strength rather than God.

The same king who remembered and prospered later forgot and declined.

Supporting Scripture

Proverbs 16:18 (NKJV)

"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."

Application

Never allow today's blessing to become tomorrow's distraction from God.

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3. GRATITUDE KEEPS THE FLOW OPEN

Thanksgiving is remembrance expressed.

A grateful believer is a remembering believer.

Every time we thank God, we acknowledge that He is the source of our victories, provision, health, strength, and opportunities.

Example: David

David never forgot where his victories came from.

Whether defeating Goliath, leading Israel, or establishing the kingdom, David continually gave glory to God.

He remembered.

Because he remembered, God continued to bless him.

Supporting Scripture

Psalms 103:2 (NKJV)

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits."

Application

- Thank Him for what He has done.
- Thank Him for what He is doing.
- Thank Him for what He is about to do.

Gratitude protects the heart from forgetfulness.

4. REMEMBRANCE PRODUCES CONTINUAL INCREASE

The power in Deuteronomy 8:18 was not a one-time blessing.

It was covenant power designed to produce ongoing increase.

God's desire was not merely to bring Israel out of Egypt.

His desire was to bring them into abundance.

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Example: Joshua

Joshua consistently reminded Israel of God's faithfulness.

At the end of his life, Joshua gathered the nation and challenged them to remember what God had done.

Because they remembered, they possessed cities, vineyards, homes, and inheritance.

Supporting Scripture

Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Application

The same God who blessed yesterday still has power to bless today.

Remembering keeps your heart connected to covenant power.

5. REMEMBRANCE ESTABLISHES THE NEXT GENERATION

God told Israel to teach their children.

Why?

Because every generation must learn where the blessing comes from.

The greatest inheritance we can leave our children is not money, property, or possessions.

The greatest inheritance is a living testimony of God's faithfulness.

Supporting Scripture

Psalms 78:4 (NKJV)

"We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done."

Application

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- Tell your children what God has done.
- Share testimonies.
- Celebrate God's faithfulness.
- Build memorials of remembrance.

What one generation remembers, the next generation can inherit.

Conclusion

The power to get wealth is not merely financial ability.

It is God's covenant power working in every area of life.

The key Moses gave Israel was simple:

Remember the Lord your God.

When you remember Him:

- Pride stays out.
- Gratitude stays in.
- Covenant power continues to flow.
- Increase continues.
- Future generations are blessed.

The power flows where remembrance remains.

Declaration

Father, today we choose to remember You.

We remember Your goodness.

We remember Your faithfulness.

We remember Your provision.

We remember Your power.

You are the source of every blessing and every increase in our lives.

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We will not forget You in times of abundance.

We will not forget You in times of success.

We will not forget You when the blessing comes.

We declare that Your covenant power is working in us, through us, and for us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



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