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GOOD SUCCESS

Joshua 1:8

“This book of the law 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.”

How do you define success?

The world offers many pictures of “successful” celebrities, yet they are seemingly plagued with problems: divorce, drugs, unfaithfulness, violence, tax evasion, arrests, the list goes on and on.

Is this GOOD success?

The Word of God states in Proverbs 10:22 *“The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”* You see, God is not opposed to your success, or even wealth; in fact, the Bible says that God delights in the prosperity of His servants. God knows how to bless you with recognizable success without the inevitable problems that accompany the world’s system.

The key? God tells us in the verse from the book of Joshua above that there are three easy steps:

- 1) Speaking the Word
- 2) Meditating on the Word
- 3) Doing the Word

All three **MUST** be fulfilled in order to reap the prosperity of God, without sorrow, and maintain **GOOD** success. As Christians, we often find that we experience troubles in life. Certainly the Adversary has no desire to see you prosper and do well; he fears you may contribute more to the advancement of the Kingdom! Unfortunately, he doesn’t have to work too hard to prevent prosperity and “good success” in the lives of most Christians. Why? We fail to completely follow God’s instructions. We may think on God’s Word, but never speak it. Or we may speak it, but never do it. It is only when all three activities are in play that we can expect to reap the promised blessing of the Lord.

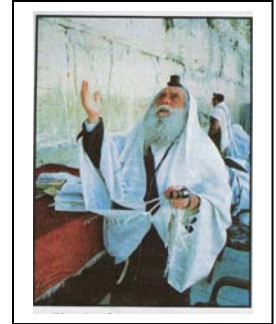
Let’s make a change in our lives today. Speak the Word, Meditate on the Word, and do the Word. Then shall he make our way prosperous and then shall we have good success.

Maranatha!



שְׁאֵלוֹ שְׁלוֹם יְרוּשָׁלַיִם

Yē-rū-sha-lī'im ←--- Shalomí ←--- Sha·alū



GOD IS LOVE

Did you know that the word love does not appear anywhere in the entire Qu'ran? Not even the concept of love is given mention. In fact, testimonies from Muslims that have converted to Christianity reveal that the one thing that had intrigued them was the idea that God could love them. In Islam, such a relationship is considered to be beneath the dignity of Allah and a reproach to his sovereignty.

Yet, in the Bible, we are repeatedly assured that God loves his people; both Christian and Jew. The book of First John Chapter 4 verse 8 tells us: *“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”*

Think about it. If love isn't in the Qu'ran, neither is the true God.

As a matter of fact, judging by the fruit of Islamic countries and their actions toward the people that the Apostle Paul proclaimed to be “beloved by the Father,” I see nothing but a great supernatural hatred.

In the book of Romans, the apostle Paul goes to great lengths to admonish the Christian church regarding Israel and warns us not to become wise in our own conceits regarding their place and ours in the plan of God. He writes that God is certainly able to graft us all in together and that the Jewish people remain beloved by the Father; His gifts and calling toward them are unchanging. They are the Chosen people of God set forth as a light to the Gentile nations. If it were not for the Jews, we would have no knowledge of God in the world wherein to glory.

I love the Jewish people. You should too.

This is not a human love; rather, it is the love of God shed abroad in my heart when He took up residency within my life. You see, this is the type of unconditional agape love that cares not what it receives in reciprocation. Many Jews today are justifiably suspicious of the Christian faith as they continue to experience persecution, opposition, and prejudice by so-called Christian representatives. Some have become downright hostile to the expression of Christian thought. This matters not in the slightest to me.

Psalms repeatedly emphasizes that God deals lovingly with the Jews, if for no other reason, than for His great Name's sake. I choose to do the same thing, for the same reason. It is impossible to think of the Jewish people without immediately thinking of the One True God, the God of Israel. Out of reverence, the tetragrammaton Name of God is often cited in Hebrew as Ha'Shem; simply, “The Name.”

No, our loving God is not finished with the Jews. They still bear His Name.



Revelation 22:17

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

COME

Are you a “whosoever”?

Jesus openly invites you to receive of Him eternal life.

This is not some picturesque conception of people mindlessly playing a harp on a cloud in heaven some day, but it is an active invitation to become one with the Creator of all mankind and find fulfillment for your life today!

You are created an eternal spirit in the very image of God Himself. By accepting the offer He extends to you, you can find meaning in your existence and peace at last. If you will accept Him, He will enter your heart, transform your spirit, and you will become a new creation. Old things pass away, and all things become new.

You’ll never be alone again and you will always have a constant companion who loves you and has promised never to leave or forsake you. Although, many men and women have made a similar promise to one another, only God Almighty can be counted on to keep it.

Please take this moment right now to ask the Lord Jesus Christ into your life. He freely gives the waters of life and, together, we can rejoice for all eternity in His glorious presence.

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