



Reading Our Bible Together in 2020

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Point 3: God's Plan for Your Salvation is Broader than You Think.

3b: God Wants to Give You Abundant Life.

Giant Important Intermediate Disclaimer: My opinion of “prosperity gospel”* is that it treats God as some sort of cosmic vending machine. It’s unscriptural, misleading, dangerous, and wrong. This opinion is informed by decades of church attendance, biblical study, and observation of the world. If anything in Point 3 of our study on salvation suggests to you that I support prosperity gospel in any way, then somehow I have failed to communicate my position. In spite of all that, the scripture clearly states that God’s plan for your salvation includes a desire that you be healthy, safe, and comfortable and that you enjoy life in constant relationship with him. If we have learned one thing from history, however, it is that even God’s desires don’t always come to pass. Why not? Sin, mostly.

* See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prosperity_theology

July 20	Leviticus 26:1-13; Amos 9:13-15	God’s desire is that you have the things you need to be comfortable, safe, and content.
July 21	Deut. 5:32-33, 6:10-12, 28:1-14	This is not “prosperity gospel”; you are not <i>entitled</i> to these blessings, and God is not <i>obligated</i> to give them to you. That’s why they are called “blessings” and not “wages”!
July 22	Isaiah 66:10-14, 30:23-26	
July 23	Psalms 103:1-22	
July 24	Matthew 6:19-34	
July 27	Luke 3:1-14	God’s desire is that you have the things you need to be comfortable, safe, and content.
July 28	Luke 6:27-38	
July 29	1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19	
July 30	Psalms 23:1-6	
July 31	Isaiah 61:1-7	
August 3	John 2:1-11	God’s desire is that you have the things you need to be comfortable, safe, and content.
August 4	John 16:22-24; James 4:1-3	
August 5	Luke 15:1-10	
August 6	Psalms 145:14-21	
August 7	Isaiah 65:17-25	

August 10	John 10:1-10	The bottom line: Jesus wants you to have life, and have it abundantly. Important Note: <i>Great</i> wealth is not usually a ticket to comfort, safety, and contentment, so God isn't likely to help you win the lottery.
August 11	Proverbs 1:10-19	
August 12	Proverbs 28:19-22, 25	
August 13	Ecclesiastes 2:4-11	
August 14	Ecclesiastes 5:11-15	
August 17	Ecclesiastes 6:1-2	God wants a relationship with you in <i>this</i> life.
August 18	Luke 12:13-21	
August 19	Luke 15:11-24	
August 20	Matthew 19:16-24	
August 21	Luke 16:19-26	
August 24	Isaiah 55:1-3	
August 25	1 Peter 5:1-7	
August 26	1 John 1:1-4	
August 27	John 15:7-12	
August 28	Isaiah 1:16-20	

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