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This message carries a strong covenant emphasis on the believer's access to divine flourishing, even in seasons defined by hardship. It unfolds the reality that in God's Kingdom, survival is not the believer's highest calling—flourishing is.

At the heart of this sermon is a call back to the established channels through which God releases His blessings. These are not emotional concepts, but covenant systems ordained in Scripture: obedience, godliness, priestly blessings, and parental honour. Each of these is presented not as optional spiritual ideas, but as operational gateways into sustained increase and stability in life.

The message first draws attention to thanksgiving as a spiritual force that activates divine multiplication. It then builds progressively into deeper covenant understanding, showing that obedience is not merely a moral requirement but the principal channel through which blessings are accessed and preserved. In the same flow, the preacher highlights godliness as a stabilising force that transforms wilderness experiences into fruitful outcomes.

A significant emphasis is placed on priestly blessings—divine impartations released through God-ordained spiritual authority. These blessings are shown to carry continuity, protection, and advancement that cannot be achieved by human effort alone. The message also carefully outlines the importance of staying connected to spiritual coverings, warning against the danger of disconnection from ordained sources of grace.

Finally, the sermon draws attention to parental honour as a covenant key to longevity, stability, and generational blessing. It establishes honour not as cultural etiquette, but as a spiritual seed that determines the quality and direction of life outcomes.

This manuscript therefore stands as more than a sermon—it is a covenant manual on how believers can flourish in difficult times. It calls the reader into alignment,

humility, honour, and sustained obedience, with the assurance that God's system of blessing remains unshaken regardless of external conditions.

May every reader encounter not just information, but impartation; not just instruction, but activation; and may the realities expressed in this message become evident in every area of life.

— Wisdom Epsi
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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The Voice Of Thanksgiving

Hallelujah!

Let us give thanks for the light that has come our way. From the Covenant Hour of Prayer, from the Shiloh prayer hour, He has opened the day for us.

Lift up your two hands and give this God thanks.

Give Him thanks from the depth of your heart. Thank You, Jesus, for light. Thank You, Jesus, for light. Thank You, Jesus, for light. You are the Father of lights.

Thank You for showing us Your light since we came on this mountain. Thank You for today, particularly for where we are right now.

In Jesus' precious name we have prayed.

Amen.

Hear this: God hears thanksgiving faster than He does intercession.

Thanksgiving is not a conjunction in prayer; it is a spiritual force.

When Jesus fed the five loaves and two fishes, He gave thanks first, and multiplication came. Why? Because thanksgiving is the will of God.

Intercession requires alignment with Scripture, but thanksgiving is already within His will. Jesus came to the tomb of Lazarus, and though Lazarus was dead, He said:

“Father, I thank You...”

Not, “Lazarus come forth” first—but thanksgiving first. And that thanksgiving released resurrection power. Do not play with thanksgiving. It is the will of God. You need patience to obtain promises, but thanksgiving delivers results in moments. Thanksgiving is not something you do after prayer—it is a capital prayer force.

Thanksgiving As A Spiritual Addiction

You will not suffer lack in hard times if you understand thanksgiving. Thanksgiving multiplies provision supernaturally. Let this truth settle: God hears thanksgiving faster than intercession and supplication.

Declare it over your life: “Jesus, I thank You for my family. You will perfect whatever remains.”

“Jesus, I thank You for my business. I refuse to doubt Your hand upon it.”

Thanksgiving is not occasional—it becomes an addiction in the spirit. When it becomes your lifestyle, you see divine intervention as a pattern. This is what advances people.

It is your turn for advancement.

Amen.

Thank Him for what He has shown you since you came. Thank Him for revelation. Thank Him for insight. Thank Him for what He has done already in your midst.

As you thank Him, He multiplies it back to you. Thank Him for testimonies. Thank Him for choir ministrations. Thank Him for all His doings. Take all the praise, Lord, in Jesus’ name.

Amen.



Introduction To Covenant Channels Of Blessings

Shiloh is ending too fast. What a mountain of blessings it has been.

The subject is:

Engaging Covenant Channels of Blessings to Flourish in Hard Times

His blessings make rich and add no sorrow with it. There are covenant channels of blessings—avenues ordained in Scripture through which blessings flow.

We shall look at four of them.

Obedience: The Principal Channel Of Blessing

The first is obedience.

Obedience constitutes the principal channel of blessing. It brings us into blessings and preserves the blessings.

Abraham's flourishing destiny was built on obedience.

We see it in Genesis 12, Genesis 13, Genesis 17, and Genesis 22—his life was anchored on consistent obedience.

Abraham obeyed into the realm of sworn blessings.

“And in blessing I will bless thee...”

Why? Because you have obeyed My voice.

Obedience is the Covenant principal channel of blessing. If you will diligently hearken unto My voice and observe to do all that I command you, blessings shall come upon you and overtake you. Obedience does not only release blessing—it preserves blessing.

Until obedience is embraced, blessing cannot be sustained.

The Battle Of Thoughts And The Power Of The Blood

Sin often gains access through thoughts. From within, out of the heart of man proceed evil thoughts. Adultery, fornication, theft, covetousness, wickedness—all begin in thought. If you can conquer the thought, you have conquered the sin.

Do not fight the external first—conquer the internal. The blood of Jesus is the cleansing force for the conscience. Hebrews 9:14 declares that the blood purges our conscience from dead works. When the blood speaks, it declares liberty.

It speaks better things than any accusation. The blood is the divine weapon for conscience cleansing. No evil thought will survive in your heart again.

The Channel Of Godliness

The second channel is godliness. Godliness unleashes supernatural blessing. Exercise yourself unto godliness. It is profitable unto all things. It enhances life now and secures eternity.

When the Spirit is poured out, righteousness produces peace, and the effect is quietness and assurance forever. The righteous are bold as a lion. This confidence puts God's people in command of the supernatural.

Righteousness turns wilderness into a fruitful field. It transforms deserts into gardens. Those who follow after righteousness experience divine turnaround. Spiritual mindedness brings life and peace.

Living for God enhances the quality of life.

The Priestly Channel Of Blessing

The third channel is priestly blessing. God instructed His priests:

“The Lord bless thee and keep thee...”

“The Lord make His face shine upon thee...”

“The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace...”

This is not mere speaking—it is divine protocol. What is pronounced is confirmed by God. When His name is placed upon a people, it signifies ownership. This is covenant identity: “These belong to Me.”

Walking Under Priestly Covering

Many lack access to priestly blessing because they do not recognise its necessity. But divine direction requires it. There is a journey where you cannot afford to walk without priestly covering. God Himself instructed: “You need priestly blessing for this journey so you do not struggle like others.”

And that instruction must be obeyed. God orchestrates destiny. There was no human hand in it. You have heard the story several times, but it was by redemption. When God steps into a man’s matter, nothing can cancel it.

I said, “God said you are coming.” I did not argue it. God has a right to do anything He wants to do. He said it is coming—and it came. No games. Do not fake these things.

The rest is history.

The wisdom of God packaged for me is working every day. One proof of wisdom is a pressure-free life. “All her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.”

When you see tension, wisdom is missing. Wisdom deflates tension. When wisdom is present, life becomes peaceful and ordered.

Priestly Blessings And Destiny Advancement

God has reserved certain priestly blessings for you. Locate them. Connect with them. Collect them. If Abraham needed priestly blessing, you and I need it much more.

If you be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed. We are heirs according to the promise. I am a bundle of priestly blessings. Fresh oil—fresh oil—never dryness.

Let it be declared: “This hand will never know dryness.”

Abraham paid tithes and received blessing. This generation must understand: priestly blessing is not optional.



The Flow Of Grace And Covering

You do not rise above your source. The flow of grace is sustained by connection. When you disconnect from the source, the flow stops. Water never flows uphill; it flows downhill.

Only humility sustains access.

Do not despise the flow of virtue into your life, or it will stop. Stay connected. Stay under covering. That is where destiny flows.

Divine Instructions And Supernatural Supply

Many times, blessings come with instructions. Obedience is the gateway. There is no financial instruction without spiritual purpose. Before needs arise, supply is already prepared. When instruction is obeyed, provision responds. Destiny opens through obedience.

Priestly Covering And Prophetic Supply

There is no blessing that flows without receiving and honouring the priestly ministry God has sent. It is not about giving alone—it is about receiving grace. When connection is broken, flow stops. When connection is maintained, grace continues. Do not raise yourself above your source. Remain connected.

Prophetic Covering And Supernatural Safety

Prophetic covering preserves life. In Scripture, even Saul pursuing David entered prophetic territory and could not proceed. When covering is active, destruction is suspended. There is a mystery of safety under divine covering. You are not exposed—you are preserved. Stay under covering.

Priestly blessings are assets. They are not ordinary statements—they are spiritual deposits. Elijah entered the widow's house and sustained her through famine.

One instruction sustained provision for years. When you receive a prophet in the name of a prophet, you receive a prophet's reward.

Supernatural Provision Through Obedience

Obedience releases unusual supply. A widow obeyed instruction and debt was cancelled.

Provision responded to obedience. There is a realm where blessings are not requested—they are commanded by obedience. Blessings are not taken from people—they are released through honour and connection. When God sends a priest, it is for your advantage, not theirs.

Stay connected to the flow.

Do not disconnect from what God is using.

Fourth Channel: Parental Blessings

The final channel is parental blessings.

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land...” (Exodus 20:12)

This command carries a seal of longevity. It is a covenant of well-being and long life.

Power Of Honour And Longevity

Parental blessings carry prophetic weight. They bring favour, stability, and long life. In Ephesians 6:1–3, Paul confirms it: “That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”

Honour activates destiny. Disregard interrupts blessing.

In Genesis 49, Jacob released prophetic blessings over his sons. These blessings shaped destinies. The blessing of the father carries strength, direction, and fruitfulness.

It determines generational outcomes.

God is a God of protocols. He arranges blessings through systems. When these systems are honoured, flourishing becomes inevitable. We are entering into a realm where blessings are not scarce—they are overflowing.

Stay connected.

Stay obedient.

Stay honourable.

And your life will continually reflect covenant flourishing in hard times.



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The Power That Makes Men Prevail

What you have never seen before, this generation is coming into it. Where others struggle, you will prevail. This is the wonder of parental blessings. Instead of killing Joseph, they said, “Let us sell him.”

They needed money, but God was orchestrating destiny. What looked like rejection was actually preservation. Isaiah declares: “Destroy it not, for there is a blessing in it.”

There is a blessing in your lineage. There is a blessing in your father. There is a blessing in your mother. And those blessings preserve destiny and cause men to prevail.

The Honour That Releases Blessing

Do not dishonour your parents. Do not push your shoulders against them. Do not live a life of disrespect. It is dangerous to disconnect from parental honour.

“If a man curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.”

Dishonour short-circuits destiny. Some are struggling today not because life is hard—but because honour is missing.

Honour Is A Seed That Returns Blessing

It is not about what you have—it is about where your heart is. Honour begins from the heart. Let appreciation flow.

Say to your parents:

“I thank you for your labour. I appreciate all you have done for my life.” When honour is released, something is released from them in return.

Blessing answers honour.

The Dangers Of Disconnecting From Honour

Some live carelessly, disconnected from their parents, yet expect results in life. This is deception. The Word is clear: “He that curseth father or mother shall be put to death.”

Even in modern life, dishonour still destroys destiny. Some are far away, disconnected, and yet still think they are progressing. But dishonour blocks destiny flow.

Practical Expression Of Honour

Honour must be practical. It is not theory—it is action.

Send appreciation.

Acknowledge sacrifice.

Recognise labour.

Even small gestures carry spiritual weight when done from the heart.

When honour rises, blessing responds.

There are forces in the last days designed to disconnect people from covenant channels of blessing.

Scripture calls them “perilous times.”

Men shall be lovers of themselves.

Without natural affection.

Disobedient to parents.

Unthankful.

These are devices of the enemy to disconnect destiny.

The Spirit Of Disconnection And Loss

In Judges 18, a people dwelt carelessly—without connection, without covering. They were exposed and eventually overrun. They lost their inheritance because they were disconnected.

A life without connection is a life without defence.

Warning Against Self-Focused Living

The rich fool said:

“I will build bigger barns... I will eat, drink, and be merry.”

God called him a fool because he lived disconnected from covenant awareness.

A life centred only on self is a life headed for loss.

Even if dishonour has existed, there is room for repentance.

Turn back to honour.

Restore alignment.

Do not wait until it is too late to reconnect covenant relationships.

Where honour is restored, blessing is restored.

Parental blessings are prophetic.

They carry the seal of longevity and favour.

“Honour thy father and thy mother; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”

It is not advice—it is covenant law.

The Mystery Of Generational Strength

In Genesis 49, Jacob released blessings that shaped generations. Words spoken over children became destinies. Parental blessings are not ordinary—they are prophetic decrees. They establish fruitfulness, strength, and continuity.

No believer is meant to be disconnected from covenant covering. No destiny is designed for isolation. God places fathers, mothers, and spiritual coverings to sustain life.

Do not despise the channel.

Stay connected.

Final Exhortation: Walk In Humility And Connection

Humility is the gateway to continuous flow. “Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”

Remain connected to:

- God’s instruction
- Spiritual covering
- Parental honour

And your life will never run dry.

Closing Prayer And Charge

Help me to see where You are taking me, Lord.

Help me to remain on course with Your covenant.

Help me to stay connected to every channel of blessing You have ordained.

Let my pipe never run dry.

Let my life remain under Your covering.

In Jesus’ precious name.

Amen.



About the Speaker

Bishop David Oyedepo is a Nigerian preacher, author, and founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide, also known as Winners' Chapel, established in 1981. He is widely recognised for his strong emphasis on faith, prosperity rooted in covenant understanding, church growth, and the authority of Scripture. Under his leadership, the ministry established Faith Tabernacle in Canaanland, Ota — one of the largest church auditoriums in the world at its dedication — and founded Covenant University, alongside other educational and humanitarian initiatives. Bishop Oyedepo's teaching ministry is marked by a consistent focus on the Word of God as the final authority, the power of prayer, disciplined Christian living, and the believer's victory in Christ. Through conferences, books, and global outreaches, his ministry continues to influence congregations across Nigeria and internationally.



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