

# Breaking Poverty off Your Life

(Outline)

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## A. Poverty—More Than Financial Lack

1. Definition: Extreme lack, deficiency, the state of being poor, destitution, pauperism, beggary, and pennilessness
2. The term “Absolute poverty” describes a situation when one cannot meet basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter
  - a. Key point: Poverty is refusing to become what God has created and destined us to be.
  - b. Poverty includes the mindset of not believing that the Lord can branch us into the fullness of His plan
    - i. Generational stronghold of poverty
    - ii. Misplaced identity
  - c. Key point: **Fear**
    - i. Poverty is not just experiencing lack but **fearing that we will lack**
    - ii. It causes us to withhold from God.

## B. Defining a Closed Heaven

If you have had cycles of poverty and lack, you probably felt as if you have been under what I often refer to as a closed heaven

1. A closed heaven is when we go through seasons of continual cycles of lack or despair.
2. Dry seasons.

## C. God Says This: “You are Blessed!”

*28 “God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’” Genesis 1:28 (NIV)*

1. Three main things:

- a. God blessed them
  - b. In this blessing there is fruitfulness and multiplication
  - c. There is dominion—ability to subdue, to rule over. Having dominion over evil equals godly dominion!
2. When Israel walked in obedience to the Lord, they received “*Rain in due season*,” Leviticus 26:4 (KJV), but if their actions were contrary to God’s commandments and statutes, they would experience what is referred to as closed heaven.

#### D. When Heaven is Brass

1. Similar to the days of Elijah
2. Example: Ahab and Jezebel. God closed the heavens over Israel and a 42-month drought struck the nation. (II Kings 18, Luke 4:25)

*23 “And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. 24 The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: From heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.”*  
Deuteronomy 28:23-24 (KJV)

**E. Closed Doors and Windows of Heaven:** Our blessings get hindered at times—We are at war against a spirit of poverty.

#### F. The Open Door That No Man Can Shut

*“I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an **open door that no one can shut**. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept My Word and have not denied My name.”* Revelation 3:8-9 (NIV, emphasis mine)

#### G. Mammon and the Closed Door

1. **Definition:** Mammon is the name of a false Syrian god.

*“You cannot serve God and Mammon.”* Matthew 6:24

2. **Mammon tries to seduce us** into putting riches, fame, fortune opportunities first in our lives, above God.
  - a. **If we believe these types of lies**, we are “Bowing down” to the words of Satan.
  - b. **Bowing down to the false image** equals idolatry!
  - c. **Idolatry** means closed heavens!

## H. The Midianite Curse

1. "Midianite": A name that translates as discord, strife, and contention
2. Impoverished: Hebrew translation, "Brought low, hang down" (Hang head down low), suffer distress; made thin (no food). Connected to the word "Poor."
3. **Cycling in and out of poverty**

*1 "Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, 2 and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains.*

*3 "So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. 4 Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey.*

*5 "For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number: and they would enter the land to destroy it. 6 So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.*

*7 "And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried out to the Lord because of the Midianites, 8 that the Lord sent a prophet to the children of Israel who said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of bondage; 9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land.*

*10 "Also I said to you, "I am the Lord your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have not obeyed My voice."*

## I. God's Perfect Timing to Open Doors

1. Times and seasons
  - a. There are times and seasons when God opens a door to heaven and He speaks
  - b. There are times and seasons when a door of revelation opens and God says, "Come up here, I want to show you something."

*“After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”*  
Revelation 4:11 (NIV)

2. **God has opened a door for you to see.** See it, embrace the truth of His Word, and know that God has brought you up higher.
  - a. You are receiving revelation about poverty and lack
  - b. You are receiving revelation about Mammon and Kingdom dynamics
  - c. You are receiving revelation of what is needed to walk in Kingdom wealth

### **J. Not Tithing? Why Not?**

10 *“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith,’ saith the Lord of hosts, ‘If I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”* Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

1. When poverty sets in, then fear arises
2. Tithing is, unfortunately, **first to be neglected** when we feel financial pressure.

### **K. Restoring Our Fortunes**

4 *“Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negev. 5 Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. 6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.”* Psalm 126:4-6 (NIV)

1. When it comes to sowing and giving, it’s all about trust!
2. If we want to change our economy, we must sow when we are in need.
3. You can learn to give your way out of poverty.

### **L. The Gate of Heaven**

16 *“When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.’ 17 He was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.’*

18 *“Early in the morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel, though the city*

used to be called Luz.

20 “Then Jacob made a vow, saying, ‘If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear 21 so that I return safely to my father’s house, then the Lord will be my God 22 and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will give You a tenth.” Genesis 28:16-22

1. **Revelation occurs with visitation**
2. **Jacob** sowed into the revelation
3. **We too** need to sow into revelation.

#### **M. Releasing the Angel of Blessing**

1. The word “Evil” in this passage means “To be in distress and calamities.”

16 “The angel who has delivered me from all harm—may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly upon the earth.” Genesis 48:16 (NIV)

2. This refers to the many crises Jacob encountered in his lifetime.

#### **N. When Jacob Wrestled with the Angel of Blessing**

1. **The redeeming angel:** One of the most spiritually transforming moments in Jacob’s life was when he wrestled with the angel of the Lord until the breaking of day:

24 “So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, ‘Let me go, for it is daybreak.’ But Jacob replied, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’

27 The man asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘Jacob,’ he answered. 28 Then the man said, ‘Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.’

29 Jacob said, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he replied, ‘Why do you ask my name?’ Then he blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘It

*is because I saw God face-to-face, and yet my life was spared.'* Genesis 32:24-30 (NIV)

2. **The first thing the angel did in the blessing:**
  - a. Make Jacob completely dependent on God
  - b. God alone would be Jacob's protector
3. The **second act** of the angel: Change Jacob's name from Jacob (The liar and supplanter) to Israel (prevailing with God, or "God preserves")
4. The **third blessing** of the angel:
  - a. Jacob called that place of wrestling "Penial," meaning "Face of God" (Genesis 32:30)
  - b. Jacob confessed he had seen God's face and that God preserved his life.

## **O. Angels of Blessing Through Our Obedience**

1. About angels:
  - a. Angels of Blessing are activated through our obedience in giving and praying
  - b. Angels respond to God and His Word
  - c. Angels respond to our giving
  - d. Angels connect you to others
2. **Example:** Cornelius. Just like him, our prayers and financial giving can and will gain God's attention as well as the angelic messengers assigned to us.

*20 "Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word."* Psalm 103:20 (KJV)

3. The phrase "Look into" means "Lean over or bend, as to peer within":

*12 "It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things."* I Peter 1:12 (NIV)

4. Hebrews 1:14 reminds us of their ministry:

*14 "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"* Hebrews 1:14 (NIV)

5. They are assigned to worship Christ with us:

*“And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world, He says, ‘Let all God’s angels worship Him.’”* Hebrews 1:6 (NIV)

6. And they bring flames of fire:

*7 “In speaking of the angels He says, ‘He makes His angels winds, His servants flames of fire.’”* Hebrews 1:7 (NIV)

7. In Daniel 10:12 it says the angel of the Lord informed him that God had released him to bring a message to Daniel “Because of your words (prayers).” When we pray, it activates angels too.

8. It is God’s will for us to be blessed:

- a. First spiritually
- b. Then emotionally
- c. Then physically
- d. Then financially

9. Angels are part of the blessing program:

*“The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.”* Psalm 34:7 (NIV)

10. The Hebrew word for “Encamps”: *Chanah*

- a. Meaning of *Chanah*: “To set an abode or to pitch a tent.”
- b. The encampment is roundabout, meaning “To encircle a person.”

11. Our prayers go up the prayer ladder, and in return:

*“The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.”* Psalm 34:7 (NIV)

12. Angels bring blessings from heaven to the earthly realm, manifesting various covenant promises.

**P. Pray aloud with me:**

Father, I come in the name of Jesus to repent for the sins and transgressions of my ancestors. I repent for all disobedience of Your commands, turning away and listening to the enemy or to other people.

Father, I receive the redemption from the curse by the Blood of Jesus and thank You for breaking all curses of poverty upon my family line and me! I declare that the Blood of Jesus has broken all the curses!

Lord, I repent for myself and anyone in my family line for withholding of the first fruits, the best portions, and for all wrong motives and attitudes of their hearts.

I repent for all my ancestors that denied justice to the poor, holding ill will and for any unforgiveness against a brother. I repent for shutting our ears to the poor and for exploitation of the poor and crushing them in court.

I repent for any generational dishonesty, even the smallest, hidden, accepted or self-justified dishonesty.

I repent for my ancestors that would not forgive debts in the Lord's timing and for anyone ignoring the poor. I repent for all hardheartedness, tightfistedness, and unforgiveness.

Lord, thank You for restoring mercy and cheerful giving in our family line. Thank You for blessing us as You promised in Your Word.

Lord, I repent for generational idolatry, disobedience, and not following Your commands. I repent for not serving You, Lord, joyfully and gladly in our times of prosperity.

Lord, thank You for breaking all curses against us from the locusts, worms, loss, or sinking. Thank You for breaking all skies of bronze and ground(s) of iron.

Thank You for opening the heavens on behalf of myself and my generations. Thank You for releasing any captive sons or daughters and stopping the destruction.

Lord, thank You for removing all iron yokes, all blindness, oppression, and robbery spirits. Lord, thank You for breaking the curses of hunger, nakedness, dire poverty, and slavery!

Lord, I repent for any of my ancestors that were unfaithful, greedy, disobedient, thieves, or liars. I repent for breaking the covenant and coveting or keeping the things of the pagans and not destroying them as commanded.

Lord, thank You for breaking any curses that have come on me and my family for wrong choices and disobedience.

I repent for all ancestors that were evil and tried to control and frustrate the poor. Lord, I repent for any in my family line that put up security or pledges for another.

Lord, thank You for forgiving any unfulfilled debts. I break all ungodly covenants, oaths, and alliances.

Lord, thank You for removing all traps or snares from the words of our mouth. Thank You for breaking all sluggard and slumber spirits from us and restoring wisdom and ambition.

I repent for all my ancestors that withheld unduly and for those who trusted in riches rather than God. I repent for all ignoring of discipline and correction. I repent for all greed, bribes, and for mere talk and boasting. I repent for inaction, non-performance, and not keeping our word.

Lord, I repent for all my ancestors that were liars, hasty, lovers of the world and its pleasures, proud, arrogant, and selfish. I repent for lack of diligence, oppression of the needy, exploitation, and favoritism. I repent for all rejection of God and any cursing or blasphemy of God.

Lord, I repent for all family sluggishness, laziness, neglect, lack of judgment or for anyone charging exorbitant interest. I repent for any and all family-concealed sins. I repent for spiritual pride in those that would not repent.

I repent for any ancestors that chased fantasies, were stingy and greedy. I repent for all that did not fight injustice, were unfair, and closed their ears to the cries of the poor and needy.

Lord, I repent for all generational idolatry and thank You for removing any spirit of prostitution in our hearts. I repent for all corruption, guilt, sin, arrogance, and unfaithfulness. Lord, I repent for all illegitimacy in our line.

Lord, thank You for breaking all curses against us, the moths, rot, lions, sickness, and sores. Thank You for restoring the covenant as promised.

Thank You for breaking any poverty curse that has been passed on from Adam to me. Lord, thank You for removing all curses "That there will never be enough."

Lord, thank You for restoring to us a new purse without any holes. Thank You for breaking all curses of lack, shrinking, theft, loss, blight, mildew, and hail.

Lord, I repent for everyone that was controlling, deceptive, and put ungodly burdens on others. I repent for those that tried to please man rather than God and accepted praise, honor, worship, or ungodly authority and titles from men. I renounce all religious spirits, spirits of legalism, self-exaltation, and hypocrisy. I repent for all that did not enter the door to heaven and shut it on others.

Lord, thank You for breaking all the curses that have come upon my family because they were rich, comfortable, well-fed, and accepted the praise of men. I repent for all generational wrong attitudes about wealth and poverty.

I repent for any ancestors that committed adultery with the queen of Babylon and enjoyed or benefited from her luxuries. Lord, thank You for breaking all those ungodly ties and connections. I repent for any that did not come out. Lord, thank You for forgiving any sins we share, and removing all plagues for alliance with her. Thank You for removing all plagues of death, mourning, famine, and judgment fire.

Lord, thank You for guiding us by Your Spirit and Your Word into the godly use of wealth, and teach us to be faithful servants.

Thank You, Lord, for releasing the Angel of blessing and for restoring to me and my generations all that was lost or stolen.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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