

“I HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO FIGHT!”
The Preservation of God’s Beloved People
Deuteronomy 28: 7 - 14
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“And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail” (Deuteronomy 28: 13)

To fully understand God’s preservation of His people means that God prospers His people abundantly through interaction in this fallen world.

1. Much of evangelical life misses God’s prosperity because they seek to avoid all sources of pain and conflict. *(The Problem)*
 - God simply doesn’t take us out of the fight but grants the victory when we fight in His name (v. 7)
 - God simply doesn’t do the work for us but grants abundance in the work of our hands –(v. 8a)
 - God simply doesn’t rule over the nation but grants freedom through the administration of civil government –(v. 8b)
 - God simply doesn’t make us holy by supernatural means but conforms us to the image of Christ when we live like He does (v.9)

❖ John 17:15-18

2. God however promises that He will grow His people in prosperity through their interactions in the world. *(The Correction)*
 - a. We are called to confront worldly thinking by the word of God (v. 10)
 - *We are called to confront worldly prosperity (v.11)*
 - *We are called to confront worldly values (v.12a)*
 - *We are called to confront worldly affluence (v.12b)*

❖ Philippians 1:27-30

- ol style="list-style-type: none;">- b. We are called to be an example of the “more excellent way” (v. 13)

❖ I Corinthians 12:31-13:3

3. We MUST trust God to preserve and prosper; not evacuate His people from this world. (v..14)
(The Follow Through)