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Preamble for Today's Lesson

Psalm 25:12-14 (NAS)

Who is the person who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose. His soul will dwell in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant. My eyes are continually toward the LORD, For He will rescue my feet from the net.

Today's Topic: "The Other Perspective; Outside Our High Tower"

Revelation 6:5-6 (AMPC)

⁵When He broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, *Come and look!* And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and in his hand the rider had a pair of scales (a balance).

⁶And I heard what seemed to be a voice from the midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius [a whole day's wages], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not harm the oil and the wine!

Matthew 24:7-8 (AMP)

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place; All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the ^[c]birth pangs [of the ^[d]intolerable anguish].

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Foreshadowing of the Black Horse . . .

Everything is red at the same time.

- Korea dumped 10% in one day.
- Japan, Europe and US futures are sliding together.
- Crypto is rolling over.
- Gold is already off its highs.

Different countries, different asset classes, different stories... one direction.

In a healthy market, assets disagree.

Stocks zig, bonds zag, gold does its own thing.

But when everything moves as one block, that is not a normal market anymore.

That is one giant leveraged bet wearing a hundred different tickers.

And we already know what happens when that bet unwinds:

Look underneath the surface and the pressure is obvious:

- Bond yields flashing stress
- Liquidity tightening in the background
- A Fed boxed into a corner - ease and reflate the bubble, or tighten and crack an overextended market

Either path leads to the same place. Something breaks.

That's the part people miss. A crash doesn't announce itself with one scary headline. It announces itself when correlation goes to one - when the market stops being a market and becomes a single, fragile thing that all moves together.

That's what just started this week.

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Facts on the Ground . . .

US 30-Year Treasury Yield Soars – Zerohedge June 2026

“This crisis is in the treasury market. Bond yields are moving sharply higher, and they are sending a message that policymakers can no longer afford to ignore: the financial system is becoming unstable under the weight of war spending, massive deficits, persistent inflation, and a debt load that was already unsustainable before this conflict began.”

“The 10-Year treasury yield is arguably the single most important price in global finance because virtually every major asset class is built on top of it. Mortgage rates, commercial real estate valuations, private equity models, corporate borrowing costs, equity multiples, venture capital, and government financing itself depends on stable Treasury markets.”

“The United States can survive political embarrassment overseas, but it simply cannot survive and disorderly treasury market.”

The “prosperity topic” appears 90 times in the NIV translation of the Bible, and it appears 83 times in the KJV translation of the Bible. It is a prominent theme about our existence here on planet earth. Yet while prosperity shows up in the Bible frequently, it is not all by itself, automatic . . . there are certain accelerators and certain brakes that can directly affect how we participate in God’s prosperity.

I have witnessed many Christians openly profess Biblical Truths, yet they are walking around penniless, and conversely, I have seen many heathens make fun of God who are hugely blessed financially – how can this be?

That leads me to believe that there is a financial “system” or a financial “process”, that when strictly adhered to, has no other choice but to produce for the person who employs it – let me say that again . . . that when strictly adhered to, has no other choice but to produce for the person who employs it.

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What does that mean for all of us?

And, what can we do?

Let's start by revisiting the Biblical concepts or Biblical directives that when actively employed, bring true prosperity into our own lives.

Best place to start . . . the Book of Proverbs, doing a word study on specifically what the Word has to say about three concepts; 1.) work or labor, 2.) obtaining wisdom or being wise, and 3.) to prosper or prospering.

The next step is simple but often avoided. Draw parallels, from those Scriptures, comparing those truths to our own life, all the while looking for some potential misalignment.

James 2:26 (NASV)

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead.

Biblical Truth Around Prosperity in My Life					
	Work or Labor		Wisdom		Prospering

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Hebrews 10:35-39 (NASV)

Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive ^[a]what was promised.

FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,
HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.
BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH;
AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

But we are not among those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith for the safekeeping of the soul.

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LIGHTNING, A RAINBOW, AND THE STATUE OF LIBERTY... ALL IN ONE MOMENT

It doesn't get much more incredible than this.

One perfectly timed moment over New York City brought together a lightning strike, a rainbow, and one of the world's most recognizable landmarks.



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