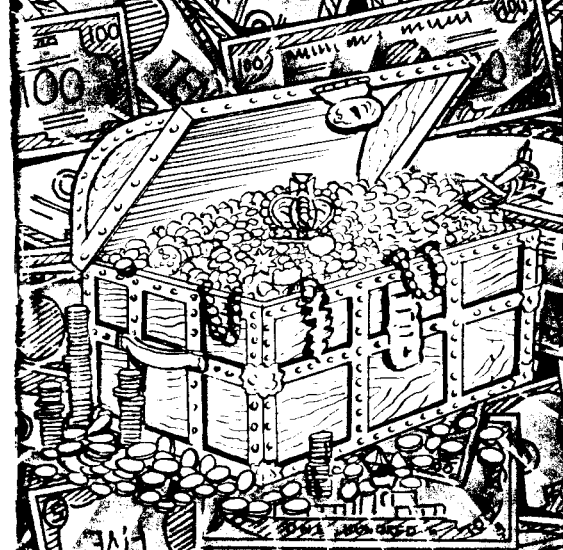


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Chapter 1

"Ye Shall Eat The Riches Of The Gentiles!"

A mighty new thing is taking place. God is fulfilling His prophecy to restore to the church all its former anointing and power AND MORE! HE IS ALSO RESTORING PROSPERITY to His believing children, the Church, and fulfilling the promise, ". . . ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles. . . ."

We know what God will do for His children today and in the days ahead, by looking in the Word of God and seeing what He did in the past. He has brought His Word through blood, fire, imprisonment, persecution and even death so that we might have these words of life and examples of faith.

When God brought His people out of Egyptian bondage from under pharaoh's whiplash, He made provision for them, so they would not have to start their journey penniless. They had been slaves enduring long hours of toil under cruel taskmasters. God instructed them to borrow and spoil the Egyptians. "And the children . . . borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment. . . . And they spoiled the Egyptians." Ex. 12:35, 36 "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: . . ." Psa. 105: 37

God instructed Moses to tell the children of Israel, "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." Ex. 14:14 All along their journey, time and again, down through the Word, God fought their battles.

On one occasion, God reminded them, "And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you . . . And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat." Josh 24: 12, 13

Another time, the enemy fled, leaving everything. "For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: . . . Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life . . . lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, . . . and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, . . . And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and

two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the Word of the Lord." II Kings 7:6-16

Too many of God's children have been eating pigs' feet, kidneys, chicken necks and chitterlings! They have scraped the bottom of the barrel too long already! Preachers and missionaries have had to curtail their efforts for winning the lost because of lack of funds. God says it is enough! He is going to do a new thing! His workers and ministers must have this "new thing" to do a quick work for God!

God wants to bring you out of bondage and give you all that you have faith to claim, of His great riches and provisions! Has Jesus not redeemed us with His own precious blood and called us heirs of God? "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:16, 17 God is your FATHER! You are a son, an heir! And God says, "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine. . . . for the world is mine and the fullness thereof." Psa. 50:10-12 He has willed it to you, and has promised to share it with you NOW!

God brought His people out of Egypt with silver and gold. He knew there would be no place for them to spend or use the gold out there in the wilderness, but He looked ahead and knew there would

be the time and place to give that gold and silver for the work and worship of God when they came into the Promised Land. How much more will He NOW provide for His children today on our journey as we endeavor to point a lost and dying world to the Christ that takes away the sins and sicknesses of the whole world. God knows our needs and He also sees the heavy expenses and burden of preaching the Gospel. Will you be one of God's children who will claim His promise for His blessings and prosperity. Will men be able to call you, "Minister of our God"? Will you let God bless you for His glory?

When we stop to consider the scripture, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts," then really, all the gold and silver the children of God gathered in the spoils was really theirs as children of God. God was just giving back to His children something that had been "confiscated" as it were, by those to whom it really DID NOT BELONG!

God caused such confusion on one occasion upon the enemies of the children of God, that they destroyed each other! When the last enemy was dead, God told them to gather up the riches of their defeated enemies. "And when they (Judah) began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir. . . and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. . . . And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found . . . both riches. . . and precious

jewels, . . . more than they could carry away; and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much." II Chron. 20:22-25

How did this come about? Through the gift of prophecy, as the Spirit of the Lord came upon a man of God named Jahaziel, God spoke, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. . . . Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: . . . stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord. . . Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." (See II Chron. 20:14-20)

In the great Washington, D. C., tent campaign, THIS WAS MADE REAL night after night as God spoke through the preaching of the Word and prophecy, the supernatural gift of utterance. Remember, God says, ". . . in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Matt. 18:16

"Behold, these are the days of Restoration when I am restoring back to my little ones the things that were theirs from the foundation of the world. For thou art my heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Yea, since thou art adopted into my family, NOW I give thee my wealth! I shall cause the sinner to give gifts to thee. I shall cause the sinner to bring the wealth of this world unto thee. Yea, I shall bring the WEALTH OF THE GENTILES UNTO THEE that thou mightest give unto my work to spread glad tidings and the good news to those that sit in darkness.

"Yea, what shall it profit to

have wealth in houses, lands, in banks when Christ shall return and the world is yet unsaved? Thy wealth shall perish with thee! Ye should follow after me with thy whole heart and life. Go! Sell whatsoever thou hast and Give! What have ye in your houses? Give! Yea, give again, and then I shall give again! And yea, I SHALL GIVE THEE THE RICHES OF THE GENTILES!

"As I had two prophets to supply the need of the two widows in Bible times to bring life when death was at the door; yea, I have raised up a twentieth century Apostle (referring to A. A. Allen) to bring good tidings to all my people. I SHALL GIVE BACK UNTO MY PEOPLE THE WEALTH THAT I HAVE GIVEN UNTO THE GENTILES! For yea, I say unto thee, the enemy has come unto thee and hast pushed thee off in the corner with a spirit of poverty. But, I say unto thee, I have raised up my Apostle to deliver thee from the spirit of bondage and poverty; to loose thee and set thee free that thou mayest go forth and prosper. I shall give the wealth of this world back unto my people! Thou shalt see it and DECREE IT! But I say unto thee, it is the Lord, Jehovah, that giveth thee POWER TO GET WEALTH! When thou shalt receive this wealth, thou shalt know that thou hast not gotten it for thine own glory, nor for the honor of man, but thou shalt use it for the honor of the Lord, and the Lord shall prosper thee for thou shalt give it for the cause of the Lord!

"Yea, he that blesseth my work shall be blessed! He that blesseth

my servant shall be blessed! For I have my Spirit upon him and have anointed him even to bless them that bless him. I have called him unto this work, saith the Lord, and thou art to stand with him by his side, saith the Lord! Yea, I say unto thee that thou shalt labor together and thou art to labor unto the Lord. For thou shalt gather the harvest and I shall increase thee, and I SHALL TAKE FROM THE HEATHEN AND YEA, I SHALL GIVE IT UNTO THEE for I the Lord shall fight for thee if thou wouldst stand with those that shall declare my truth that others might receive my truth!"

These great supernatural utterances came from the Lord either during my preaching from this subject or immediately following my sermons. They blessed multitudes and God used them to bring FINANCIAL PROSPERITY TO A MULTITUDE as they believed HIS PROPHETS and followed the instructions I gave them! Claim the promise in this verse of scripture, "... Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." II Chr. 20:20 Believe the message God has for you, it is a real ministry TO YOU for your blessing!

TO PROVE TO YOU that God is interested in YOU PERSONALLY as an individual, read prayerfully this account of one of the greatest miracles of prosperity of our time that actually happened during our Washington, D. C., campaign. It can happen to you! "According to your faith so be it unto you!"

One evening during the campaign in the nation's capitol, a sponsoring pastor, Brother R. G. Hardy, met me and told me of his burden to build a church in the capitol. He said, "Brother Allen, I'm going to make a hundred dollar pledge and believe God for this miracle. I make a pledge every time I need something from God. I believe God is going to give me that property!"

I preached that night, THOU SHALT DECREE A THING AND IT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED UNTO THEE! At the close of my sermon, immediately a young man began to prophesy. God was speaking through a gift. "Into this wicked, adulterous city that needs God, I shall give this tabernacle. For thou shalt decree it this night. Thou hast searched for a building and hast not found, but, yea, I say unto thee, the Lord has a place for thee, a building that shall seat thousands, which shall be equipped, and I shall give thee a building that is filled. I shall give thee people who shall help support this tabernacle. For I say unto thee, thou shalt claim this city! I have raised up a prophet in the land, and I the Lord thy God, through him, shall get thee this tabernacle!"

I nodded to Brother Hardy. We knew that this was God speaking to him about the church he was believing God for! Brother Hardy testified, "After Brother Allen has preached on DECREE A MIRACLE, I feel faith in my heart!" I reminded Brother Hardy how Joshua pointed his spear toward the great city of Ai and God put that city in his hands. Then I took him by the

hand. I did not have a spear, so I put my Bible, a sword of the Spirit, into Brother Hardy's hands and told him to point it toward the Nation's Capitol.

A few nights later, Bro. Hardy grabbed my hand in front of the tent and told me, "For almost two years, we have been praying and looking for a building in Washington. God led me to the building! This property is over a million dollars worth of property ... goes from one block to another block. It's got over one hundred thousand dollars of air conditioning in it ... parking lots, and I'VE GOT THE KEYS RIGHT HERE! He held them up to show me!

What a beautiful illustration of God's ministering to His people through His servant. To me, this is a ministry. Enemies of this great revival are always quick to condemn anything that is not approved by their man-made customs and tradition. Nevertheless, God has a ministry and ministers today TO MINISTER TO YOUR NEEDS!

Elijah was ministering to the needs of a starving child of God when he asked the widow of Zarephath to "Bring me a little cake first!" Her obedience and belief of the prophet of God brought deliverance from an empty meal barrel in a land where there was no more corn. With only one handful of meal in the barrel, SHE BELIEVED God's prophet and in his ministry of deliverance. Because she believed and obeyed, she was delivered from imminent death as a result of starvation.

Elisha enjoyed a similar ministry when a widow who was in bondage to the demon of poverty

came to him. Her two sons were being taken by the creditors for payment of their debts. She was spiritually minded enough to know the man of God was not after her last little pot of oil. She recognized it as a ministry, trusted God's prophet and obeyed him. Under his ministry, God started a gusher in the little pot of oil. In a moments time, God gave her prosperity! She paid all her debts! She and her sons began to eat! So can you! "Ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles!"

Christ was not after the rich young ruler's wealth when He instructed him, "... go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, ..." Everything Jesus did was His ministry to the people. He was really after the young man's soul. It was a ministry! The man's salvation was bound up in his great possessions. Jesus knew He could never get the MAN until he got his money out of the way! "... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:20, 21

God says your money is the real you. It represents your ability, your talent, your strength, all your wisdom, knowledge, health and effort. It represents your time and ability to make money, and your accomplishments! In a great sense, your money is YOU!

In the same sense, one who is unwilling to give his money to God's work, is unwilling to give himself. God states that He has no pleasure in them who draw back

unto perdition. Jesus gave His all in this life to be our example, and gave His life for our salvation. To all of us is the commandment, "Bring ye all the tithes . . . Mal, 3:10 And to those whom Jesus cannot reach because of possessions, He says, "Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give!"

You may come face to face with a similar ministry. Would you resent being asked by the preacher for your last cake? Would you accuse God's prophet of being after your last little pot of oil? Would you go away very sorrowful, because God instructs you to sell your great possessions and follow Jesus into the ministry? When the moment comes for the man of God to receive your offering, what is your reaction? Do you react like the natural man? Or, do you realize the spiritual significance? Your giving, and your attitude when you give is the KEY TO HEAVEN AND YOUR PRESENT PROSPERITY! IT IS YOUR WAY OUT OF TROUBLE! "God loveth a cheerful giver!"

Much trouble comes because people fail to obey God completely. Most of us know how Jonah did not obey God and soon found himself being thrown overboard into a tempestuous sea! Few of us realize that Jonah had also vowed unto the Lord and had not paid. From the belly of the great fish he cried out, "But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord, and the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land." Jonah 2:9, 10

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: and call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me," Psa. 50:14, 15 When Jonah promised to pay those vows, God immediately answered prayer! This is the key to deliverance! Jonah would have perished in the belly of the fish if he had not paid his vows! Many people will die because they will not obey God. They will not PAY! They will never be healed of their afflictions or delivered from their troubles! God said to PAY, then CALL when trouble comes. After you PAY, CALL on God! He will DELIVER YOU! Your obedience to God's command will give you that faith and confidence that moves God!

A modern version of the VOW AND PAY command came to my attention during a great Eastern Campaign. One of our sponsoring pastors had a very harrowing experience recently. In his desperation, he called the Miracle Valley phone number for help in prayer. He knew he could call anytime, day or night!

The Holy Ghost-filled operator at Miracle Valley, realized how desperate the need was as our Brother explained the serious situation. He had just been informed that his son had shot a man in the head, and was being held in jail without bond. Part of the man's brain had been damaged by the 32 calibre slug, and he was expected to die momentarily. Very little hope for life was held by doctors, who predicted he would be a blind invalid if he did live. His son's spiritual condition to

have done such a thing disturbed him very much. He wondered too, how God could possibly work out the trouble his son was in with the police. Even more desperate was he about the injured man. He must live! He must not be impaired for life! Whether the man was saved or not, whether he had any faith or not, God just had to give this man a miracle!

Our Brother had learned long ago that when he vowed and paid, God would give him a miracle. Overnight the man was able to sit up! Today, he is normal and working at a good-paying job. The son was released to his father's custody and charges dismissed. God gave our Brother his miracle!

When in the natural it seems there is no way out, whether it be Jonah or you, today, make everything right between you and God . . . then every promise in the Word of God is yours! God will answer prayer! "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7 "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain. Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth." Psa. 76:10 - 12

Sacrifice always has and always will move God to action! And so will a willingness to sacrifice! You will remember how Christ sat at the treasury, unmoved as the rich brought their vast amounts of money and cast it in! They

were not sacrificing! They were giving out of their abundance! Then the poor widow gave everything she had. Her sacrifice moved Christ! It's not the amount you give to God that counts. He doesn't keep books like man does. Figures do not necessarily count with Him! God looks at what you have left after you give. He records the amount of sacrifice involved in your giving.

Readiness to give moves God. When Jacob made a vow to God on that lonely hillside, he had nothing to give. He just promised God that one tenth, the tithes, of everything that he earned he would give to God! God, moved by this willingness, made Jacob one of the richest, most prosperous men in the entire world!

A memorial came up before God! It reminded God continually of a man named Cornelius. His prayers and his alms moved God to send an angel to minister personally to him. (Acts 10) God also sent Peter to minister to his household and bring the gift of the Holy Ghost. Because of the prayers and sacrificial giving of Cornelius, God was moved to action on his behalf!

Are you not anxious to decree that NOW is the time for God's blessing of prosperity to come upon you and overtake you? WHAT DO YOU DECREE? Decreasing faith comes from God only! It can never come to a heart that is filled with condemnation. "If our hearts condemn us not, THEN . . . THEN . . . THEN HAVE WE CONFIDENCE TOWARD GOD. AND WHATSOEVER WE ASK, WE RECEIVE OF HIM, because

we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." I John 3:21, 22 The secret of faith is OBEDIENCE to God's words, commands and desires. We must have that confidence that God is pleased with us and ready to answer our prayers. It is then, and only then, that God gives you faith to decree a miracle. It is impossible to believe God when you know you have not done all you should do.

Have you noticed that all God's promises are conditional? When you do the "IF'S" you can have the "THEN'S!" "If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up.... Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust,.... the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. . . . Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt PAY THY VOWS. Thou shalt also DECREE A THING, and it shall be established unto thee: . . ." Job 22:23 - 28

One of the things that brings condemnation in our hearts are broken vows which we have scattered along the Memory Lanes of our inner man. Those promises you made God when your loved one was down at death's door were

soon forgotten when health returned. Your firm resolve to PAY your tithes when you needed the Lord to help you with some financial problem followed former VOWS into Limbo. Keep a note pad at your side so you can jot down the "BROKEN VOWS" which God is almost certain to bring to your mind as you read.

By the time you finish this book I want you to be in position to effectively DECREE A THING which shall be ESTABLISHED unto YOU. The more clearly you are able to analyze your "heart's desires", the more easily you will be able to DECREE them with faith believing. Clarity of thought regarding what you want is a great adjunct to getting your prayers answered. Tell God exactly what you want, clearly and precisely. He answers positive calls but changeable, muddled prayers and desires change from day to day.

Written petitions or DECREES are often answered more quickly than spoken ones because you must clarify your thinking in order to put it on paper. Make notes of what you expect me to DECREE with you when we come to the end of this book.

Chapter 2

He Gave His Children The Best

When God brought His children out of bondage, "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: . . ." The children wore the same clothes and shoes for forty years and they "Never waxed old!" This indicates that they must have been the best clothes and the best jewels and gold. It had at one time belonged to the devil's crowd, the Egyptians. (Ex. 12:35)

The children of God did not eat chitterlings, neck bones, pigs feet, tripe or livers! No! They ate quail for supper and every morning for breakfast, God gave them angel food. (Ps. 78:25) This is sufficient evidence that God wants His children to have the best. If He did not want His children to have the best, would He not have made them an example for us today and given them the bare necessities?

Wealth or prosperity is not always a sign of unbelief or sin. It can be a sign of RIGHTEOUSNESS AND FAITH as in the case of Abram (Gen. 13:2) who was "VERY RICH, in cattle, in silver, and in gold." Abraham is called the "FRIEND OF GOD!" (James 2:23) It was BY FAITH that Abraham was justified. He "... believed God, and it was accounted to him for

righteousness!" Gal. 3:6

Job was a man of faith, according to Scripture (Job 1:1), he was a man that "... was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." Yet, this man was rich, and had "... a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east." Job 1:3

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the POOR; . . ." Luke 4:18 Because of the traditions of the elders which in Pentecostal ranks have lead the more gullible to believe that God puts a premium upon POVERTY AND IGNORANCE, it may be hard for some to believe that Jesus was sent to preach glad tidings to the POOR. Think back over the Bible record of persons whom God dealt with mightily. Abraham, who was called "father of the faithful." The Bible does not say that he brought great wealth with him out of his father's house. It indicates that God called him while he was a young man and that he and his wife, Sarah, arose and obeyed God without fear or doubt. It also indicates that they acquired great wealth, cattle, sheep and kine, not to mention

all their servants.

Jacob, Abraham's grandson, hungry and tired, fleeing the wrath of his brother Esau, whom he had cheated out of his birthright, promised God that he would pay tithes all the days of his life, if God would bless him and lead him back to his father's home in peace. The record of his life shows that God answered his petition abundantly; even his cattle and kine all bore twin calves and his wealth increased greatly.

Joseph, Abraham's great grandson, was a ruler in Egypt and controlled the wealth of the kingdom, second only to the King himself.

I have heard preachers call Daniel an "ole country boy" and compare themselves with him because he was ignorant and unlearned. They picture a person of low estate, thus revealing their own ignorance for he was the Prime Minister of one of the greatest kingdoms of past history. You have only to read a few verses of scripture at the beginning of Chapter 1 of the Book of Daniel to see that only the most likely looking Hebrew children had been separated from the vast number taken captive.

Job and King David, and King Solomon, were honorable men who loved God and eschewed (despised) evil. Each of them acquired great wealth and prominence in his native land.

Of course, persons who preach an ignorance and poverty gospel dwell long and loudly on the fact that the Lords disciples were fishermen, humble folk, and unlearned. They stress, "you need not that

any man should teach you" rather than, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Among the Lord's followers was Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, Joseph of Arimathea, a rich man who furnished the Lord Jesus a tomb; Barnabas and his wealthy sister, John Mark's mother; not to mention Saul, the great Apostle Paul, who was one of the best educated men of his day, a member of the Sanhedrin and a student of Gamaliel who was the lawyer for the Sanhedrin and operated a law school. While they are pointing out the virtues of ignorance and poverty, they do not mention these people each of whom was wealthy and socially prominent.

But one can only receive from God what one can believe Him for and how can they believe if they have not heard and how can they hear without a preacher? Hence, people will not receive it until we preach it. Does God love you any less than He did His children yesterday? God is the same, eternally. (Mal. 3:6) What God did for His people in days gone by, He will do for you if you believe!

Some say that Christ was poor and had not a place to lay His head. True, but it does not mean that He did not sleep nor have a place to sleep. It does mean that He was not laying up treasures here on this earth. They did, however, have their needs met abundantly! Why did Judas carry "the bag" unless there was something to put in it? People were

continually supporting Him, even from His birth. Wise men gave Him expensive presents. He permitted Mary to anoint His feet with the most expensive perfume. And there were "... many others, which ministered unto him of their substance." Luke 8:3 He wore a seamless robe, the most expensive garment of the day.

Not only has God provided His children with the best always, in many cases, HE GAVE THEM MORE than they needed! This could be for an example to us today since, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,

for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

In the days of Jehosaphat, it took God's children three days to gather up the spoil of precious jewels and there was ACTUALLY MORE THAN THEY COULD CARRY AWAY. (II Chron. 20: 25) Each one of the previously mentioned people, Job, David, Solomon, Abraham, and Jacob had EXCESSIVE WEALTH. Solomon, though he never asked for wealth (rather wisdom) was given both. If He does this for someone that does not ask, will He not do the same for you, if you desire it, ask for it, for the Glory of God?

He Owns It All

EVERYTHING! Everything under the heavens, above the heavens, in the earth and the fullness thereof is God's! The CATTLE UPON A THOUSAND HILLS belong to God. (Psa. 50:10) He says, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." Hag. 2:8 When a crop is raised, God gives the soil (Psa. 24:1), God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11), and God gives the rain (Job 5:10). What's more, you could not do your part except God gives you life (Acts 17:29), and health (Jer. 30:17), and strength (Psa. 144:1)!

What kind of a God are you serving? What kind of a God do you see when you take a look at Him in the scripture? Is your God poor? Penniless? Bankrupt? NO! God has everything, made everything, and without Him was not anything made that was made. (John 1:3)

While on my way to church one night, God spoke to my heart this message saying, "Tell the people tonight WHAT I AM, AND WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS I AM IN. TELL THEM I AM IN THE SOUL SAVING BUSINESS AND MORE! I AM IN THE

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HEALING BUSINESS, AND MORE! I preached this message: God is a BUILDER. He is the greatest builder in History, building only mansions. He is building a city not made with hands, the dimensions of which are 1,500 miles high, wide and long!

HE IS A STREET PAVER! The streets are made of pure gold. . . . TRANSPARENT GOLD! (Rev. 21:21)

A GATE MANUFACTURER! "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: . . ." (Rev. 21:21)

FOUNDATION LAYER! He built twelve foundations, each one of a different precious stone. (Rev. 21:19, 20)

JEWELER! God must deal in and be interested in jewels or He would never have given Judah more "precious jewels" than they could carry away. (II Chron. 20:25)

MEAL MANUFACTURER! He provided a continuous supply of meal for a widow when there was no corn in the land! (I Kings 17:8-16)

OIL PRODUCER! He changed a little pot of oil that belonged to a widow to become a "GUSHER" that would not stop producing! (II Kings 4:1 - 8)

OIL MAN! He owns the earth and the fullness thereof. This means everything on the earth and under the earth!

GOD IS IN THE CATERING BUSINESS! This was proven when in I Kings 17, He sent to Elijah meat and bread every morning and night using a raven to deliver it!

SHOE MANUFACTURER! God's children possessed (by a miracle) shoes that never waxed old. They lasted for forty years and must have grown with their feet!

GOD IS A CLOTHIER! The clothes His children wore were like the shoes, they never waxed old. Only God could make clothes that would grow as the people grew.

GOD IS A BAKER! God sent them "ANGEL'S FOOD" fresh from Heaven, daily. (Psa. 78:25)

HE IS A QUAIL PRODUCER! "He rained . . . feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:" (Psa. 78:27)

A GREAT FISHERMAN! When Peter had fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus told him exactly how and where to catch the limit, proving that He is interested in and knows our business, no matter what it is! (John 21:6)

HE IS A BREADMAN! Not only could God provide fish, He also provided bread. He took five loaves one time, and fed a multitude each time! (John 6:9)

MONEY GETTER! When it was necessary for Peter to get money, Jesus showed Peter His interest and ability by instructing him to go fishing and take the tax money out of the fish's mouth.

BARN FILLER! "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty . . ." Prov. 3:10

STORE FILLER! I . . . shall make thee plenteous in goods, . . ." Deut. 28:11

GOLD AND SILVER MULTIPLIER! " . . . and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;" Deut. 8:13

GOD IS A REALTOR! "And every one that hath forsaken houses, . . . or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Matt. 19:29

RESERVE! Does He have anything in reserve? If He does not, God merely has to SPEAK THE WORD for it to come into existence as He did in the beginning. "HIS COFFERS ARE FULL, HE HAS RICHES UNTOLD!" Meaning that He has much in reserve yet that has never been touched by man. The wealth of the Dead Sea, for example, is said to be worth billions in minerals. How is it that they cannot discover some way of tapping this great wealth. Perhaps God is keeping it for Himself!

THINK OF ALL THE WEALTH OF THE WORLD, copper, iron, lead, gases, oil, uranium, aluminum, plutonium, diamonds, coal, minerals. Besides all this, the poultry, the fowls, the cattle, the beasts of the field, wild and tame! All the birds in the air, all the fish in the sea, everything was made as the work of His hands or the words of His mouth. All this was made for man's use and consumption. It is all at your disposal. It is yours if you claim it!

Chapter 4

God Promised It, And Why

Today, many people are not positive in their faith that God is really willing to bless them and prosper them financially! But the promises of God are IN THE BIBLE and AVAILABLE to those bold enough to claim them. Readily, everyone will claim the promise of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." How is it that they will not even attempt to claim the following promises?

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest PROSPER. . ." III John 2

"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee. . ." Deut. 28:2

"Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep." Deut. 28:4

"Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store." Deut. 28:5

"Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out." Deut. 28:6

"The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy store-

houses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee. . ." Deut. 28:8

"And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground. . ." Deut. 28:11

"The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, . . . to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow." Deut. 28:12

"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:10

" . . . prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3:10, 11

The promises of God are YEA AND AMEN TO ALL THAT BELIEVE. EVERY promise that you have just read, is a direct quotation from the Word of God. "All these blessings shall OVER-

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TAKE THEM!" If you believe these and begin claiming them, you cannot get away from God's blessing. WHY? Merely, BECAUSE GOD SAID IT! It is God's promise to you, IF YOU BELIEVE IT!

"Ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles!" (Isa. 61:6)

"YOU shall lend and not borrow all the days of thy life!" Not meaning that you will have a loan business, but that you will have a sufficiency and enough to help others!

God will make YOU "plenteous in goods!" I will open to YOU "my good treasure"! God is speaking of WEALTH, money that HE WILL GIVE TO YOU!

"Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and THOU SHALT HAVE PLENTY OF SILVER." Job 22:24 - 25

THOU is you if you believe. "For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail. . ." I Kings 17:14

THOU shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Josh. 1:8

"IT IS HE THAT GIVETH THESE POWER TO GET WEALTH!" Deut. 8:18

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete without it shall be measured to you again."

Luke 6:38
"HE BROUGHT THEM FORTH ALSO WITH SILVER AND

GOLD: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes." Psa. 105:37

God said, III John 2, that He would that YOU prosper and be in health. He wants YOU to prosper. God gave us the KEY TO PROSPERITY. You say, "If God wants me to prosper, HOW DO I GO ABOUT GETTING THIS PROSPERITY FROM GOD?" Jehosphat, under the anointing of God said, ". . . believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." II Chron. 20:20

Read all the blessings, most of them listed above, in the 28th Chapter of Deuteronomy from the 2nd verse to verse 13. These blessings are for YOU! AND, if you follow the condition, YOU can have "an hundred fold" (Matt. 19:29) in this life.

Though Christ was rich, ". . . yet for YOUR sakes he became poor, that YE through his poverty might be RICH." II Cor. 8:9

NOW, after these do you need any more promises on prosperity for YOU! There are plenty more in the Bible. Start reading them. The book of Psalms and Proverbs are filled with them. Space here will not permit us to quote them all, or more of them that we have already. HOWEVER, more promises are in PRINT IN YOUR OWN BIBLE. Read them, claim them!

God promised it because He has it!

Because HE WANTS YOU TO HAVE IT!
YOU ARE HIS CHILDREN, and He is your Father. YOU are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. You are the right-

ful owners of all HIS WEALTH! Any Father that loves his child, wants that child to be comfortable, well-fed, and clothed. Surely, He loves you more than He loves the birds and the lilies of the field. Birds do not fall to the ground without His knowledge. He is a compassionate God Who is touched by the feeling of our infirmities. (Heb. 4:15) His arm is not short that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that He cannot hear. (Isa. 59:1) Surely, if God is mindful of the birds of the air, He is mindful of you into whom He "breathed" the breath of life.

Love is the strongest tie in the world! I believe that the reason that God gives to His children is because GOD LOVES US! God loved us so very much that He gave the very BEST He had . . . His only begotten son. If He so freely gave His most precious possession, "will He not with Him also freely give us all things"? (Rom. 8:32)

This gospel must be preached! It must be preached before Christ can return for the Church. To preach this gospel, it takes money. In the great commission,

we were commanded to preach the gospel, and thus commanded that we support the preaching of it. If Christ does not want us to have money, then HE DOES NOT WANT THE GOSPEL PREACHED! YET YOU KNOW THAT GOD DOES WANT THIS PREACHED. This has to be preached. It has to be supported. To me, this is one of the main reasons why God wants to give to His children, so that they CAN FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION and MAKE HEAVEN THEIR HOMES.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities;" Heb. 4:15 God is moved with our "hurts" and troubles. YOUR poverty moves God. God has so much wealth that it must cause Him considerable pain to see His own children in need and not having the best. This is the reason He sent Elijah to help the widow who was about to sell her sons. II Kings 4:1-7 God cares today, and is still moved when we are either sick or poor. Remember HE LOVES YOU. To me, that is reason enough, LOVE!

The Love Of Money

Chapter 5

POSSESSION of money is not a sin!

LOVE of money is sin! Scripturally, it is not a sin to have money. The sin is PUTTING YOUR TRUST in riches.

In Mark 10:17 - 24, there is the story of the rich young ruler. Upon inquiring the way of salvation, Jesus told him to ". . . go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor. . . ." He refused to do so. The reason was because his trust, confidence, and feeling of security was in his riches and NOT IN THE PROMISES OF GOD. When Christ made the statement, ". . . How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" (v. 23), He did not mean that having money would keep you out of heaven, but when you have money, it is so easy to trust in it rather than God. It is too easy to love it. This was explained, and simplified in the next verse (v. 24), ". . . Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! THEREFORE, IF IS A SIN TO PUT YOUR TRUST IN RICHES RATHER THAN GOD. It is not a sin to have two coats. If it is, then all the people

I know, including ALL preachers, are sinners! Yet, when Jesus sent His apostles out to preach, He told them to take "neither gold nor silver nor brass in his purse, nor scrip for the journey, neither two coats." This is the favorite scripture today of those who are shriveled up in their souls and do not want to see the preacher prosper. They say Jesus said he shouldn't have two coats, nor silver, gold, "brass", nor scrip! Like those who have built other false teachings from the material of scripture, they have taken only a part, and have disregarded entirely the thought in the mind of the Lord in giving the words quoted. Let us examine the entire message.

"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet slaves: FOR THE WORKMAN IS WORTHY OF HIS MEAT." Matt. 10:7 - 10

This passage of scripture does not state nor imply that the possession of shoes, a second coat,

nor gold and silver would be sinful on the part of the preacher. The thought is clarified in the last portion of verse 10. ". . . THE WORKMAN IS WORTHY OF HIS MEAT." When God has called a man to go preach the gospel, He has called him to assume a responsibility far beyond that of the support of himself and his family. God Himself assumes the responsibility for his provision. "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? . . ." I Cor 9:7 (Read the rest of the chapter, also.) And God supports His ministers through the faithful tithes and offerings of those who have not been called to give full time to the preaching of the gospel. This means that as we go about preaching the gospel, we are worth the meat we eat and the clothes we wear. God will supply our needs AS we go. We should not wait for God to supply the entire need of the journey before we start. Neither should we feel we must make these provisions for our-

selves before we start, nor even as we go!

The sin is not in having two coats, or silver or gold. The sin is in putting off doing God's will or obeying God's command because of fearing to start out with only one coat or without money. The sin is in refusing to go forth with the gospel unless there is a secure place to return to, should one desire to return, and ample provision for comfort and elegance along the way. The sin is in seeking FIRST the things the gentiles seek (Matt. 6:32), rather than seeking first the kingdom of God. But God's promise to those who do seek first the kingdom of God is, ". . . ALL THESE THINGS shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33

"There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, RICHES KEPT FOR THE OWNERS THEREOF TO THEIR HURT." Ecc. 5:13

This should be a warning to you. A word to the wise is sufficient.

How Do You Use Your Christian Dollar?

Chapter 6

Do you know that God keeps books? But His bookkeeping system is different than any we use down here!

Did you know that you may give large amounts of money as offerings, or consistently pay a tenth of all your income as "tithe", yet, because you do not do it God's way, He will have no record of your giving nor your tithing at the day of judgment?

Did you know that in the day of judgment, God may say to you, "YOU HAVE ROBBED ME" because you have not given scripturally, in a way recognized by the Lord? If He has not recognized it, surely He will make no record of it; hence no reward will be waiting, but rather rebuke! You may have given it, but not to Him!

Of a certain group of people many years ago, God said, "Ye draw nigh unto me with your mouth, and honour me with your lips, but your heart is far from me!" Matt. 15:8

He said to them, "you have robbed me!" Mal. 3:9
But they answered Him, "Lord, wherein have we robbed thee?" (v. 8)

God's reply: "In TITHES and

in OFFERINGS!"
"But," you say, "that doesn't mean ME! I give one tenth of all my income!"

Where do you give it? Are you giving it TO GOD? Or are you just getting it out of YOUR hands?

Would you feel you have paid your grocery bill, just because you gave that exact amount to the plumber down the street?

It DOES matter where you pay that bill! If that is God's money, (and it is: "ALL the tithe is the Lord's." Lev. 27:30) then you must pay it to Him in the way, and at the time, and in the place where HE wants it paid!

"Then where should I pay it?" I hear a man over the radio in the morning, and he says, "You listen to my broadcast; you should send me your tithe." Then I hear another in the afternoon, and he says I should send my tithe to him. Then I go to church on Sunday, and the pastor tells me I should give ALL my tithe to the pastor of the church I attend. But I've only been here a short time. I am still a member of the church back home. There, they tell me I should send all my tithe back there, to go into the store-

house. They quote scripture: 'Bring ye ALL the tithe into the STOREHOUSE.' But where and what is the storehouse? Then, my neighbor down the street tells me that the tithe was under law, and a Christian ought not to tithe at all! I want to do the will of God, but I am hopelessly confused!

Let us start at the last and work back.

SHOULD A CHRISTIAN TITHE?

Jesus said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: THESE OUGHT YE TO HAVE DONE, and not to leave the other undone." Matt. 23:23

In another place, He declares, "Except your righteousness EXCEED the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in NO CASE enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:20

It is true, the Jews tithed under the law. But the tithe is older than the law.

Jacob, when God had revealed Himself to him, vowed, "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee!" Gen. 28:22

Abraham (Abram) gave tithe to Melchizedek, the king of Salem (Gen. 14:20), which means "King (or Prince) of Peace." (See Heb. 7:2)

Both these incidents were many years before the giving of the law, the principal of returning to God a tenth of all He gives, in recognition of the fact that He has given it, appears to be as old as the human race. The person who

repudiates the tithe takes the attitude, "It is MINE! I earned it. I produced it. I created it of my own will, or of my own power! God has no claim upon it. Whatever I might give to Him of it, it is given as a favor, and my generosity should be commended!"

In the book of Hebrews (Note: This is a New Testament reference to the tithe!), Paul calls attention to the fact that Melchizedek, the "King of Peace," (Heb. 7:2) is the purest Old Testament type of Christ, who is "made an high priest forever AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK!" (Heb. 6:20) In Abraham's tithing, Paul declares, even those authorized to receive tithes—the Levites—paid tithe, to the "King of Peace!" (Heb. 7:5)

He goes on to declare, "Here men that die receive tithes; there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth!" Heb. 7:8

In other words, here and now, in this present age, God has authorized MEN THAT DIE, (that is, His ministers who like the Levites are giving their lives to His service) to receive tithes. But when a Christian gives his tithe to one of these ministers whom Jesus has authorized to receive tithes AS HIS AGENT, acting in His absence, Jesus Himself receives that tithe, and records it in the account books of heaven. How can we know whom

He has authorized? Remember this: God has not authorized them merely as CASHIERS! He has authorized them HIS AGENTS, to carry on ALL His work in His absence, as well as to receive the tithe! They are to lay hands

on the sick, to cast out devils, to work miracles in His name. He marked them, so there need be no mistake in your giving, for He said, "THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE!"

Under the law, the use of the tithe was clarified for the nation Israel. It was NOT a "national tax," as some have declared, for the government of Israel was taken care of through judges who were raised up by the Lord as they were needed from among many tribes, or by kings who came from the tribe of Judah. But God declared, "ALL the tithe is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30 "And behold, I have given the children of Levi ALL THE TENTH in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they shall serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation." Numbers 18:21

When God divided the land among the twelve tribes, He gave Levi no land to call his own. Instead, He gave that tribe a service to perform, "ALL THE TENTH in Israel" was to be their pay. They were God's ministers. God said, "When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you . . . this . . . shall be reckoned unto you as though it were the corn of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the winepress." Numbers 18:26, 27 All Israel was their field. If they tended it well, and kept it thriving, their income increased as a result. If they neglected their duty, and Israel fell away from God, and was taken into bondage, or suffered national dis-

aster as the judgment of God, their income became less. Because their income was a definite percentage of the income of the nation, they shared quickly and directly in the prosperity or poverty of their people. And, like every other child of God, the "Levite" should pay tithe from the fruit of his field, and give liberally of the remaining nine tenths to advance the kingdom of God, to carry the gospel to all nations and bring Jesus back!

God declared, "The tithe is Mine! It has always been Mine! I want YOU to pay ME by giving MY tenth to the Levite who ministers to you spiritually, who teaches you about God!"

WE ARE NOT UNDER LAW BUT UNDER GRACE. But the law, Paul declares, "was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Gal. 3:24

We do not reject the multiplication table simply because we have graduated from school! Our teachers taught us that two times two are four. And it did not cease to be true the day we left the classroom!

Paul says, "If we have sown unto spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal (material, physical) things?" I Cor. 9:11

The "schoolmaster" taught proper division of the tithe THROUGH THE STOREHOUSE to prevent waste and unauthorized use of God's tithe.

And everywhere there is the confusion of conflicting dogmas, the commandments of men taught for doctrines, with all the fervor

of divine revelation!

The Church is not confined to four walls. Neither is the "Church" limited to one denomination. The Church extends through all the world, wherever the gospel is being taught honestly and in its purity and power, whether by missionary (apostle), evangelist, pastor, prophet, or teacher. And God has set all these in His Church "for the work of the ministry." (Eph. 4:11, 12) and empowered them to "forbear working" (I Cor. 9:6), and give themselves wholly to the advancement of the cause of Christ and to the "warfare" (v. 7) against the devil; to eat the fruit of the vineyard, and drink the milk of the flock!

All this confusion stems from the avaricious wresting of the scripture by certain groups of individuals who hope to channel the tithe in such a manner as to best serve their own financial interests. Too often, those who carry the money bag are, like Judas Iscariot, thieves!

How to avoid this confusion? Refuse to be "corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ!" (II Cor. 11:3)

Follow the teachings of the

"schoolmaster." Remember,

there are ministers in the church in more than one capacity. "He gave" some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints,

FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY." Eph. 4:11, 12 See that

your tithe goes to provide for ministers who are consecrated to the service of God, and whom God authorizes by "SIGNS FOLLOWING", whether they be pastor, evangelist, missionary, prophet, or teacher. Then give liberally of your offerings to build churches and promote revivals where the power of God is preached, where the presence of God is honored, and where the SIGNS FOLLOW!

Learn to know the voice of God when He speaks to you about money! Give your tithe as He directs. Then follow it with liberal offerings, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

"And prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10

Chapter 7

Can I Put My Tithes In Here?

While receiving an offering under the tent, I stood in front of the platform, holding a bucket as we sometimes do. A woman came up to me with some bills in her hand and asked the question, "Can I put my tithes in here?"

I answered, "Can you?" Evidently she could because she did! What she really wanted to know was, could she give the Lord's money (the tithe is the Lord's, Lev. 27:30) to the Evangelist for his ministry.

Is the Evangelist a man of God? Did God set it in the Church? Is it God's work? YES! Emphatically, YES! Then you can support it with God's money.

God set a five-fold ministry in the Church. "He gave some apostles, and some prophets; and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the Faith." Eph. 4:11 - 12

Remember, to destroy the church, one must destroy its ministry.

All five of these ministerial gifts must have been important, or God would never have placed

them in the church.

When Elijah prayed for rain, and sent his servant to look, the servant came back with the information. "... Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand...." I Kings 18:44.

Out of that cloud came the rain that revived the land. This typifies REVIVAL!

Students of the Bible will agree that there MUST be REVIVAL before Jesus can return. He is returning for a church without spot or blemish. To prepare that church, to perfect her, and make her ready for her bridegroom, that is the reason that He gave the EVANGELIST - and the pastor, apostle, prophet, and teacher. All are needed. As the foot cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of thee," neither can one finger that God put on the hand get along without the other fingers.

We may liken the five ministry gifts to the five fingers of the hand.

For years, some, because of unbelief or lack of understanding, or for other reasons, have been whittling away at the apostle, the prophet, and the teacher, until in many religious groups only the evangelist and the pastor remain.

Under the ministry of Luther, the teacher, the church was stirred to REVIVAL, and began its ascent from the dark ages. The great Evangelists, such as the Wesleys, Whitfield, Knox, Fletcher, led the church forward in Revival. The churches they helped to establish are cold and dead, because such ministries are no longer recognized.

In too many churches, the only ministry recognized today is the ministry of the pastor.

I say, THANK GOD FOR THE PASTOR. GOD set him in the Church! The church will never be perfected without him!

But he cannot perfect the church alone! It might be well to observe that every church which no longer recognizes the ministry of the evangelist is already either completely lost to modernism, or fast headed in that direction. When the fingers of the hand are removed, holiness and perfection go with them.

Note the change that has come into the great Methodist Church since evangelism has died out among them to so great a degree. Why, today, are even the so-called Full Gospel Churches dying spiritually? Why do many of them no longer preach or practice holiness? Jezebel and Ahab could feel perfectly at home in many so-called Pentecostal churches today! Why do so many say, "We don't believe in perfection"? Is this not the answer? God set some in the church, for the perfecting of the saints. But the saints - or the competitive ministries - have CUT THEM OFF! No wonder there is so little striving

toward perfection any more! The God-given instruments to perfection are nowhere to be found! The pastor can, and will, and must do a great part toward the perfecting of the Church. But he needs help. God provided a rounded out, complete ministry, in five parts - like the five fingers of the hand. The pastor may try to do the work of the Evangelist. But

the pastor is not an evangelist! Neither should he attempt to carry the burden of the teacher, the prophet, and the apostle!

No wonder we have heard so much about how overworked is the Protestant pastor in our day! God gave him four helpers. But how many churches maintain an evangelist, a prophet, an inspired teacher, an apostle?

For years, in many groups, there have been only the pastor and the evangelist. These two fingers can still do some things, but not as well as when the fingers were on the hand, and working together.

What will happen when the evangelist is cut off? Only one will be left!

There is a move on to cut off all the fingers, including the pastor! But the powers back of that move would like to first use the pastor to cut off the evangelist. Then they will only have to cut off the one remaining finger - the pastor!

Remember, pastor, it may be the evangelist who is on the grill now! But the plan is far advanced to put the PASTOR IN THE POT NEXT!

Some who do not know the plan of Satan may wonder at the pre-

sent ridicule, smear and persecution against the evangelist. Do not think the pastor will escape! He is on the list for extinction, too!

Remember the story in II Kings 6. Eating one child today does not mean they will have no appetite tomorrow!

What has happened to all the evangelists that the magazines listed twenty years ago? Ten years ago?

Satan can use many methods to cut off the evangelist.

The church can fail to recognize him as part of the body, and fail to support him. They can fail to realize their need of him, and the great loss to the body if he is "cut off." Many an evangelist has given up his God-given calling, and taken a church, because he could not make it financially. He has felt that trying to act as a pastor was the nearest he could come to being an evangelist. But the evangelist can no more successfully be a pastor than the pastor can successfully replace the evangelist!

Fear on the part of some pastors that the Evangelist might get part of the tithe or an offering which might come to him or to the local church, has led some pastors to undermine the influence of the evangelist, even in their own denominations.

Surely God, in His love and mercy, has provided enough for all the ministry gifts. Not only the pastor, and the evangelist, but the apostle, the teacher, and the prophet as well. If one claims ALL the support, then how will the rest of the fingers live? Did God put a blood supply to only

one finger, or to all of them? If a tourniquet is tightened around four fingers, so that no blood gets to them, what will happen? Of course, those four fingers will die. You know the answer! But does that mean that any more blood will go to the one remaining finger? No!

At the present time, it appears that the last two remaining fingers are out to destroy each other. This should not be. The evangelist must realize that his ministry is dependent upon the pastor. The pastor needs to recognize that his church needs the ministry of the evangelist. And both need the other three ministries as well.

Pastor, if you join the fight against the evangelist, and cut off that one remaining finger, there will be only one left. You will then have "no competition."

At first thought, this may seem desirable. You will not have to worry about the evangelist getting any of the tithe.

In fact, you will not have to worry about anything long, for as soon as the evangelist is out of the way, as soon as he has been eaten up, and is gone, then Satan's schedule will call for removing the pastor next. He will be next in the pot!

Through jealousy, fear, misunderstanding, but most of all through a lack of brotherly love, Satan is employing the assistance of some pastors—even pentecostal and fundamentalist pastors—to help DE-FINGER THE HAND OF GOD. But remember, in the same pot where they boiled the evangelist, they will soon be boiling the pastor, too!

Personally, I am an evangelist. But my heart is heavy for the pastor. God spoke to me recently, and revealed all this plan to me. In the spirit, and the love of God, I write these lines as solemn warning to all ministers.

Let us pray one for another, and heed the solemn warning of Paul

the Apostle: "LEST YE BE CONSUMED ONE OF ANOTHER..."

SO THEN, the evangelist is a man of GOD! He is called of God, anointed of God and doing the WORK OF GOD. Therefore, he should be supported with God's money, including THE TITHE.

Chapter 8

Are You In Bondage?

Can God speak and promise a thing today as He did in Bible days? God has many ways of speaking. He speaks through His Word. He speaks through gifts.

One gift that God is speaking through today as in Bible days is the Gift of Prophecy. Following is a prophecy that God spoke in one of our recent campaigns when I preached the sermon, POWER TO GET WEALTH, HOW YOU CAN HAVE IT.

The following message was received by prophetic utterance during a service when the author was preaching on "The Power To Get Wealth."

THINK IT NOT STRANGE that I the Lord, thy God doth speak unto thee. For behold I have shown unto thee a new way in which thou must walk, a new way in which thou must talk, yea and a new way in which thou must give! Behold, my people, feed my sheep in my pasture!

I say unto thee, to do that which is pleasing in my sight, thou must give to that which doth profit thy soul, benefits thy spirit and causes thy mind to be free, and that which hath set thy field on fire, for indeed I have shown unto thee my miracle working power, and I the

Lord thy God have caused my people to prosper.

Yea, I do look down upon thee from my portals of glory, and I say unto thee, I am a wealthy God! Yea, I am not poor. My children, thou hast claimed my wealth for thy spirit. But I say unto thee, claim my wealth in thy hand, yea, in thy purse and in thy substance. For behold, I plan to do a new thing in the earth!

Too long have my children been bound in chains and fettered at the hand of the devil. Indeed, it was the devil that did bind thy soul to think thou must be in poverty all the days of thy life. Behold, My Children, I say unto thee, I was not in poverty when I formed the world, when I established it. I was not in poverty when I gave unto Abraham the riches that he did have. Yea, and Moses walked before me in fear and trembling, did he lack or want?

I say, My Children, whom I care for and whom I watch over and protect, indeed they are cared for. Behold, thou dost lack in faith. Thou hast not claimed the promises of the Lord thy God.

Behold, I the Lord thy God hath raised thee out of thy form and thy ceremony. Yea, I have placed

a man in the universe who would step out by faith. My Children, I desire you to know, I have ordained a man after my counsel, after my heart, and behold, he doth say strange things unto thee. Peculiar words thou dost hear. But I say unto thee, it is in My Book, and thou knowest it, thou hast read.

Indeed, I have planned a new work. Yea, this is the age of restoration, and I say unto thee, all things shall be done unto thee, yea believe ye the Word! Come forth as Moses and the children of Israel I the Lord thy God do rebuke thee for thy unbelief!

Behold, can ye comprehend this thing? My Children, this day believe ye the prophets of the Lord thy God. Did not I establish them in the days of old when I walked upon the earth, was not I a prophet in the Land of Israel?

Behold, prophets have walked to and fro through the land, fearing to prophesy because of man. But I say unto thee, in this hour prophets shall rise from the east and the west, from the dark places of the earth and they shall prophesy and thou shalt be strengthened. Indeed a multitude shall behold my glory! A multitude more shall see my visions and signs and wonders and miracles! I say, My Children, a greater day is come to pass, yea, it is here! Thou art on the threshold of it! As my servant Moses rebuked my people for their unbelief, My Children, change thy minds this day from unbelief to belief. And I shall show unto thee that which I will do.

Yea, yea, yea, obey ye the servant of the Lord, for I have

placed him in this place. Indeed I did call him forth from his mother's womb. And I have kept my hand upon my servant.

The scoffers and the whoremongers and adulterers, yea the scribes and Pharisees of the modern day and the hypocrites would say there is nothing in this, but I say unto thee, did not I have such religious leaders to contend with? But my children, I have dealt and I will deal, and thou shalt know it when thou shalt see it come to pass in their lives those things of destruction, because they have put their finger upon the servant of the living God!

The cold, dead, dry modern preacher or church, bound by religious tradition, will never know nor experience this NEW RESTORATION REVIVAL! They are satisfied with form and ceremony and dead ritual.

REAL MIRACLE RESTORATION REVIVAL CAN NEVER TAKE PLACE IN ANY CHURCH OR HEART UNTIL TRADITION IS BROKEN DOWN!

The Pharisees, (Mark 7:5) came running to the Lord, asking, "Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders . . . ?"

Evidently, the Pharisees, Sadducees, and the religious leaders did not like the way the disciples were following the Lord. These leaders, were angry because they had broken away from the TRADITION OF THE ELDERS and refused to follow their man-made tradition. In reply Jesus said, "Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but

their heart is far from me.

"Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Mark 7:6,7

"A TRADITION is a belief or practice not derived directly from the Bible, but arising and handed down within the Christian community." (Webster's Unabridged) As it was with the Pharisees and Sadducees in Jesus' day, modern religious denominations have no Scripture to validate the existence of tradition. Yet, traditions are still practiced and are often considered before the Word of God."

Tradition says, "Well, it's in the Bible, BUT - " But what? "We'll have nothing to do with it. We don't accept it. We call it something else other than the commandments of God."

If Christ today, should come right into these churches, and the rich young ruler came running to find the way of salvation, inquiring, "... Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17) The answer that Christ gave him would cause most traditionalists to deny the ministry of Christ and say that He was begging. This is one of the greatest hindrances to revival in this country. Traditions bind the preacher until he cannot minister. Tradition blinds eyes and closes ears to the truth. "Let them alone they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." (Matt. 15:14)

Tradition says, "You dare not say anything about money or giving in connection with the offering." Why? "The people will say you

are begging." Let the devil say you are begging. They would have said the same thing about Jesus. They do not know the commandments of God nor the Word of God. Jesus was not begging in the 6th Chapter of Luke when He said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over . . ." (V. 38) Was Christ begging? No. He was ministering; healing the sick.

When the rich young ruler came to Him, inquiring the way of salvation, Jesus preached, "... go and sell that thou hast, and give ..." (Matt. 19: 21) People bound by tradition would scream, "Why, you are driving people away. Why don't you preach salvation instead of money?" The secret to this man's salvation was in money. Christ preached money, money money. Why? It was a ministry and that young man's money stood between him and heaven. Jesus said, "Thou knowest the commandments . . ." (Mk. 10: 19) The young ruler answered, "... All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?" (Matt. 19: 20)

Jesus had enough backbone to preach a sermon on giving. He preached on MONEY, on WEALTH. Christ did not care what the elders and the religious folk said. After Christ preached this sermon, the man left church. He went away sorrowful because of our Lord Jesus Christ's message on giving. Christ preached giving and people went to hell because they were unwilling to give. It was not begging, but tradition today would say "It is begging for money." The

greatest sermons all the way through the Bible were the ones Jesus preached on MONEY. Yet, Christ was NOT a beggar.

Why should Jesus beg when all the silver and all the gold and the cattle on a thousand hills, the earth and the fullness thereof belong to Him? He did not have to beg for money, it was a ministry! He had to preach what God told Him to preach. ". . . go and sell that thou hast, and give . . ." (Matt 19: 21) "I . . . if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matt. 16:24) A man went away grieved at the saying of the Master because he had money, but because he was not willing to abide by the sermon Christ preached to him. Some people would go to hell before they would give anything to God. Some people today are so bound by tradition, they will not permit their preacher to take an offering or even preach on tithes and offerings. God have mercy on the preacher who is in such bondage that he cannot obey God and preach on giving as Jesus did.

Ananias and Sapphira came to the First Assembly in Jerusalem and God destroyed them, Why did God kill them? Because of money, they both died. Tradition will say, "Oh, God should not have killed Ananias and Sapphira. All they did was lie about the offering". God has not conformed to tradition. God is doing things His way, and if you want to get in on this NEW THING God is doing today, you MUST make of none effect, destroy all the traditions of men in order to get into it.

Was God angry because He did

not get all of Ananias and Sapphira's money? No! God did not need their money. They decided to give it. God killed them because it is a SIN TO LIE TO GOD!

"There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt." Eccl. 5:13

Preaching on giving can be a ministry from God. The rich young ruler could have "given" his way into heaven. Ananias and Sapphira "gave their way into hell" by a wrong attitude in their giving. If they had received more preaching on GIVING with the right objective, they might have been saved. "There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt." Eccl. 5:13

Was Elijah after the widow's last cake when he asked her to ". . . make me thereof a little cake first . . ." (1 Kings 17:13) Was he a charlatan when he said, ". . . and after make for thee and for thy son." (V.13) Was he a false prophet when he continued, "For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth." (V. 14) He was none of these. Neither was he a beggar. Elijah was a man with a ministry. He was sent of God to deliver the widow from the demon of poverty and bestow upon her the blessing of prosperity. Would he have been free to preach such a sermon in the average pulpit today? No! First of all, the deacons would not let him. Secondly, he would be afraid, because of tradi-

tion, that the congregation would say that he was just out for money. He might even fear that the congregation would get up and walk out of his service. In light of all this, would he go along with tradition, not only concerning tithes and offerings, but also in every phase of doctrine and form of worship? He would be confined ONLY TO THAT WHICH WAS BY THE ELDERS OR THE HEADS OF HIS DENOMINATION. How impossible it would be under these circumstances for God to do a new thing for him. He would never know Revival. God would never do a new thing in his life. The pattern for his life and ministry would have been set down in a book written by a man who has been left out of the NEW RESTORATION REVIVAL.

If revival ever comes to the world, preaching on money (or at least my preaching on money) will have to be considered a ministry instead of begging. God has given me a ministry. We never BEG for money. This is a ministry. God has promised, "... it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth . . ." (Deut. 8:18) When John said, under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health..." (III John 1:2) He was not begging for the people's money. He was telling them that it was God's will for them to prosper financially as well as physically. The Bible teaches, "Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks... and thou shalt have plenty of silver

. . . and thou shalt pay thy vows." (Job 22: 24,25,27). He was not begging for money. He was trying to show you that, you too can prosper. He did not need anything. He was trying to show people the reason they did not have any money: they would not pay their vows.

In the 50th Psalm, verse 14 David said, "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay . . ." David was not after money. He had money: rooms full of it! He was one of the richest men of his time. David was not out for money when he said, ". . . pay thy vows . . ." (V.14) It was a ministry. David was not begging. It was something straight from heaven because the people needed it in order to be delivered from their troubles.

" . . . pay thy vows unto the most High:

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Psa. 50: 14,15 The tradition of the elders, that nullifies the commandments of God and the Word of God, would say, "Listen to David begging for money. He's just out for the money." Many ministers let this same tradition bind them until they will not preach on tithes and offerings. Is it any wonder that they have to sell insurance or automobiles or be a carpenter in order to support themselves in the Gospel?

In the 76th Psalm, verse 11, the power of God came upon David and he said, "Vow and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about Him bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared. Today's traditionally bound con-

gregation would hiss, "Listen to David: taking pledges again. I don't believe in taking pledges." Why not? It is the Word of God and it is a Commandment of God. "Vow!" Make a vow and pay that vow! Job said, "Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust . . . (if you want prosperity) . . . pay thy vows." (Job 22: 24, 25, 27) According to David, deliverance from your troubles has a direct connection in paying something to God. How can a person say, "I do not believe in making pledges," when God said, "Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God . . ." (Psa. 76: 11)

Tradition, today, tells people that preachers have no business saying, "Vow and pay!" David said it and he was not begging for money. He was telling everyone that it was a ministry and if they want God's blessing, they must bring presents unto Him. You must vow and pay that vow.

Tradition will so bind preachers that they cannot do the will of God, but must do according to the will of the elders. They cannot do according to Peter and Paul, David and Job.

In the 18th Chapter of Deuteronomy, Moses preached one of the greatest sermons ever preached. He would not be free, however, to preach it in some of these churches today. Tradition would prohibit it. Tradition has the people so bound, they would all get up and walk out of his service.

God help so-called Pentecostal people who are so bound by this tradition. The worst skeptics are the so-called Pentecostal people

that have a form of Godliness denying the power thereof! Referring to them, Paul said, "... from such turn away." (II Tim. 3: 5). Before Revival can come the church, YOU, must break away from these traditions of men. They nullify, make of none effect the Word of God and the commandments of God. Jesus came to His own and His own received Him not. He preached the truth, they would not receive it. They murdered Christ! They called Him a devil, casting out devils by the power of Beelzebub. They called Him everything, including a winebibber. They called Him all these things BECAUSE He had broken away from and failed to conform to, the tradition of the elders. For this reason, Christ was crucified. For this reason, His apostles and disciples died a violent death at the hands of Religious Leaders. Thank God they would not conform to the tradition of the elders.

Moses had a ministry! He also began to preach the blessing of prosperity. He would dare not preach it in some of these churches today. Traditions would brand him a fraud. Moses preached, POWER TO GET WEALTH. (Deut. 8: 18) I preach the same sermon.

There is a power to cast out devils. There is a power to heal the sick. There is a power to lay hands on people and bestow every heavenly blessing. We lay our hands on people and thousands of people receive the Holy Ghost in a single service. However, if I had never denounced the traditions of my denomination that I was a part of for 25 years, we

would not be having the revival we are having today. In order to have revival, we must believe the commandments of God and keep them.

Tradition nullifies and makes of none effect the commandments of God. This is why you find so many cold, dead, dry, formal church people. I will confess they are religious, but they do not know the moving of the Spirit or the reality of the anointing of God. Many of them have never felt the power of God. If they have, they have been afraid to let it do anything for them: afraid that someone will brand them as being a "fanatic", in the "Flesh", of the "devil", being "sensational", or becoming "hysterical"!

Moses spent forty days with God on Mount Sinai. When he came down from the mountain, his face was shining with God's glory so much that the people could not even look at him. Moses did not begin to tell them of what a wonderful meeting with God he had experienced. God had spoken to Moses, telling him to return to the people and tell them to bring God an offering. The first thing Moses did was to take an offering. He was not backslidden either. He had been fasting and praying: talking to God.

Tradition would not let him take an offering today. Tradition would say he had backslidden up on the mountain and was just out to get money. According to the Word of God, however, he had been talking with God. He was under the anointing of the Spirit of God. He was under the anointing of the Spirit of God so completely that his face was shining brightly and had to be covered. In all this glory, in the midst

of this great move of God, the first thing Moses did was to take an offering.

Still under such an inspiration Moses gave us the 8th Chapter: "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou has eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth . . . And thou say in thine heart, My power (meaning my own power, ingenuity, talent, ability, wisdom, or knowledge) and the might of mine hand (own physical strength) hath gotten me this wealth (this paycheck or this income)."

Was Moses begging OR do you believe that he had a ministry? "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth . . ." (Deut. 8: 18) Moses preached that there was a power from heaven which enabled God's children to prosper and be wealthy so that they could have money to give for the Glory of God. It takes money to preach the Gospel. Christ cannot return until this has been preached. If the Gospel could be preached free, Christ would have come a long time ago. It will take millions of dollars to take this Gospel, as we are preaching it, around the world. Tradition would never allow

Moses to preach this sermon today. Yet, there is a power that comes from God which enables people to get wealth. God will enable you to be wealthy.

Tradition would say, "Moses is just out to deceive the people. It's a fraud. He is just out trying to make them think they can't have wealth or prosperity unless God gives them peculiar powers." Contrary to what tradition will say, Moses did have a ministry and he was under the inspiration of the Spirit of God. When we preach "Power to Get Wealth", we are not preaching for money, we preach this for your help and benefit. Other preachers would like to preach this also, but they cannot. Preachers are too bound by the tradition of the elders to preach this sermon. If they did, the elders would take away their ordination papers, or their credentials and kick them out of the denomination. If revival ever comes to your church, it will be because the tradition becomes null and of none effect and the COMMANDMENTS OF GOD are given their rightful place in your church!

We must break away from, be delivered from, the religious tradition of the elders. According to Scripture, some will never be delivered because they have been nullifying and destroying God's Word for too many years. Literally, they are dead to the Word of God. "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." (Eph. 4:18) Some of these people will never come out of their darkness. They will never

wake up. "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be separate, saith the Lord. . . ." II Cor. 6:17.

Not many years ago I was praying in our Big White Tent. It was in Philadelphia. We were having one of the greatest campaigns in our ministry. God spoke to me, and said, "Son, from this day forward I am going to anoint you with a new and different power. It will be questioned by skeptics and unbelievers, but it will not be questionable with you, or with My followers and believers."

Then God said, "I will do a new thing. I will proceed to do a marvelous work and a wonder!"

I can tell you now my friend, God is doing a new thing! He is doing more than just giving us power to lay hands on the sick, to perform miracles, and cast out devils!

As I prayed in the tent in Philadelphia, God brought a scripture to my attention. I had read this scripture many times, but now God brought it to me so forcefully that I said, "Oh, My Lord, just to think of the times I have read it and quoted it, but it never meant so much to me before." God said, "That is because you never claimed it or appropriated it in your own life and ministry."

This scripture came like lightning out of heaven! When it strikes you it will set you on fire. It will bring revival to any church or community that will believe it! It is going to stir men all over the world.

Here it is, just as God spoke it to my soul: "FOR IT IS HE THAT GIVETH THEE POWER TO GET WEALTH." Deut. 8:18. God told

me that He was giving me an anointing to bestow the power to get wealth on people! This is a bold statement. I have never made it before! God has anointed me to deliver His People from the demon powers of poverty!

The devil has many Christians backed into a corner, beat down by bills, debts, and hopeless poverty. It is time to resist the devil; claim the promises of God, and say, "Old devil, you have kept me poor and in debt long enough. God is going to destroy your power over my life, FOR IT IS GOD THAT GIVETH ME POWER TO GET WEALTH."

Many people believe that God gives men power over devils, power over sickness and diseases, power to perform miracles, and signs and wonders, but very few Christians have ever dared to believe that God gives men power to cast out devils of poverty, and power to get wealth!

Why are so many of God's children in debt? It is because they are cursed by the demons of poverty!

The Bible clearly describes the Blessings of Prosperity and the Curse of Poverty! In Deuteronomy 28, Moses told the children of Israel about the "CURSES OF POVERTY," and the BLESSINGS OF PROSPERITY."

"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. . . . Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, and the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. . . . The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses,

and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; . . . and the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods. . . . The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure. . . . and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow." (Deut. 28:1-13)

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and do all his commandments. . . THAT ALL THESE CURSES SHALL COME UPON THEE, AND OVERTAKE THEE. . . . Cursed shalt thou be in the city. . . and in the field. . . cursed shalt be thy basket and thy store. . . cursed shall be the fruit of thy land. . . thy flocks. . . and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life." (Deut. 28:15)

What could be plainer than that? Health and wealth come from the Lord. Sickness and disease are the curses of the devil. God gives men power to receive health and wealth. The devil brings the curses of sickness and poverty upon those who do not believe and obey God!

JESUS came to destroy the works of the devil. . . and the devil works on many people with the curse of sickness and poverty! If you will claim the promise of God, He will lift that curse of poverty, and let the blessings of prosperity come upon you.

Many Christians would like to have more money to put into the work of the Lord, to win lost souls to Christ. Some folks have been too beaten down by the devil that they have nothing to give to God. . . and in many cases are so defeated that they even fear to make a pledge to God and His Work.

When Jacob was alone, running from God, away from home . . . poor, penniless, destitute, and afraid, he looked up into the heavens and made a pledge to God. He pledged that if God would give him food to eat, and raiment to wear, he would surely give a tenth of all that he received unto the Lord! This pledge made Jacob rich! Jacob received power to get wealth! He got wealth, and he used it for the glory of God!

I do not write this to lead you into some unscriptural hope. But I do urge you to believe God and let Him deliver you from the curse of poverty.

No one but God can give you the power to get wealth, and God is not going to give it to you if all you want to do is to turn ten dollars into ten thousand dollars, and then hoard it in a bank for your relatives to fight over after you die!

But if you want wealth because God wants you to have it so that you

can help to send laborers into this worldwide harvest, and to bring Miracle Revival to all the world, then God will give you the power to get wealth.

Can God trust you with wealth? Would you be faithful to God, and use your prosperity to advance the cause of Christ? If you are not faithful with the little that you have, you surely would not be faithful if God gave you real wealth.

What is the secret of this Power of God to get wealth? The secret is in giving to God! The Lord has promised to open the windows of heaven to those who are faithful in tithes and in offerings.

The faithful paying of tithes proves only that we are honest . . . that we will not take, or keep, that which belongs to God. In giving offerings to God from the other ninety percent we prove our love for God, and our concern for lost souls.

You Asked For It!

Chapter 9

God used Elijah to deliver a widow from an empty meal barrel, (I Kings 17) He used Elisha to deliver another widow from her creditors when she was going to sell her sons to pay her bills, (II Kings 4). The admonition of Jesus, if it had been heeded could have delivered a man from hell, but his words went unheeded. Today the man that shirked Christ's words is still in his troubles . . . in hell.

Many troubles are self-invited. Miriam asked for her (physical) troubles by doing something she should not have done. Her trouble started when she criticized. The sin of criticism brought troubles. Sin brings your trouble oftentimes in the form of a curse.

Michal asked for her troubles. They, too, were physical. She ridiculed David for the manifestation of God's power that was in his life when he danced before the Lord with all his might. God struck her with a barren womb. Her troubles started when she "asked" for them.

David also asked for his troubles by doing something he should not have done. He got into trouble when he sinned, taking another man's wife to his bosom, and destroying her husband. His were

family and spiritual troubles. Some people have other kinds of troubles . . . financial troubles. Many of these are SELF-INVITED. People asked for them by doing something they should not have done, or failing to do something they know to do, OR FAILING TO DO WHAT GOD SAYS. "THERE IS A SORE EVIL, which I have seen under the sun, namely, RICHES KEPT BY THE OWNERS THEREOF TO THEIR OWN HURT!"

Have you caused your own sickness? Is your financial distress self-inflicted? Is your mental anguish self-invited? Have you caused your own afflictions? Are you under a curse unknowingly? Is the curse upon your own household from your own doing? Did you ask for your present troubles?

Why is it that multitudes are going violently insane overnight? How is it that so many people are tormented day and night? Why is it that there is so much unrest and trouble in your home? Could all your trouble be self-invited? Could the reason for that loss of Holy Ghost power in your life be because of something you have invited upon yourself? Have you caused the mental sickness in your home?

Could all the marital problems in your home be self-invited? Is all your trouble a result of what you have done, OR failed to do?

One woman attending one of my crusades heard the voice of God for three days telling her to write a check for \$100.00. She refused. The third day of the meeting she brought the check. God had spoken to her that unless she obeyed His voice she would die of the foul cancer and never be healed. In keeping the money that God had told her to give to missions, she was doing so to her own hurt. "There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their own hurt!" The instant she dropped the check into the offering bucket, she was healed! It disappeared from her face in the slight of hundreds.

A dairyman was converted in one of my campaigns and began paying tithes at first, then as Satan began to influence him to believe that he really needed the money more to build up the size of his herd he began to slack off and finally stopped paying tithes. He kept the tithes to himself . . . to his own hurt. One day he returned home from town to find that all of his fine dairy herd was in a field of poison cane. By the time of his arrival most of them were dead from eating it and the rest were dying. That night at church, he cried, "I'm ruined." He ruined himself. He had kept his tithes to HIS OWN HURT. (Ecccl. 5:13)

Twice God spoke to a woman by prophecy in one of my meetings telling her to write a check for \$1,000.00. She refused even though

she knew that it was God speaking to her. When God spoke again, it was in judgment. She would never enjoy what she had kept for herself. "In eight days they shall carry thee out feet first and thou shalt not call on me in that day for thou knowest I shall not hear thee." Eight days later she was struck suddenly and died. As she died she declared she was lost because she was dying with a thousand dollars too much in her bank account, that should have been given to God. She kept her money but to her own hurt. "There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, RICHES KEPT FOR THE OWNER THEREOF TO THEIR OWN HURT!"

In a campaign I had prayed for a woman blind in one eye. Each time I prayed I had told her that God was telling her something she must do that SHE WAS NOT DOING. She failed to obey God and heed my instructions. When she came for prayer again, I told her that she needed to obey God and did not need my prayers. If she obeyed God she would be healed, as she did obey. She was wroth, yet, in desperation she cried, "I WILL PAY MY TITHES!" Instantly, her blind eye was opened. Her sin of disobedience had separated her from God. It hurts. She removed the hurt by being obedient. YOU can do the same.

A man borrowed \$50.00 to come to my meeting. He had broken his neck in an accident and it would not heal causing him to be in constant pain. When I offered to pray for him, he would always reply, "I'm not ready yet!" I was puzzled as to why. One night he brought his wallet and dropped it all in the hoo-

ket I was holding. Instantly his neck was healed. He said that God had spoken to him for days to give all that he had. He refused to do so because of his lack of faith. Finally God spoke to him, "THERE IS A SORE EVIL, NAMELY, RICHES KEPT TO THE OWNER THEREOF TO THEIR OWN HURT!" He would never have been healed according to the Bible, if he had not obeyed.

A letter to me read, "I am desperate. All of my family need help. We are sick, penniless, without a job, lost our home, car and have a stack of unpaid bills. All this happened because we kept money for ourselves which God had given us to pay a pledge we had made. You prayed for us both when we made the two hundred dollar pledges, that God would provide the money. My husband and I had good jobs, a car and no worries. God gave my husband the money from an unexpected, unearned source to pay the pledges. Instead my husband kept it and bought a new car. Then all our troubles started and got worse. Everytime I try to pray, God says, "There is a sore evil which I have seen . . . HURT!" "Pay thy vows then call upon me in the day of trouble . . ."

In New York, a woman came requesting prayer. On her way home in the subway, a thief had grabbed her purse off her arm and had run away, leaving her remaining money, her valuable papers were gone. As she told me the story, God spoke to me and told me he had told the woman the night before to make a \$100.00 pledge. She had refused, she had lost it all. She confessed that it was true. Now it was too late to get her money.

God came to a disobedient buck-slayer and told him he would heal his wife if he would pay his vow and pay his tithes. Years before they were both saved and healed when they promised God they would pay tithes. Now this wife was dying and no doctor could help her. While I prayed for her, God saved her again and came to her in a vision telling her that he would heal her if her husband would pay his vows. I talked to him about his troubles and told him what God had told his wife. Although he would not tell me at the time, God also came to him. He rebelled and refused. . . . He went through his troubles alone. The wife died and left him with two sons to care for. Heart broken, HE CRIED, "what shall I do." I told him God had given him 10 days to make a decision. Too late to help him out of his present trouble he fell on his knees and cried, "Lord, I will." (There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, RICHES KEPT FOR THE OWNER'S THEREOF TO THEIR OWN HURT!)" was the voice of God in reply to him.

Another woman heard God as he told her to mail me \$100.00. I was appealing for pledges on radio. Thinking she could buy healing for partly obeying, she mailed \$25.00. A week later, she was carried under our tent for healing. She was blind, had rigor diabolus that was eating off her toes. Her gall bladder was the size of a football and the doctors could not operate. While I was revealing the offering under the tent, the Lord appeared to her where she was lying on the stretcher. "I told you to send Bro. Allen \$100.00 and you mailed only

\$25.00, keeping the other \$75.00 for yourself, for a new winter coat. If you do not obey my voice, you will never need another coat." Crying, the ushers rolled her to the front where I was receiving the offering. As she told the story, she dropped in the \$75.00. Instantly she was healed. Blindness, gall bladder trouble and the gangrene from her decaying toes. She said, "I was keeping this to my own hurt. I was delivered when I removed the cause of the hurt!"

A woman in Texas carried four \$100.00 bills in a little bag inside her purse. Several nights she had heard the voice of God telling her to put one in my offering. She would not do so. One day while shopping at Sears, she lost the bag with the bills. On her way back to the store to try to find it, God spoke to her

telling her He only asked for one of them. She kept it for herself to her own hurt. She told God that if He would let her find it she would give the \$100.00 in my offering. It was Saturday afternoon and the store was crowded. It would have to be God if she ever found her little bag. At the "lost and found department", the man in charge had the bag in his hand. After she identified it he returned it to her. Coming back to the tent, she came running to me crying, "Take it, take it, I want to get rid of it! It was the cause of me losing all I had." She said that her promise to give it is what caused God to bring about its return to her.

So your troubles may be your own making. But if they are your own making, you can get rid of self-invited troubles by eliminating the cause. DO IT!

You Can Be Tested!

Chapter 10

Read the first chapter of the book of Job. There you will find that Job was a "perfect and upright man, one that feared God and eschewed evil!" (verse 1)

Satan became jealous of Job because God was bragging on him. Satan's purpose of trying to get at Job was to discourage him and cause him to backslide and go to hell. He could not get to Job because God had a fence around him. To prove to Satan that God had a man that would put his trust and faith in God, and not fail, God decided to take the hedge from around Job and let the devil get at him, JUST TO PROVE TO THE DEVIL THAT JOB WAS MADE OUT OF SOLID GOOD STUFF. It was a test, a trial of Job's faith and patience. Who won? Job did. But many tests and trials were before the final victory. Although Job was a very rich man (verse 3), he lost everything materially that he had accumulated. Satan did not stop there, he took away all of Job's sons and daughters. Finally his wife backslide and suggested that Job curse God and die (2:9), then satan smote Job with sore boils from his head to his feet. All this God permitted to show the devil that he HAD A MAN IN THE PERSON OF JOB that would not waiver! "In all this Job sinned

not, nor charged God foolishly." (Job 1:22)

Was he delivered? Yes, God delivered him and gave him back TWICE AS MUCH as he had at the time Satan took it all away! Also the Lord gave Job twice as much as He had before!" (42:10) "So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters.

And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations." (42:12,13,15,16)

Do not be discouraged if for a season, God has removed the hedge from around you. It can be that God is merely showing the devil that you are made of good stuff and that you have faith. It could be that all your troubles are about over and that as in the days of Job, God is about to GIVE YOU BACK TWICE AS MUCH AS YOU HAD BEFORE. SHOUT because victory is on the way.

Chapter II

"Behold Now Is The Accepted Time!"

Now is the time and today is the day. Why wait? Again and again throughout God's word, He is admonishing you to act NOW! Let me help you. First let me ask you a few questions.

Do you not agree with me that it is time for you to claim God's promises and start eating the riches of the Gentiles?

While you read this book, has not God given you faith to claim his promises?

Haven't you had enough troubles?

Don't you believe that most of your troubles were, or are self-invited?

Aren't you ready now to move the cause of your hurt?

Don't you believe right now that you can decree something and God will do it now?

Isn't it time that you claim God's promise of **POWER TO GET WEALTH** for yourself and your household?

Don't you believe that I can help you? I do!

God has revealed to me how I can decree and agree with you even though I cannot come to you and though you cannot attend one of my campaigns where I can take your hand and pray. This is God's method **IF YOU DECREE WITH ME IN FAITH**. You can decree a thing in your home. Decree means to

decide ... to make up your mind. Webster defines it, "one of the eternal purposes of God whereby events are fore-ordained!" another definition is, "to foretell by faith!"

You can make up your mind right now as you finish this book... Your act of decreeing is done by foretelling to me what it is that you have need of from God, and what He is going to do for you. My reason for closing this book in this manner is to give you an opportunity to decree something from God now. Since I am not always available by phone so you can talk to me, you can write it on the last page in this book. Tell me what you have decided. Tell me that you have made up your mind. Be specific as to **WHAT YOU HAVE DECREED!** Tell me on paper what it is that God is going to do for you. This page as it is received in my office will be forwarded to me where ever I am and I will decree it with you. Put a check in one or more of the squares. Make a vow. Recalling what God said, " **VOW AND PAY!**" If you have not made a vow, make one now. If you have made one and have not played it **PAY.** Then see if God does not open the windows and pour out a blessing that you will not be able to contain, nor receive I am agreeing with you!

Dear Brother Allen:

I have just finished reading your book, **THE RICHES OF THE GENTILES ARE YOURS**. God has given me faith to be delivered from all my troubles which I have asked for according to this book.

(Cut this page out and return it to me with your letter).

I am checking the squares below as a guide to direct you in your prayers as you pray for me. These checks are also a confession to the Lord of my past failures and mistakes which I am trying to make right by this confession and enclosure, which I am mailing to you in the name of Jesus.

- I am guilty of keeping too much of my income for myself to my own hurt.
- I feel that I must be more liberal so that God will make me fat!
- I have never tithed my income before but want to start NOW!
- I have tithed before but have not been faithful.
- I have been paying my tithes but believe it will accomplish more for God if I send them to you for this ministry.
- I want to prove God by making a vow checked below: \$100.00 \$500.00 \$1,000.00
- I believe God wants me to give Him a special offering. Enclosed you will find \$
- I WANT YOU TO DECREE WITH ME THE FOLLOWING:
- GOD WILL GIVE ME POWER TO GET WEALTH.
- I SHALL EAT THE RICHES OF THE GENTILES.
- GOD WILL DELIVER ME OUT OF ALL MY TROUBLES LISTED BELOW:

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