

KINGDOM WEALTH MANAGEMENT

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Wealth is the test of a man's character – *Anonymous*

Economics is an integral part of everyday living. It is the controlling factor that determines the way our lives are run. It determines how happy or how depressed we can be.

Ecclesiastes 10:19 NKJV

*19 A feast is made for laughter,
And wine makes merry;
But money answers everything.*

ECONOMY

Greek – Oikonomia – Oikos – House – Nemein – Management
Household Management.

ECONOMICS

Production, consumption of goods and services
Management of available resources within a household

Economy is the management of the household. There is the Chief Servant is the house who manages the affairs of the house.

Matt 24:45-47

*Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?
46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.
47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.
NKJV*

Eliezer was the oldest servant and managed everything Abraham owned.

Gen 24:2

*2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh,
NKJV*

Joseph managed the household of Potiphar

Gen 39:2-4

*2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.
3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.
4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.
NKJV*

Potiphar's economics prospered under Joseph's care. Joseph was the son of God.

Gen 41:38

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"

NKJV

Rom 8:14

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

NKJV

The way we manage our household determines whether we will manage the wealth of nations. Joseph managed the household of Potiphar and upgraded the economics of that house because of God's favour. He eventually managed the wealth of the nation of Egypt.

Economics must be managed by the sons of God. While we are children in God's eyes guardians and stewards will manage the economics.

Gal 4:1-2

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,

2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

NKJV

As the Father of a household which is a family there is a responsibility to manage the affairs of those under your care. The greatest resource or product we have is the people of God who are the sons and daughters of God. This is our economy that must be managed.

Adam was put in the garden with trees.

Gen 2:8-9

The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

NKJV

The garden represents Adam's household, the trees are representative of people within his household. Adam was asked to tend these trees.

Dress - abad

OT:5647 `abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.:

KJV - be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man, bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ingself,)), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper,

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Keep - shamar

OT:8104 shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself,), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

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It is the duty of the gardener to ensure that his economy is fruitful through dressing and keeping it. Dressing is to work or till to make the product fruitful so that goods and services can be rendered. He must work the economics of his household. The tree must bear fruit.

John 15:2-5

*2 Every branch in Me that does not bear **fruit** He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear **more fruit**.*

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

*5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears **much fruit**; for without Me you can do nothing.*

NKJV

Three-fold fruit bearing is the more excellent way. To develop excellence from trees in terms of fruit the gardener, husbandman – father of the household must ensure that his trees are tended and pruned.

The tree must be educated, financially, socially, medically, physically and spiritually. This ensures that the Intelligent Quotient, Physical Quotient, Emotional Quotient, Adversity Quotient, Spiritual Quotient of the individual is balanced so that they are productive. Engaging to improve their skills and development is so that we become knowledgeable to make the trees more productive.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide, sunlight and water and give of oxygen (Atomic number 8), which is life for all. Atomic number 8 spiritually represents a new beginning. Oxygen gives us a new lease on life everyday. We must improve our economy so that it is life giving. This brings balance to the environment.

Gen 2:16-17

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

NKJV

The tree was providing sustenance for the gardener. He was allowed to eat from every tree. If we do not develop the economy of our households there will be no fruit to eat. This means that the gardener's economy suffers. We must be well aware of how to develop our gardens by exploring all means so that the economy of the household is managed to make it productive.

3 John 2

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

NKJV

Our prosperity and health is determined the way our soul prospers meaning the way we think and manage our economy. There are mindsets about wealth that must be transformed so that we can develop the ability to accumulate, transfer and distribute wealth effectively.

Our understanding and purpose of wealth must be clearly defined.

Isa 60:4-7

4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

*7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, **And I will glorify the house of My glory.** NKJV*

HIGHER DEMAND FOR WEALTH

Wealth is essential for our daily existence on the earth. If we do not discover its purpose we will serve it rather than letting it serve us to fulfil our purpose. Money in itself is not evil but the love of it is evil.

1 Tim 6:6-10

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. NKJV

There must be synchronization between godliness and contentment. Many people pursue things beyond their means because they are not content. Many that desire to be rich become tempted and making foolish decisions that lead to destruction. The love of money or wealth is the root – it is the foundation it is the life source for all kinds of evil.

This love of money is to be covetous
Achan

Josh 7:20-21

20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and this is what I have done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it." NKJV

Gehazi

2 Kings 5:21-27

21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw him running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, "Is all well?"

22 And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.' "

23 So Naaman said, "Please, take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed them to two of his servants; and they carried them on ahead of him. 24 When he came to the citadel, he took them from their hand, and stored them away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed. 25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?"

And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants? 27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow. NKJV

It was the love of money in Judas that betrayed Jesus

Matt 26:14-16

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. NKJV

Our love for money must not betray the source of money who is Christ.

In understanding the purpose of money we must understand the principle of first things. What we do with our money first determines what will happen last. We live in a circular realm where everything in life is connected. If we realise that our actions with our money is connected we will take more care on how we handle it.

It is critical to understand the first things of money. The nation of Israel understood first things that pertained to God. We do not offer WHAT is first without understanding WHO is first. If we know what to do with our finances first it will determine the last. What we do first with our money determines how long the money will last.

Abel offered the first of his flock to the Lord and his offering still speaks

Genesis 4:4

Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, NKJV

Hebrews 11:4

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. NKJV

Abel's offering was regarded as more excellent. This more excellent way came from the place of love. Abel offered what was first because of love for God.

1 Corinthians 12:31

But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. NKJV

Christ offered Himself as the firstfruit because of love. There is the offering of the firstfruit which became a people which became Christ and out of Christ there is a people who have become the firstborn that carry the firstfruits of the spirit that display a certain character.

Revelation 14:1-5

1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty- four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. 3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty- four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God. NKJV

- They have the Fathers Name on their foreheads - sign of their thinking patterns
- They sang a song that was different from the rest - their lives become the song
- They are redeemed from the earth - not confined to the worldly systems
- They were not defiled with women - do not waste their seed
- They were virgins - operate from purity
- They follow the Lamb wherever He goes - they are led by the Lamb
- They are redeemed from men - not controlled or manipulated by men - led by the Spirit
- They are the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb - They become the firstfruit offering
- They have no deceit in their mouth - no lies - operate from transparency and truth
- They are without fault - cannot be accused of wrong doing

While we offer the firstfruit we must display the character of the ones who are the firstfruit. We can only offer who we are. This comes from the place of honour.

Proverbs 3:9-10

*Honor the Lord with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;
10 So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new wine. NKJV*

Our barns are filled with plenty and the vats overflow with new wine. This speaks of abundance in the word and the spirit. As we offer honour unto the Lord with our substance and become the firstfruit; abundance becomes second nature to us. We can only offer what we have because of who we are in Christ.

It is imperative that we understand that the demand is to become the offering as we offer it.

We must examine how money transacted around Christ. Wherever Christ was there was always a transaction that caused wealth to be released.

At His birth

Matthew 2:11

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Before His burial

Matthew 26:7

a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. NKJV

For his betrayal

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For His burial and resurrection

Matthew 27:57-60

57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. 59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. NKJV

The higher demand for wealth is to transact around Christ and His Body. From His birth to His Resurrection as the firstfruit from the dead money is transacting.

In the genesis of wealth we see this in Abram's life.

Genesis 13:1-2

1 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. 2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. NKJV

Egypt is a place of labour and bondage much like the systems of this world. Abram came up very rich out of Egypt. The nation of Israel came out of Egypt rich. Out of Egypt God called His son. Israel was God's firstborn son.

Exodus 4:22

Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: "Israel is My son, My firstborn. NKJV

We are the firstborn of God. When we came out of bondage we must come out rich. When he came out Abram was rich in everything that had WEIGHT.

HEBREW: Rich - Kabad

h3513. kabad; or kabed; a primitive root; to be heavy, i.e. in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable; causatively, to make weighty (in the same two senses): — abounding with,

This word has the root meaning for glory. To be rich is to weighty and to have glory. Our wealth must reflect the glory of God. All the wealth Abram had was measured in weight not in number. We must begin to reflect weight which is asset value within the systems of this world. This is to own property, investments etc.

Genesis 13:3

And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; KJV

The movement of our wealth must be to Bethel - "House of God" to the place of first things. This simply means the place that opened the womb or the place of birthing. More importantly it is to understand that we transact with wealth not just in the House of God but AS the House of God. We are God's resting place and all we do must flow from Him who resides in us. Even the management of wealth and its uses must begin to flow from His resting place in us.

Genesis 13:4

Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. KJV

The altar is the operating system of our lives. It is the place of sacrifice and where we call on the name of the Lord. Altars signify positioning and direction. Wealth must find its movement to this place. A place of sacrifice that positions and gives direction to our lives.

Genesis 13:5

And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. KJV

In this movement there is an attachment called Lot which means "covering or veil" - this attachment can overshadow the purpose for your wealth. Lot who is a nephew and also regarded as a brother can sometimes cover what God's real plans are for our lives. These are sentimental and emotional ties that can overshadow the purpose of your wealth.

Genesis 13:7

And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. KJV

This causes strife and contention. When wealth increases it will cause strife. It is imperative to understand that wealth carries a spirit because God is spirit and Jesus said you cannot serve God and Mammon. Mammon which simply means wealth brings strife and it becomes a covering or a veil for what it is really meant for. There is always tension around money and its uses or management. In this way it controls us.

Genesis 13:8-10

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. 9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every

where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. KJV

There will be a separation in order for Abram's wealth to find its true purpose. Separation is sometimes necessary to discover new avenues and new ways of doing things. Joseph had to be separated from his family to manage wealth with purpose. David was separated from his family to eventually find his full purpose as king and bring Israel into dominion. Samuel was separated unto the Lord and became of great wealth to the nation of Israel. Paul had to be separated for a time to discover the truths of the kingdom. Jesus was separated into the wilderness to overcome satan and his offer of wealth. Sometimes to discover the true potential and the movement of wealth that which veils or covers must be separated from us.

Genesis 13:14-16

And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. KJV

Abram was asked by God to lift up his eyes and look all around because the land that he sees will be given to his seed. Wealth finds its purpose when it can be transferred to the next generation. Abram had no seed but he had wealth. We can have wealth but no seed. Egypt can give you wealth but only you can produce seed. Your wealth lasts when it becomes seed. Seed cannot be measured. That's why seed must carry weight so that it multiplies. Abram's seed was Isaac who is a picture of Christ. When wealth finds its purpose in Christ it cannot be numbered it is just weighed. Joseph took wealth to give seed (Gen 47). He took all the money, livestock and land and then gave seed.

Wealth finds purpose when it becomes seed.

Ecclesiastes 11:6

*In the morning sow your seed,
And in the evening do not withhold your hand;
For you do not know which will prosper,
Either this or that,
Or whether both alike will be good. NKJV*

Genesis 13:18

Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord. KJV

Abram's movement with his wealth is to a place called Hebron - the place that defines covenant. We must know how to come to a place where we covenant with our wealth. This location redefines wealth. Many people covenant with their heart and mind but not with their wealth. Abram built an altar there to affirm a new operating system for his life with his wealth.

The men who came to David at Hebron came with their wealth to covenant

1 Chronicles 12:38-40

All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David king. 39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them. 40 Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as

Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen—provisions of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel. NKJV

Those who joined Jesus came with their wealth. The fishermen came with their boats. The rich young ruler could not covenant with his wealth and allow it to find purpose
Matthew 19:21-22

Jesus said to him, “ If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. NKJV

Genesis 14:14

And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. KJV

Abram heard that Lot was taken captive. We discover the purpose of wealth in a place called covenant. Abram used his wealth to arm and train his servants.

HEBREW: Armed - Ruq

h7324. ruq; a primitive root; to pour out (literally or figuratively), i.e. empty: — x arm, cast out, draw (out), (make) empty, pour forth (out). AV (19) - (pour, draw...) out 7, empty 7, draw

He used wealth to pour forth or empty or draw out the purpose in his servants that were with him. Wealth must arm people. Abram also trained his servants. He equipped them for battle. He also taught them the way like how a child is trained in the ways of God. These servants were born and cared for in his own house. Wealth within the house must bring a birthing and nuturing of servants that can be armed and trained for battle. Wealth finds purpose when it arms and equips others for battle. Fathers must understand that one of the purposes of wealth is too equip people.

Genesis 14:16

And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. KJV

Wealth finds its pupose when it helps others to recover their wealth and their families. Lot who had once veiled Abram and his purpose is now the beneficiary of Abram's purpose driven wealth. We must come to a place where we use our wealth to help others recover from their losses.

Paul asked Timothy to command the rich regarding their wealth

1 Timothy 6:17-19

17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. NKJV

Genesis 14:18-20

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Melchizedek is a picture of Christ. He appears with bread and wine when we use our wealth to recover other's wealth. When wealth finds its purpose it must reveal Christ. This is when the tithe becomes what is intended for. When the tithe is offered with an understanding of what is the purpose of my wealth it takes on a different meaning. This is when the tithe is holy.

Lev 27:30

30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord. NKJV

Jacob made a vow to offer his tithe to the Lord.

Genesis 28:18-22

*Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the **stone** that he had put at his head, set it up as a **pillar**, and poured **oil** on top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place **Bethel**; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. 20 Then Jacob made a **vow**, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, 21 so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God. 22 And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a **tenth** to You." NKJV*

HEBREW: Stone – Eben – Banah - Ben

h0068. אֶבֶן 'eben; from the root of 1129 through the meaning to build; a stone: — +carbuncle, +mason, +plummet, (chalk-, hail-, head-, sling-) stone (-ny), (divers) weight (-s).

h1129. בָּנָה bana; a primitive root; to build (literally and figuratively): — (begin to) build (-er), obtain children, make, repair, set (up), x surely.

The root word for stone is "son" in Hebrew. The stone which is a picture of a son must become a pillar in the house of God. The son must become fixed and positioned. He must be a peg in the household of faith. This pillar is anointed with oil. The anointing flows on a pillar and when the stone becomes an anointed pillar it becomes God's house. We are the sons of God led by the spirit of God and we are anointed in Christ. When we become the house of God we vow to God.

Jacob made a vow to offer his tithe for:

- God to be with him - PROTECTION
- Keep him in the way - DIRECTION
- Give him bread and clothing - PROVISION
- Come to his father's house in peace - RECONCILIATION

When we offer a tithe from this position we become the "gate of heaven" meaning a door or a portal.

Genesis 28:17

And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" NKJV

God would allow heavenly things to be downloaded into a son who is an anointed pillar as the house of God. It is on this basis that a tithe is released. The tithe is an expression of the pillar nature of the son and he becomes the “gate of heaven” to the earth. He becomes the portal through which God unlocks mysteries of the kingdom. The tithe will cause God to be with you. God is holy, you are holy and the tithe that you offer is holy. The tithe is spiritual and not carnal. It cannot be demanded or commanded it can only be brought into the storehouse. We bring the tithe, it is not collected. It is brought to a storehouse so that there will be meat.

Malachi 3:10

*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
that there may be meat in mine house,
and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of
heaven,
and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. NKJV*
The storehouse is one who delivers meat. This is strong food. This is wisdom that is in the storehouse.

Proverbs 9:1-2

*1 **Wisdom** has built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
2 She has slaughtered her **meat**,
She has mixed her wine,
She has also furnished her table. NKJV*

The tithe can protect, direct, provide and reconcile when it is offered from a son that is an anointed pillar.

Genesis 14:21-24

And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. 22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, 23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: 24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion. KJV

Abram did not take any of the spoils from the war because his intent for using his wealth in going into war was not to make wealth but to recover wealth and distribute wealth. Wealth finds purpose when it is used without evil intent to manipulate and control. Abram did not want anyone to think that they made him rich. He was rich, remained rich and transferred riches because of he understood the purpose of wealth.

We are called to be distributors. Joseph was a distributor, David was a distributor, Jesus was a distributor and the early Apostles were distributors.

Acts 4:34-35

Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. NKJV

Cornelius who was a distributor became the portal through which the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:1-2

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. NKJV

Genesis 15:1

1 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

When Abram:

- Moved his wealth from Egypt to the birthing place called Bethel (House of God)
- Separated his wealth from a covering or a veil
- Made wealth seed
- Moved his wealth to Hebron the place of covenant
- Used his wealth to arm and train his servants
- Used his wealth to help his brother recover
- Honoured the Lord with his tithe
- Distributed his wealth

It is at this point that God releases His word that He is provision and protection to Abram. Every individual requires provision and protection. When we know why we have wealth and we discover its purpose God becomes our provision and protection. Wealth then becomes seed rather than a spirit that controls our existence. God becomes wealth to us when we control wealth for His purpose.

Wealth is integral part to ensuring a productive household. How do you get and why do we need wealth?

W – WISDOM

Solomon who was the wisest man that lived managed wealth through wisdom. To get wealth you need wisdom. When you get wealth it is put on display the wisdom of God.

2 Chron 9:22-24

22 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

24 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

NKJV

Wisdom brings you wealth.

Prov 3:13-16

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding;

14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor .

NKJV

People are paid to transfer their wisdom. Christ is wisdom and through His wisdom you receive wealth. This wealth is to build the temple. Solomon built the temple of God. We are not building buildings we are building people. To build

people you need to be well resourced. They are now the temple of God and must be built. Wealth is therefore needed through wisdom to build people.

Wisdom builds the house. The word build is connected to the word son. Sons build the house through wisdom. When Jesus was born wise men came from the east with wealth. Christ is the Son of God and He is the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:24 NKJV

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Wisdom is also a function of the Spirit.

Isaiah 11:2 NKJV

*2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord*

The management of wealth requires spiritual wisdom. Wisdom and wealth cannot be disconnected.

E – ESTABLISHES COVENANT

Deut 8:18

18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

NKJV

Wealth is to establish God's covenant.

Establish - quwm

OT:6965 quwm (koom); a primitive root; to rise (in various applications, literal, figurative, intensive and causative):

KJV - abide, accomplish, be clearer, confirm, continue, decree, be dim, endure, enemy, enjoin, get up, make good, help, hold, (help to) lift up (again), make, but newly, ordain, perform, pitch, raise (up), rear (up), remain, (a-) rise (up) (again, against), rouse up, set (up), (e-) stablish, (make to) stand (up), stir up, strengthen, succeed, (as-, make) sure (-ly), (be) up (-hold, -rising)

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Wealth is for God's covenant to rise and be clear. It is also to confirm that His word is true. It is a demonstration of the better promises that we live under with a better covenant. It demonstrates the abiding relationship God has with us. It reflects that God is with us.

Heb 8:6

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

NKJV

We use our wealth to demonstrate our covenant with God. When we give tithes, offerings and firstfruits it demonstrates our covenant with God through the principle of honour.

Prov 3:9

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase

NKJV

Melchizedek brought out bread and wine; a symbol of covenant and Abram gave him a tithe. This is wealth that establishes covenant. God never transacts outside the principle of covenant.

Gen 14:18-20

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

NKJV

To give to God is to give to a representative of God not the organization that represents God.

Isaac and Rebekah entered covenant when wealth was exchanged

Gen 24:22-23

22 So it was, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels of gold,

23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Tell me, please, is there room in your father's house for us to lodge?" NKJV

Abraham gives a His servant wealth so that the bride would covenant with Isaac. Servants receive wealth to establish covenant between the Bride, which is the church, and Christ.

Boaz used his wealth to establish covenant with Ruth

Ruth 2:1

There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.

NKJV

Wealth was placed at the feet of the Apostles to establish covenant. Barnabas as a Levite understood this principle.

Acts 4:34-37

34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,

37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

NKJV

Ananias and Sapphira violated the purpose of wealth by keeping back a part of the proceeds.

Acts 5:1-2

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.

2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

NKJV

When a righteousness man is in covenant with the Lord He receives wealth and riches

Ps 112:1-3

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.

2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

NKJV

We never enter covenant for wealth but we use wealth to establish God's covenant on the earth. We serve God not mammon but we use mammon to establish God's purposes.

Matt 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

NKJV

A – ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH

Abram accumulated his wealth in Egypt.

Gen 13:1-2

Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South.

2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

NKJV

Isaac accumulated wealth in Gerar

Gen 26:1

There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.

NKJV

Gen 26:12-14

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.

13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;

14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.

NKJV

Isaac accumulated wealth by practicing kingdom principles of sowing and reaping. Abimelech means "Father of Kings" – this is a royal title. In the midst of the father of kings Isaac prospers through kingdom principles sowing in a foreign land.

Israel accumulated corporate wealth in Egypt

Ex 12:35-36

35 Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.

36 And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

NKJV

The wealth that was accumulated in Egypt after 400 years of suffering and abuse was to establish God's covenant. God revealed Himself through the Tabernacle of Moses. The wealth accumulated was used to build this tabernacle. Craftsmen acquired their skills in Egypt. The tabernacle was a shadow of things to come.

Heb 8:4-5

4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

NKJV

Christ is the true image of the shadow. Wealth will reveal Christ.

Ex 31:1-5

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,

5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

NKJV

Skill was required to use wealth effectively to build the pattern that God required which would benefit the nation in worshipping God and for God to establish them as a nation that ruled. These craftsmen were filled with the Spirit but they learnt their trade in Egypt as slaves. There is a skill transfer in Egypt combined with the Spirit of God that produces a craftsman that can use wealth accumulated for kingdom building. This is also the accumulation of knowledge and skill, which is a facet of wealth.

L – LAID UP FOR THE JUST

Prov 13:22

22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

NKJV

There is wealth that is stored up for the righteous. This is for people that after the order of Melchizedek. Christ is Melchizedek revealed.

King Hiram of Tyre supplied materials to build David a house and to help build Solomon's Temple. The wealth of the sinner is for the building of God's temple.

2 Sam 5:11-12

11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house.

12 So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

NKJV

David knew through this act that God had established him as king. When there is wealth distribution from the unjust to the order of Melchizedek then we know that the King of Righteousness is establishing us.

T – TRANSFERRED THROUGH GENERATIONS

Wealth must be transferred from one generation to the next. This is inherited wealth.

Gen 25:5-6

5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

6 But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

NKJV

Son inherits his fathers wealth a servant or slave receives gifts. We have generations that are inheriting debt and we also have a generation that cannot manage inherited wealth. We as husbandman, gardeners, wise master builders must impart knowledge to ensure a continuation of wealth from one generation to the next. This is the Father and Son principle.

1 Chron 29:26-28

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead

KJV

David died full of days, riches and honour. This was transferred to the next generation that took wealth and riches to another level.

David died satisfied being wealthy in that he transferred his wealth to the next generation.

H – HONOUR THE LORD (WEALTH RESPONSIBILITY)

Prov 3:9-10

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
NKJV

The accumulation, transfer and distribution of wealth is determined by honor. Abram honored Melchizedek with the spoils of war.

Gen 14:18-20

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

NKJV

David honored the elders of Judah with the spoils of war

1 Sam 30:26

26 Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD"

NKJV

The tribe of Judah honoured King Jehoshaphat

2 Chron 17:5

5 Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance.

NKJV

Those who labour in the word and doctrine must be honored.

1 Tim 5:17-18

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

NKJV

The word is spirit and life and we sow to the spirit we will receive life.

Galatians 6:6-8 NKJV

6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life

Preacher lives by what He preaches

1 Corinthians 9:13-14 NKJV

13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?

14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel

Why do we tithe, give offerings or first fruits?

These biblical truths must be connected to the eternal principle of honour.

We tithe because it is part of the ten commandments

Exodus 20:15 NKJV

15 *"You shall not steal.*

Malachi 3:8 NKJV

8 *"Will a man rob God?*

Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say,

'In what way have we robbed You? '

In tithes and offerings

We must give to Caesar what it is Caesars and we must give to God what is God's

Matthew 22:21-22 NKJV

And He said to them, " Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way

If we choose not to rob the political systems of this world then we must not rob God

The Storehouse Principle

Nehemiah 10:38 NKJV

38 And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse

Nehemiah was restoring the economic principles within the nation Israel after their exile in Babylon. While in Babylon the people had shifted away from the economic principles that God had laid out for them. The place that received the tithes and the heave offering was the storehouse.

HEBREW: Osar - Storehouse

h0214. אוֹצָר 'ôṣâr; from 686; a depository:— armory, cellar, garner, store (- house), treasure (- house) (- y). AV (79)- treasure(s) 61, treasury 10, storehouse(s) 3, cellars 2, armoury 1, garners 1, store 1; treasure, storehouse treasure (gold, silver, etc) store, supplies of food or drink treasure- house, treasury treasure- house storehouse, magazine treasury magazine of weapons (fig. of God's armoury) storehouses (of God for rain, snow, hail, wind, sea (STRONG)

This is a storage place for armoury, wine and grain. It is a place of supply. While Joseph was in Egypt he built storehouses that became distribution centres of grain during the time of famine.

God requires that the tithe be brought to the storehouse

Malachi 3:10-12 NKJV

10 *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,*

That there may be food in My house,

And try Me now in this,"
Says the Lord of hosts,
"If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing
That there will not be room enough to receive it.
11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"
Says the Lord of hosts;
12 "And all nations will call you blessed,
For you will be a delightful land,"
Says the Lord of hosts

The storehouse is now a person that delivers grain, wine and armoury to equip an individual to function in the Kingdom of God. That individual is giving food in the House of God. Blessings, protection and abundance is connected to this honour principle.

We do not give tithes because we are under the Mosaic Law we tithe because we are under the New Covenant Law which is the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Christ is the Melchizedek that instituted a New Covenant under which the lesser gives to the better because they receive bread and wine. Christ is the bread and the wine that is being delivered and the offering of the tithe is too the representative of Christ.

1. TITHING TO YOUR STOREHOUSE.

Mal 3:10-12

10Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

11"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts;

12"And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts. (NKJ)

This is the principle of tithing from your regular income to your storehouse, as an individual or a local church tithing to its apostolic resource centre.

Our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees and the Scribes. We give out of gratitude.

Lev 27:30-32

30'And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S. It is holy to the LORD.

31'If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it.

32'And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.(NKJ)

Deut 14:22

"You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.(NKJ)

THE BLESSINGS FOR TITHING:

Mal 3:10-12

10Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

11"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts;

12"And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts. (NKJ)

- OPEN WINDOWS
- OVERFLOWING BLESSINGS
- THE DEVOURER REBUKED – RESULTING IN FRUITFULNESS IN YOUR FIELD. (the devil is still a devourer – he still goes about seeking whom he may devour – he is defeated, not incapacitated)
- ALL NATIONS WILL CALL YOU BLESSED
- YOU WILL BE A DELIGHTSOME LAND

2. TITHING EXISTED BEFORE THE LAW (ABRAHAMIC COVENANT)

Abraham tithed to Melchizedek.

Gen 14:18-20

18Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

19And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

20And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all. (NKJ)

Abraham's blessing was bread, wine and deliverance from his enemies. Abraham tithed after he was blessed. His tithe was a declaration of his deliverance. Abraham did not tithe to get delivered. Abraham tithed because he was blessed.

3. TITHING EXISTED DURING THE LAW (MOSAIC COVENANT)

Lev 27:30

'And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S. It is holy to the LORD. (NKJ)

Lev 27:32

'And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD. (NKJ)

Under the law tithing was an act of obedience. Blessings are activated by obedience (Deut.28). Because the tithe belonged to God, returning it to the Lord was an act of obedience. The blessing for this act of obedience is outlined above.

Mal 3:10

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. (NKJ)

4. TITHING EXISTS AFTER THE LAW (NEW COVENANT)

4.1 PAUL SANCTIONED THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS IN THE CHURCH.

1 Cor 9:9-14

9 For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? 10 Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. 11 If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? 12 If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? 14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel. (NKJ)

Paul used the Old Testament principle of support of the Levitical priesthood from Israel's tithes to justify the support of the ministers in the Church.

4.2 MELCHIZEDEK ARGUMENT (Heb. 7)

Heb 7:1-10

*1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,
2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"
3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.
4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.
5 And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;
6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.
7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.
8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.*

*9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,
10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. (NKJ)*

Here the superiority of the new covenant is affirmed. The operation of the new covenant in giving has not changed. Giving has transitioned from the Levites to Melchizedek. Melchizedek is Christ. Jesus said if you receive the one I send you receive me. In giving to the sent one (set man) we are giving to Christ.

Abraham rendered tithes to King-Priest Melchisedek (v2).

In rendering tithes to Melchisedek Abraham acknowledged his greatness (v4), and was blessed by him (v6,7).

In tithing Abraham established a pattern for his unborn seed (natural and spiritual) to acknowledge greatness of the Melchisedek priesthood and receive blessings from that priesthood.

Though Abraham gave once he set a spiritual pattern that later became law.

Israel (the natural seed of Abraham) followed the pattern in tithing to the Levitical priesthood - "less" to the "better" (v7).

The Church (spiritual seed of Abraham - Gal. 3:7) must also follow the pattern. The Levitical priesthood has now been replaced by the Melchisedek priesthood, which is a greater priesthood and an eternal priesthood.

Christ is a Priest after the order of Melchisedek.

Heb 6:20

where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (NKJ)

Therefore tithes must be rendered to Him.

Jesus is the seed of Abraham.

Heb 2:16

For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. (NKJ)

But this applies to the "days of His flesh".

Heb 5:7

who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear. (NKJ)

As the Son of God He is before Abraham.

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." (NKJ)

He is therefore qualified to receive tithes.

When we tithe - like Abraham we acknowledge the greatness of Christ and we will be blessed by Him.

Note: *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Rom. 15:4 (NKJ)*

JESUS SANCTIONED TITHING

Matt 23:23

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. (NKJ)

If during the law the people gave 10%, we under grace ought to give more. God challenges us "prove me now herewith".

Mal 3:10-11

... 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. ¹¹ 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. (KJV)

Our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees in giving.

Matt 5:20

20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. (NKJ)

Prov 3:9-10

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. (NKJ)

Tithing is an important part of your giving. It is returning to God what was entrusted to you by God. In doing this you are displaying faithfulness in "what is another man's". (Lk. 16:12)

If you don't tithe you will not lose your salvation – but you will lose your dominion. The storehouse is those who deliver meat. This is the set man and those who labour in doctrine in the house. The system of gathering is left to the discretion of the set man who oversees the church.

In a newly planted church, the set man is the only storehouse. As the church grows and team leadership is established, the sons who are now elders that labour in doctrine share in the tithe.

The congregation tithes to the plurality of leadership.

The distribution being left to the discretion of the set man as his prerogative.

Those who labour in the church should tithe to the set man.

Mal 3:10-11

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts;(NKJ)

All tithes refer to the fruit of the ground, which is BROUGHT SEASONALLY TO THE STOREHOUSE. The tithe of the spoils of battle are different from agricultural tithing. The tithe of the spoils of battle were actioned by Abraham. It is not a commandment but a good habit. It is intrinsically linked to financial and other breakthroughs.

Abraham tithed to Melchizedek. AFTER "THESE THINGS" BLESSINGS WERE ACTIVATED. •

REVELATION

Gen 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."(NKJ)

FRUITFULNESS

Gen 15:5

Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be.(NKJ)

INCREASE(LAND)

Gen 15:7

Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."(NKJ)

BREAKTHROUGH(FROM THE AMORITES)

Gen 15:13-16

13Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

14"And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

15"Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

16"But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.(NKJ)

All these blessings may be reckoned as favour.

Favour is merited and unmerited.

Rom 4:9-16

9Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness.

10How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.

11And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,

12and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

14For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect,

15because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

16Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all(NKJ)

ABRAHAM IS OUR PATTERN FOR WALKING IN FAITH.

Melchizedek is a figure of Jesus and of the set man who provides his church with bread and wine (proceeding word). When we tithe we acknowledge Jesus as our high priest according to the priesthood of Melchizedek.

1. It is a good policy to bless the set man of the house. In blessing him you are blessing Christ. (Rule of the set one.)

John 13:20

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.(NKJ)

The Melchizedek offering is the tithe of your victory that you submit to the set man e.g. an insurance policy payout – a tithe of this submitted to the set man, not the institution.

2. In an apostolic resource centre, set men should get into the habit of tithing their spoils to the apostle. You may say that this is going to produce wealthy

apostles – yes apostles need to be rich. Wealth in the hands of the righteous is a powerful tool for kingdom advancement.

The system of economics in the church is archaic and unbiblical. The Levites were wealthy. They received 11/10. Pastors today are poorer than the Levites although living in the new covenant. Because of poor biblical practices we see pastors always looking for discount and handouts.

For too long set men have asked God to bless them through business men. Now God wants to bless the set man so that he can be a person of influence to advance the kingdom.

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