

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD #3 THE KINGDOM ECONOMY

Matthew 6<sup>9</sup> After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. <sup>10</sup> Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

The Kingdom of God has a king that rules.  
The Kingdom of God is a government.  
The Kingdom of God has an economy.

The principles of God's economy are applicable in the O.T. as well as the N.T.

It of course is defined by the law of reciprocation. - The law of sowing and reaping.

### I. THE ECONOMY OF THE KINGDOM HAS A SYSTEM OF SOWING AND REAPING

#### A. Tithing - Provision and protection

Malachi 3 "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup> Bring the **whole tithe** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

<sup>11</sup> I will **prevent** pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty.

NIV

There are those who want to say that tithing is not a N.T. practice. In Matthew 23:23 Jesus told the Pharisees that they should paid tithes. There is evidence that God's O.T. principle carries over into the new because we have continued with a greater priesthood in Jesus after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7 <sup>8</sup> And here men that die receive tithes; but there he *receiveth them*, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. KJV

Hebrews 7 <sup>8</sup> The priests who collect tithes are men who die, so Melchizedek is greater than they are, because we are told that he lives on. NLT

#### B. **Alms** - God guarantees replacement

Proverbs 19 <sup>17</sup> He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. KJV

Galatians 2 20 When the church released Paul to minister they required of him to minister to the poor.

Mark 9 <sup>41</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ **will certainly not lose his reward.** NIV

Matthew 25 <sup>34</sup> “Then **the King will say** to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ NIV

### **C. Offerings - multiplication**

<sup>38</sup> Give, and it

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. NIV

## II. THE KINGDOM ECONOMY IS NOT CONFINED TO TIME, PLACE OR NATIONAL ECONOMIES.

- A. **Time** - is the when the need it met. In scripture it is described as... “the fullness of time”  
“the time is fulfilled”  
“at the time appointed”  
“the Lord appointed a set time”  
“it came to pass at that time”

God’s time is always the right time. We must know that God is an on time God. He works in his time not ours.

- B. **Place** - God’s economy works anywhere.

**We must be at the right place of obedience.**

1Kings 17 <sup>2</sup> And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, <sup>3</sup> Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. <sup>4</sup> And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee **there**. KJV

**In a desert-** Psalm 78 <sup>19-22</sup> Manna, quails, and water from a rock enough to feed 2 million people and livestock.

**In a foreign country** - The economy of the world collapses but Israel gets the best land in Egypt under Joseph’s stewardship.

**In a jail** - Paul writes the book of Philippians from jail. He writes... Philippians 4 <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content

in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength. <sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, **you sent me aid again and again when I was in need.** <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and even more; **I am amply supplied**, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. NIV

### C. National economy

The world was in drought and famine when Joseph was elevated in Egypt to care for his families needs.

2Kings 7 Famine is so bad people are eating one another. Elisha prophesies that there will be plenty tomorrow.

The United States

### World and U.S. Stats 1929 -1939

	Adherents		
	1929	1939	
<b>U.S.</b>	91,981	184,022	+100%
Outside U.S.	32,621	75,575	+132%
World Totals	124,602	134,995	+108%

	Churches (1929-1939)		
U.S. 1929 (1,612)	1939 (3,496)		+117%

**WHERE EVER YOU ARE, GOD'S ECONOMY IS AT WORK FOR YOU.**

**III. THE KINGDOM ECONOMY IS SUPERNATURALLY SUPPLIED.**

**HOW?**

**1. By work and effort that is INCREASED by the Lord.**

One plants, one reaps, but it is God who give the increase. 1Corinthians 3 <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.

The more you sow or invest the more you reap.

**2. By the hands of men.**

Luke 6:38 in KJV says "shall men give unto your bosom".

- The wealth of the wicked is laid up for the righteous. Proverbs 13:22

ILL. Egypt was pillaged by Israel. They carried wagons full of gold and silver out of Egypt the night of the Passover.

ILL. The king gave the money to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem to Nehemiah while he was a slave.

ILL. The king gave a scribe, Ezra, the money and protection to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.

ILL. Hartman's bought Noah Ark supplies like new from a failed business.

- God speaks to his servants to bless you.

ILL. Taxi driver that would play a salvation tape to everyone who got in his taxi His taxi was worn out. Another successful Christian businessman said, "Don't ask God for things like that. He doesn't hear that kind of prayer." And he wrote him out a check for a new one.

### **3. Through acts of nature if necessary**

Jacob made a deal the Laban his father in law that all the flock that had speckles, spotted or streaked would be his. Put but striped tree limbs in the watering troughs and when the animals bred they would be spotted and etc. He became wealthier than his father in law that cheated him on his wages.

Jesus turned water into wine.

Jesus multiplies the fishes and loaves.

Jesus command Peter to go fishing and the first fish he catches will have enough money to pay both their taxes.

It don't take but one fish, one man, one woman, one business deal, etc to provide what you will need.

Philippians 4 <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

**Deuteronomy 28** If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.<sup>2</sup> All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

<sup>3</sup> You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

<sup>4</sup> The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

<sup>5</sup> Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.

<sup>6</sup> You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways.<sup>10</sup> Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you.<sup>11</sup> The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.<sup>13</sup> The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. NIV