

Why We Need To Fund the House of Prayer

Introduction:

We clearly saw in our last teaching that God intends to bless His people who learn to trust Him in the area of our finances. God uses provisions to help us develop good stewardship. All that God gives us already belongs to Him and He asks that we honor Him with a portion of the blessing He pours out upon our lives. Stewardship is a key principle that opens the door of God's favor upon our lives.

1 Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."

RECAP

1. The Lord releases His blessings upon us that we might partner with Him in building the work of the ministry. Hab. 1:7-11
2. Negative consequences in our lives may be attributed to our lack of giving.
3. God's Word reveals the Eternal Principle of sowing and reaping. Gen 8:22; Lk 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6-8; Gal 6:7-10
4. Sowing and Reaping is a "whatever" principle. Need love, sow it. Need Joy, give joy to another. Whatever you need, sow that!

Isaiah 58:6; 8-10 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?... Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday."

5. The House of Prayer Model was God's desire revealed to David.

2 Chr. 29:25 "He stationed the Levites in the temple of the LORD with cymbals, harps and lyres in the way prescribed by David and Gad the king's seer and Nathan the prophet; this was commanded by the LORD through his prophets."

6. The lack of ministry unto the Lord (H.O.P.) was the primary reason Israel's enemies prevailed over God's people. God's presence was lacking from among them when they neglected The House of Prayer.

7. God accused His own people of stealing from Him by keeping the tithe for themselves, thereby neglecting His House of Prayer. Mal. 3:7-8
8. God takes pleasure in the one who willingly offers to God free-will offerings. Gen 8:20-22
9. Tithe and offerings did not come about through the Law of Moses. The tithe was practiced by Abraham, The Father of us all.

Gen 14:18-20 "Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all."

10. Jesus will receive offerings in the Eternal Kingdom after His second coming.

Ps. 72:10-11 "The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts.¹¹ Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him."

I. GOD IS SHAKING THE CHURCH FOR OUR UNFAITHFULNESS IN THE AREA OF STEWARDSHIP.

- A. The Holy Spirit is desiring to bring the church to a place of great maturity and great authority. In order for us to walk in all that God has for us we must yield "Our Rights" to Him and trust Him in every area of our lives. Mature believers express their trust of God by obeying Him in the smallest matters of the heart. Active faith is more obvious in the one who can trust the Lord with his finance, the One who keeps control of them. God asks us than to trust Him with "Giving" our tithes and offering because:
 1. God will use the resources of man to cover the whole earth with His glory, His power, His presence and miracles.
 2. God's Word reveals that God is seeking out partnership with His people. As we invest faithfully into the Kingdome of God, revival is made possible because we give towards the works of the Lord.
 3. The shaking of Haggai 2:6-9 directly involves the finances of God's people. The Holy Spirit is seeking to bring about humility, brokenness and obedience that the church may partner with God in building the House of Prayer. The greatest revival yet to come is a direct result of God's people obeying Him with their finances and their continual prayer and worship that is offered up to God.

Haggai 2:6-9 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory, 'says the LORD of hosts. 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts.'"

- B. The shaking will result in a people, a seed, a remnant of people who will come into agreement with God's agenda from heaven that His will might become manifest in our nation, cities, families and lives.

Amos 9:11-13 "On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name," Says the LORD who does this thing. "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it.

- C. The zeal that God has for His people, His Bride, drives Him to mercifully deal with us that He may accomplish all that He has destined His people to be. There is a burning, consuming and fiery passion in the heart of God. It's His zeal for His House! He will remove everything that can be shaken so that the only thing that remains is love, purity and whole hearted devotion.

Zech 1:14...16 "So the angel who spoke with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal... 'Therefore thus says the LORD: "I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My house shall be built in it," says the LORD of hosts, " And a surveyor's line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem."

Jn 2:16-17 "And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

II. THE HOUSE OF PRAYER MODEL WILL PREPARE THE END-TIME CHURCH FOR DOMINION, JUSTICE AND THE COMING OF THE LORD.

- A. 24/7 Prayer and Worship came directly from the Heart of God. God's heart desire is to be in union with man because of His love for us and because it's the solution to see justice come to the earth. God gave the earth to Adam & Eve in the book of

Genesis. Man was given dominion and authority over all the earth and all its' creatures. (Gen 1:26-30)

- B. Man's dominion comes from the place of Intimacy. The Bible reveals clearly that authority with God comes out of a life that walks and knows God. Gen 1:26-30, 3:8-9, 5:24, 6:9, 17:1-2, 18:16-32 w/ Isa 41:8, Ex 14:14-15, 33:11, Jn 4:23-24
- C. God gave to both Moses and David the pattern of heaven's governmental activity when He revealed to them how to construct the Tabernacle of Moses and the Tabernacle of David. Moses' Tabernacle involved more of the outer form of approaching God. David's Tabernacle revealed the heart of the spirit of worship.

Ex. 25:8-9 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it."

1 Chr 28:11-12 "Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; ¹² and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things."

1. Moses- Ex 29:38-42, 30:6-8, 20-21, Lev 24:5-9

2. David- Ps 22:3, 51:1-17, 69:30-31, 141:2

- D. Jesus will come at the perfect time. The church will be mature in love and character and her only desire is for Christ to be glorified. She will prepare the peoples to receive Christ as she walks in the fullness of the great commandment and the authority of the Holy Spirit. 24/7 Prayer and worship will fill the earth prior to the coming of the Lord.

Is 42:10-14 "Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, You coastlands and you inhabitants of them! Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, The villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing; Let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the LORD, And declare His praise in the coastlands. The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once."

Joel 2:15-16; 3:12-16 "Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶ Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room... Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow— For their wickedness is great." ***Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.***"

Zeph 2:3,11 "Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden In the day of the LORD's anger... The LORD will be awesome to them, For He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth; People shall worship Him, Each one from his place, Indeed all the shores of the nations."

Mal 1:11 "For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts."

Rev 4:8,5:8 "The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!... Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

- E. The authority of God is released through the ministry of night & day prayer, continual praise and worship.

Ps. 22:3 "But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel."

Ps. 149:6-9 "Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; ⁹ To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!"

2 Chr. 20:21-22 "And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever." Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated."

III. THE HOUSE OF PRAYER MODEL IS THE ONLY FORCE THAT CAN WITHSTAND THE WORSHIP SYSTEM OF THE ANTI-CHRIST AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST.

- A. The conflict at the end of the age will be between two "houses of prayer," or two global worship movements. The Antichrist will raise up a worldwide worship movement (Rev. 13:4,8,12,15.)
- B. The Holy Spirit is raising up the most powerful prayer and worship movement in history (Lk. 18:7-8; Mt. 21:13; Isa. 19:20-22; 24:14-16; 25:9; 26:8-9; 27:2-5; 13; 30:18-19; 42:10-13; 43:26; 51:11; 52:8; 62:6-7; Jer. 31:7; 51:8; Joel 2:12-17; 32; Zeph. 2:1-3; Ps. 102:17-20; 122:6; Zech. 8:20-23; 10:1; 12:10; 13:9;). Prayer will be central to releasing Jesus's actions in the book of Revelation. (Rev. 5:8; 6:9-11; 8:3-5; 9:13; 14:28; 16:7; 18:6; 22:17,20)
- C. Isaiah prophesied about prayer ministries in the end-times that would continue 24/7 until Jesus returns and restores Jerusalem as a praise in the earth. They will not keep silent day or night.

IV. THE ANTICHRIST AND THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Revelation 13:4 "So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Revelation 13:8 "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Revelation 13:14-15 "And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed."

- A. The antichrist will have a counterfeit resurrection that will help him to demand the world to worship him.

- B. Satan gives the antichrist his authority, but God is the one who truly allows him to rise to power as an End-Time world leader.

Revelation 13:7 "It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation."

Daniel 7:21-22 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom."

- C. A great persecution will breakout against God's people. It may seem that satan is getting the ultimate victory, but it's his hatred for the saints and persecution of them that causes Jesus to return and establish His kingdom on the earth.

Daniel 7:25-27 "He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

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- D. An idol, an image to the antichrist will be set up for the entire world to worship it. The image is supernaturally empowered by demon spirits and witchcraft causing many to fear and giving worship to the antichrist.

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- E. A mark on one's hand or forehead must be "stamped" before one can buy food, sell anything, or have any kind of financial transaction. This will be the way the antichrist will manipulate the nations into worshipping him.

Rev 13:17-19, 14:9-11, 16:2, 20:4

Final Note: It's important to remember that this End-Time scenario is being orchestrated and permitted by the Lord. His goal is to allow the wheat and the tares to grow together so that He might bring forth eternal justice and judgment. Satan's wrath is upon the believers and God's wrath upon the unbelievers.