SEMINAR NOTES - 3/16/24

Session #1

There are 3 concepts of life (Luke 10:30-37)

- 1) Thieves jumped on the traveller "What you have is mine."
- 2) Some view their life "What is mine is mine."
- 3) Jesus concept ... "Whatever is mine is yours." (Mark 10:29-31)

What will be the outcome/impact of your life 100 years from now?

The Gospel work is the ONLY employment arena that yields eternal rewards.

- In God's Word 500 verses deal with Prayer
- In God's Word **2000+** verses deal with **\$/possession**

Something must be **blessed** before it can **multiply**. In other words it must be given to the Lord first. (Ex 23:19; Pro 3:9-10; Joshua 6:18-19; 7:10-12 and 20-26)

1. Whose money is it?

Haggai 2:8 Deut 8:18 Mal 3:8-10; 1:10-14

2. Things that can CLOSE Heaven up tight

- a) <u>Rebellion</u> 1 Sam 13
- b) Not tithing Lev 27:30
- c) Wrong priorities Matt 6:33; Eph 4:22-24
- d) Double-mindedness James 1:7-8
- e) FEAR Pro 29:25; Heb 2:14-15; 2 Peter 1-3
- f) No FAITH Heb 11:6
- g) <u>Unbelief</u> Matt 13:58; 2 Cor 10:4-5
- h) Improper MARRIAGE understanding 1 Peter 3:7
- i) Not trusting God's servants/leaders 2 Chron 20:20
- j) Improper THINKING Pro 23:7; Matt 21:22; Phil 4:8
- k) Improper TALKING Ps 66:18; Pro 28:13

3. Things that OPEN Heaven

- a) Reverse the list
- b) Be a cheerful giver
- c) Correct Priorities
- d) Possess a singular purpose/To please God every day
- e) Trust the Lord
- f) Have a growing faith in God

4. How to PRESENT your tithes and offering to God

- a) Faithfully 1 Cor 16:1-2 (NLT)
- b) Cheerfully 2 Cor 9:7 (AMP)
- c) As an ACT of Worship 2 Cor 9:8
- d) With a seed harvest in mind Pro 11:25; Ecc 5:10; Pro 11:28

LIVE TO GIVE !

Session #2 – Financial Blessing

Learning to have a positive believing, loyal heart/attitude is one of the most important areas to develop! Heb. 11:6

1. God wants to do great things for you

- a) He wants everyone in the world to be SAVED (John 3:16-17; Acts 2;21)
- b) God wants everyone who is sick to be HEALED (Ex. 15:26; Matt 8:16; Matt 8:17; Matt 12:15)
- c) God wants everyone to be FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 2:1-4); Luke 11:11-13)

2. God wants to OPEN the windows of Heaven over you

- a) Financially BLESSING you (Mal 3:10)
- b) Every need MET (Phil 4:19; Heb 4:16)
- Fullness in your LIFE
 Joy, peace, hope in every heart who longs for Jesus
- d) Fullness in the CHURCH (Acts 2:42-47)

3. God wants to PRESERVE and PROVIDE for you

- a) SYMPTOMS of the last days (2 Tim 3:1-5)
- b) Secured SAINTS in the last days (Gen 26:1-3; Gen 26:6; Gen 26:12-13)

Isaac planted in faith

NO PLANTING ? = NO INCREASE !

Session #3 – Financial Security

Our <u>attitude</u> toward God is the key to God's blessings! Our attitude is the <u>librarian</u> of your past... It is the <u>speaker</u> of your <u>present</u>. It is the <u>prophet</u> of your <u>future</u>.

1. God has ORDAINED your life to be SIGNIFICANT

a) God has prepared your DESTINY

- a. Jeremiah Jer 1:4-5;
- b. Paul Gal 1:15-16;
- c. You Eph 2:10
- b) God calls you PERSONALLY AND PURPOSEFULLY
 - a. Israel Isaiah 43:1
 - b. Abraham 12:1
 - c. Zacchaeus
 - d. Samuel 3 times
 - e. You John 10:3

God know you personally – He will see you through; learn to follow His voice carefully, humbly and obey immediately

Our <u>busyness</u> leads to spiritual <u>barrenness</u>

2. God desires for you to walk in FINANCIAL FREEDOM

- There are three interested in your stewardship
 - o **God** is interested
 - The devil is interested (John 10:10)
 - You are interested

a) You must personally RETURN to God (Mal 3:7)

Biblical stewardship reminds me... God doesn't plead with you about your money : He wants your heart (Psalm 50:12; 2 Cor 8:5)

The storms that are coming will not break you when you are under God's blessing

Many live in bondage today because they tried to put things first and God second. It won't work! (Lev 27:30)

b) There must be a FINANCIAL release

Some say this is legalism. Tithing was instituted <u>before</u> the Law. Christ declares you and I must be tithers!

- <u>Defined proportion</u> (I don't tithe because it's a requirement, I tithe because I love my Lord and Redeemer)
- Designated place : the Church
- Definite purpose (Mal 3:10 "That there may be meat in my house")
- c) <u>There will be spiritual renewal</u> Mal 3:10-12

3 things God promises to do for you

- 1) <u>God will renew your FAITH</u> : "Prove me, put me to the test" Your faith will grow (Luke 16:10-11)
- 2) God will rebuke your FOES : "I will rebuke the devourer"
- 3) God will restore your FRUITFULNESS

When you tithe, you'll do more with the 90% with God as your partner that you could ever do with the 100% yourself!