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Finances #3 - God Is Looking For Someone  
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This is a continuation of the teaching on finances from the aspect that God is for you and that He does want you to prosper and do well in life. Even though it may look like the world's view of economy is not doing so well at the present time, Gods economy is in good shape. Those learning to trust in God and what He has for them, they are like trees planted by the water, the drought does not affect them, and they continue to have plenty.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." KJV

Psalms 1:2-3 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." KJV

Psalms 35: 27 "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant." KJV

We are reminded that God takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant. God is not against you having money. Money is not the root of all evil, however the love of money and the greediness involved is. God is not against the believer having an abundance of money. God has an excessive supply and abundance of wealth for us. There can sometimes be a challenge stepping into the flow and beginning to experience the flow that is why it is so important to meditate the word. God is for the believer prospering in a down economy, God has not changed, we must keep our focus on the word and what it says.

Pro 8:12 "I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions." KJV

God gifts people with favor, knowledge and witty inventions, money does not flow down from heaven, the money is already here on the earth. God wants the world to know that He blesses His people.

Genesis 26:12-14 "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. 13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: 14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him." KJV

This scripture teaches about Isaac sowing in the year of famine, and yet was able to receive a hundred fold during the drought there. He was greatly blessed and very rich and was an envied man. Why was he so blessed? he sowed even though it wasn't easy in the year of famine, it was his beginning and it continued to increase.

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## God Is Looking For Someone!

In 2nd Chronicles we read that Asa was a very successful king, his army was mighty winning over their enemies because of God's intervention, but in the later days of his reign, he forgot where his help had come from. He began to be comfortable in his prosperity and ask others to ally with him offering to pay them with items taken from the temple in order to defeat his enemies and God reminded him who it was that had delivered him earlier. Then a prophet comes by and speaks to Asa telling him that he had done foolishly and within a couple years, he died.

2 Chron 16:8-9 "Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand. 9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars." KJV

God is scanning the congregation here today in order to show Himself strong, to those who have a believing or receiving heart that will trust Him. He is not looking for people that have missed the mark, that He can condemn, judge or criticize, but is looking for the individuals that He can use. God is not a respecter of persons, but He is a respecter of faith, trust and believing. It is easy to believe God when things are going well. There is an unseen world out there that is resisting us in getting anything from God and hearing from God, our faith, trust and belief has everything to do with our prayers being answered. We believe first in order to receive and then we have the answers. Keep the switch turned on.

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." KJV

In reading the book of Daniel the whole story is told regarding the battle that the angels fought with the devil. Daniel was a man with a believing heart who had been praying, but the answer didn't come immediately. The angel when he finally was able to get through to Daniel, told him that the prayers had been heard but that the adversary was fighting and until the angel got help he was unable to come to Daniel.

Daniel had such favor with the king, but there were those in Babylon who being jealous got the king to change the laws trying to entrap Daniel because of his faith. The king realized that he had made a mistake, but had to continue with the judgment that had been put into law, however, he fasted and spent the night worrying about Daniel and his fate with the lions. The following scripture tells the entire story of what happened with Daniel and the others involved in the plot to destroy Daniel. The king acknowledged God and ordered his kingdom to fear God and Daniel prospered greatly.

Dan 6:16-28 "Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. 17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. 19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. 20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? 21

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. 23 Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. 24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. 25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. 26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. 27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. 28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian." KJV

These scriptures tell of the three Hebrew children who had been taken into captivity at the same time that Daniel had been. The three children confessed that their God would deliver them and if He didn't they still wouldn't bow down to the image. They trusted in God and he delivered them. Their deliverance came because of that trust.

Dan 3:17-28 "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. 19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. 20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counselors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. 27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. 28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God." KJV

What is God looking for? God is looking for someone whom He can show Himself strong on their behalf. He is in a hurry; His eyes are running to and fro, He is looking for that heart that has faith or trust in Him. Faith is a receiver, faith will be walking around and we are believing God right now for what we have need of. We have ask, we are receiving and now are in the area of thanksgiving.

Mark 10:46-52 "And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. 48 And many

charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. 49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. 50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." KJV

There are truths in this scripture that tell us about receiving. It was the faith of the blind man, ready to receive. Faith is a receiver, not only does faith believe, but it receives.

Example of quarterbacks in football games, throwing to receivers who know that when they get into the right positions, they can receive the ball.

The right position for us spiritually is to begin to get into the area of thanksgiving and believing. God is waiting for us to get into the right position in order for him to bless us. It is our faith, not His that enables us to receive.

Jesus told the blind man that it was his faith that brought about his healing. The blind man had been hearing about Jesus and the healings that had been done, he had been ready to receive. He asked, he believed and immediately he received his miracle. Faith is a receiver.

God honors our faith, He wants to get to us what we have need of. God is looking all over the earth to those having their switch of faith turned on. God is not dead, He is alive!