Living in Troubled Times

In the world today there is great concern about money. In these troubling times, with all the talk about money worries, where are we placing our trust?

Do we put our confidence in God or in the financial systems and governments of this world?

With all the difficulty in money markets around the world, where is a safe place to keep our money? How can we preserve it securely?

King David said, “Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help” (Psa. 146:3). And Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-20, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”

So, where have you been storing your wealth; in the hands of men or in the hands of Almighty God?

Why are we having so many financial problems in the world today? God has given us the answer. There is a reason people are suffering under financial worries. It is because we have forgotten our God!

God has said, “…Return unto Me, and I will return unto you…” (Mal. 3:7). People in the United State, England, Australia, New Zealand, France, Norway, Finland, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, and Israel have forgotten their God. But God’s people say, “How have we forgotten You God?”

God goes on to explain, “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, ‘Wherein have we robbed thee?’ ‘In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. 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. 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” (Mal. 3:8-11).

You see, we have been having money issues because we have not remembered God. The reason we are under financial stress is because we have neglected to partner with God in doing His Work! God’s Work is under dire straits because His people say we are His, yet we are not interested in helping God do what needs to be done!

We claim to be God’s people but one would never know it by how little we are willing to work with God in announcing the Kingdom of God and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!
The Apostle Paul prophesied about the days in which we live when he said, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (II Tim. 3:1-5).

The Apostle Paul goes on to show us in I Timothy 6:6-11 that, “…godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.”

Then Paul continues to explain to Timothy, “Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life” (I Tim. 6:17-19 NLT).

The more insecure the world feels, the more secure we can be in our great God as we learn to trust Him for everything. Continue to rely on God for all our needs and partner with Him in announcing the glorious Kingdom of God and the wonderful world tomorrow.

If you would like to learn more about how to find security in these troubling times, please download our free booklet How God’s Work is Accomplished.

Remember the words of Jesus, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:21).

Jesus is coming soon! Amen!