

Summary of morning message, Sunday Feb.7th. 2016

God's Word to us today:-

"The Benefit and value of Giving/Sowing"

Scripture Reading:-2 Cor.9 vs.6 thru 11

Focus Verse:-Prov.11 vs.24-25

Introduction

The God that we serve is a God who does nothing without having a specific purpose for His action. This was so from the very beginning, as recorded in Genesis.

In God's eternal plan, giving has value and benefit in both the natural and eternal spheres of life.

Ps.115 vs.16 & Deut.8 vs.18

Giving was introduced into natural life, with God sharing with mankind out of His abundance, so that all of their needs would be satisfied, and His eternal purpose and plan would be fulfilled.

Therefore the earth, with all of its riches, was given to man.

Everything that mankind would ever need was placed in the earth by God.

From God's Word we learn that man's sin by disobeying God's instructions, brought into effect a new element as Gen.3 vs.15 thru 19 records.

From the very beginning of time, God never intended for mankind to be destitute and poverty stricken.

Having forfeited all of God's provisions through sin, and placing them under Satan's control, the things that we know today connected to money, prosperity and giving, dishonesty, greed, covetousness and selfishness were introduced into the sphere of human existence.

Gen 12 vs.1 thru 3

With the choosing and call of Abram God re-introduced to mankind

The divinely ordered pathway to abundance and prosperity.

In order for the believer to learn about and understand God's desire to prosper His people, one must go to the Word of God. This is where all of the information needed can be found.

Through Abram God established a people through whom His eternal plan and purpose will be brought back into human existence.

Through Abraham and his descendants God reveals both the pathway, plan and purpose which all believers must understand and participate.

(a). The principle of the tithe is introduced Gen.14 vs.17 thru 20. The Tithe, is that portion of income or material blessing, which God required them to give back to Him. (His portion by right of Divine ownership).

Refer also to:-Lev.27 vs.30; Mal.3 vs.8 thru 10.

God then revealed to Abraham's descendants (His chosen People) what they had in the nine tents, which was the portion left, after the tithe was paid, as God required.

➤ *There was Bread for their daily needs, and personal use. Refer to:-Isa.55 vs.10; 2 Cor.9 vs.10; Job 8 vs.5.*

➤ *There was Seed or that which would be used to guarantee continual supply.*

Refer to:-Isa.55 vs.10; 2 Cor.9 vs.10.

Note:-That He might fulfill or establish His covenant.

Refer to:-Deut.8 vs.18:-That His People, might have all sufficiency, in all things. There-by giving them the ability, to be instruments in His hand, in the establishing of His covenant.

Refer also to:-2 Cor.9 vs.8 & 3 John 2.

The value and benefit of God giving prosperity to His people, are personal and beneficial to God's Kingdom:- God's mission that the gospel be preached in all the earth is facilitated.

The body of Christ is enabled to care for their own, as per the example of the early Church. Acts 2 vs.42

Conclusion

Have you been giving to God and His divine purpose in the earth as He requires? Or have you through a lack of knowledge and understanding been cheating yourself of God's blessing and abundance?