

**Insuring Our Finances**  
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***Scripture References***

***Malachi Chapter 3***

<sup>1</sup>Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>2</sup>But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

<sup>3</sup>And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

<sup>7</sup>Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

<sup>8</sup>Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

<sup>9</sup>Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

<sup>10</sup>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.

**When you obey God by paying tithes, several blessings are bestowed upon you....**

- 1) God will open up the windows or floodgates of heaven.
- 2) He'll pour you out a blessing, or pour you out *as* a blessing
- 3) He will rebuke the devourer for your sake or *your name's sake*.
- 4) The fruit of your ground shall not be destroyed.
- 5) All nations shall call you blessed.

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>13</sup>Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

<sup>14</sup>Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

<sup>15</sup>And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

<sup>16</sup>Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

<sup>17</sup>And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

<sup>18</sup>Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

### **Acts 4:31-37**

<sup>31</sup>And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

<sup>32</sup>And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

<sup>33</sup>And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

<sup>34</sup>Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

<sup>35</sup>And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

<sup>36</sup>And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

<sup>37</sup>Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

### **Acts 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

<sup>2</sup>And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

<sup>3</sup>But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

<sup>4</sup>Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

<sup>5</sup>And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

<sup>6</sup>And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

<sup>7</sup>And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

<sup>8</sup>And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

<sup>9</sup>Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

<sup>10</sup>Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

<sup>11</sup>And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

## Lesson

### **INSURING OUR FINANCES** *Breaking Financial Curses* *Tuesday, May 16, 2006*

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Are your bills more than your income?
2. Are you finding it hard to make ends meet?
3. Is all of your money spent before you get paid?
4. Is your income tax check, which is supposed to assist you in catching up on bills now left you in a worse situation?
5. Do you make enough money to pay all of your bills but still have to borrow *more* at the end of the month?
6. Are you more focused when you're broke than you are when you get paid?
7. Do you have a savings?
8. Are you bouncing checks profusely?
9. Are your credit cards maxed out?
10. Are you on the verge of losing your house or car?
11. Is looking good more important than paying your bills?
12. Are you more concerned with keeping up with the "Joneses" than getting out of debt?
13. Are the windows of heaven closed; are the gateways to glory shut?
14. Are you a tither, but not seeing the benefits of the tithe?
15. Are you the sole-supporter of your household but have others living with you who are not contributing financially?
16. Is your situation, one income, two households?
17. Do you believe in tithing or is tithing something of the past?
18. Are you hurt by past ministries and now blaming God for the crooks and shyster ministries?
19. Are you putting your money into a bag with a hole in it?
20. Are your tires flat; police officers giving you tickets; are you having to bail children out of jail?

If you said "yes" to three or more of these questions, you are under a financial curse that needs to be broken. Proverbs 26 says that a curse without a cause can not come. There is a reason for your financial dilemma. What is the doorway to this curse?

1. Is it greed?
2. Fear
3. Unbelief
4. Bad upbringing
5. A generational curse of poverty
6. Me-Ology
7. Just out-right ignorance

Whatever the doorway is to this demonic hindrance, it must be broken. Scripture teaches, *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*  
(3 John 1:2)