

Part 5 - Highlights

- God can bless the unrighteous so that he can bless the righteous! Luke16:8 Joseph/Jailer example....
- Change is painful, counter to our flesh! God directed change will bring increase!
- We reap what we sow! Don't get tired of sowing "good" reap the harvest! Gal 6:7-10
- The Church in Jerusalem had sown a lot of seed, and the time will come for it to get its harvest! They "seeded" the entire church body! Acts 4:32-35
- The Church in Antioch sprung up out of the Church in Jerusalem. Act 13:1-3
- Jerusalem → Antioch → Gentile Nations, Worldwide!!!
- The Church in Jerusalem reaps what is sowed! The Church in Corinth and Galatia support the Church in Jerusalem! 1Corinthians 16:1-4
- Giving is a GRACE 2Corinthians 8:7-15 (Context, giving to the Church in Jerusalem)
- 2Cor 8:1-4 Paul uses the poor Macedonians as an example of giving above capabilities
- We give out of Love for God! 2 Cor 8:8
- It may not come back as riches and wealth only, but things far better, deeper and more meaningful than riches! Moving us out of the way of destruction! Resurrection! Blessings beyond our imagination!

Part 6 - Highlights

- A Grace to Give, continued: Everything belongs to the Lord Psalms 24:1-2
- We are tested with money, wealth and materials just like Adam/Chavah Tree of knowledge of good and evil. We need to be taught, its not natural.
- We are caregivers and Stewards of what God gives us: Rom 14:12 & Matt 25
- Money is both Physical & Spiritual: Matt 6:21 "where your treasure is so is your heart"
- If you want to be a Spiritual person, you need to gain dominance over money!
- Money had a terrible grip on the rich young man, so much so the only way was to sell
- God tests them because He loves them: Mark 10
- Peter got the gist of what Yeshua said in: Mark 10:28-31 We will receive 100x houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and property in this age for the sake of the Gospel
- Having a grace to give, following Messiah's lead on becoming poor on our behalf! 2Cor
 8:9, even unto death Phlp 2:5-11, even as a criminal.
- Never fear when God is challenging us to be generous. God will bless you so much you will lose your fear! He will supply our needs in ways we can't imagine! Trust in Him

The three storehouses:

Immediate use, pantry, refrigerator, starter for the next loaf

1. Deut 28:5 Blessed will be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Intermediate use, a stockpile, longer term

2. Deut 28:8 Adonai will command the blessing on you <u>in your barns</u> and in <u>every undertaking of your hand</u>, and He will bless you <u>in the land Adonai</u> <u>your God is giving you.</u>

Heavenly Storehouse! For use here on earth!

3. Deut 28:12 Adonai will open for you <u>His good storehouse—the</u> <u>heavens</u>—to give <u>rain for your land in its season</u> and to <u>bless all the work of your hand</u>. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.

Cornerstone Texts:

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor Adonai with your wealth and with the first of your entire harvest. Then your <u>Storehouses</u> will be filled with plenty, your vats will overflow with new wine.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tenth into the <u>storehouse</u>, so that there will be food in my house, and put me to the test," says Adonai-Tzva'ot. "See if I won't open for you the floodgates <u>of heaven</u> and pour out for you a blessing far beyond your needs.

Strongs H618

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From an unused root meaning to *heap* together; a *storehouse* (only in the plural): - barn, storehouse.

What we do on Earth...

Triggers a response from Heaven!



A Grace to Give

2Corinthians 8:7 But as you excel in everything—in faith and speech and knowledge and all diligence, and in your love for us—<u>also excel in this grace</u> (Grace of giving).

- Sowing and reaping sparing or abundantly depends on us!
 2Corinthians 9:6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.
- The giving of material wealth is likened to the planting of seed
- Any farmer who plants a seed, expects to get a harvest. Work to prepare the soil, seed is an expensive investment.
- We wouldn't plant if we didn't expect a harvest in fact that is a curse to plant without harvesting! Lev 26:16, Deut 28:30-33, Micah 6:15 & Job 31:8

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- Giving with an expectation of influence or giving with stipulations nullifies the seed planted.
- Forced giving nullifies the seed planted
- You can't tamper with the seed once its sown, it will ruin the germination process!!!
- The time and the disposition of the harvest of the seed is in the hands of the Lord once it's planted. Mark 4:26-29

2Kings 4:1 Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha saying, "Your servant my husband is dead—you know that your servant feared Adonai. Now the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves."

- Fear of the Lord = Charity/Alms/Tzedakah Righteousness Psalm 112
- 2Kings 4:7 Then she came and told the man of God. So he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debt, then you and your sons can live on the rest."
- He never saw it in His lifetime, but God took care of his family better than he could have!
- God also returns seed after it's own kind = Caring for the poor, his poor was cared for! Sow what you want to reap! → discussion next slide ____

God returns seed, multiplied after it's kind:

Genesis 1:12 The land brought forth grass, green plants yielding seed, each according to its species, and trees making fruit with the seed in it, each according to its species.

And God saw that it was good.

Isa 55:9-13 "For as the heavens are higher than earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without having watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to sow and bread to eat, so My word will be that goes out from My mouth. It will not return to Me in vain, but will accomplish what I intend, and will succeed in what I sent it for. "Yes, you will go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will break forth before you singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands! Instead of the thorn bush, a cypress will come up, and instead of the brier, a myrtle will come up, and it will be a memorial to Adonai, as an everlasting sign that will never be cut off."

Sow where God is directing!

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2Corinthians 9:6-15 - Sowing

- "The needs of the Kedoshim" (Saints) in Jerusalem context!
- Jerusalem sowed a ministry seed, and that was the harvest they reaped! A harvest of ministries around the world!
- "A cheerful giver" in Greek: Strongs 2431 λαρός hilaros hil-ar-os'
- From the same as G2436; propitious or merry ("hilarious"), that is, prompt or willing: cheerful.
- No sense of loss or sadness with the separation of his money from himself! "Consider it joy"
- Great sense of expectation of opportunity to invest, much greater than any pain from the loss! Therefore, he can give "hilariously" ©

2Corinthians 9:6-15 - Sowing

- ""He scattered widely, He gave to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." "Quoting Psalm 112! (Partnering with God)
 - ☐ "The desire of the wicked will perish."
- "Now the One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in everything for all generosity, which through us brings about thanksgiving to God" Quoting Isa 55
 - ☐ Multiplying seed and harvest! Enriched in everything!
- "And in their prayer for you, they long for you because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
 - ☐ A grace! Even though its through us, God gets the credit!

Rejoyce in persecution:

Persecution for the cause of the Messiah, a form of giving: Hebrews 10:3-6 But remember the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a great struggle with sufferings. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to abuses and afflictions, and other times you became partners with those who were treated this way. For you suffered along with the prisoners and joyfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you have for yourselves a better and lasting possession. Therefore, do not lose your boldness, which has great reward. For you need perseverance so that, after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.

Giving "Hilariously"

- When God's developing you and taking you to new ground there's a little bit of discomfort with that, but that means you are growing! Growth can be uncomfortable!
- The cheerful giver subscribes to a lifestyle of becoming a channel for God.
- When you view your resources as a finite container, like a bucket. You're always going to be mindful of lack because you see that there is only so much that you have.
- But when you see yourself as a conduit that is carrying supply from an infinite source (God), you can better serve His will.

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Giving "Hilariously"

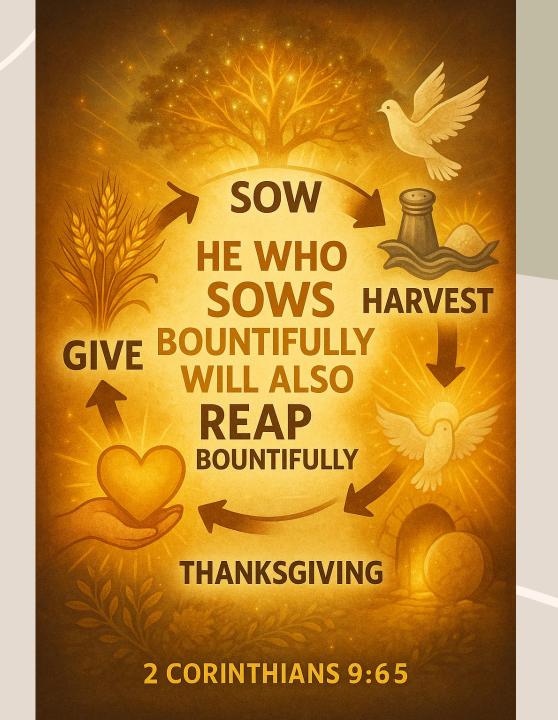
- 2Corinthians 9:8-9 And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that by always having enough of everything, you may overflow in every good work. As it is written, "He scattered widely, He gave to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."
- Grace to keep and a Grace to give, see above! → Good Work
- God wants to bless you so you can be a blessing to others.
- God is looking for people that will partner with Him, so He can use them! "Not use them up" or exhaust them!
- God will refresh your supply of "xyz" so you can continue to serve
- Willing hearts are rare, once He finds you, He will supply you

God Provides

2Corinthians 9:10-11 Now the One who <u>supplies seed</u> to the sower and bread for food <u>will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness</u>. You will be enriched in everything for all generosity, which through us brings about thanksgiving to God.

- God provides the seed, if we use it for Him, He multiplies it.
- God provides the breed for food, keeping. He's not asking for "everything"
- Not only a material increase, but also a spiritual gain! (Righteousness)
- The special relief offering to Jerusalem
- Gods' definition of "rich" is: Needs are met and seed to sow!
- When we say "yes" to Gods leadings, He will give us the ability to do more

God Provides AND Blesses Through Us In the Process



God Provides - Trust in Him

Psalm 23:1-6 A psalm of David. Adonai is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me: Your rod and Your staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life (Deut 28 "overtake you"), and I will dwell in the House of Adonai forever.

- No lack, running over! So, we can do good works
- Restores my soul increases my righteousness

Gods Grace to us!

- God wants to use you to be a source of supply!
- God is NOT going to ask you to do something that is beyond your ability!
- God is NOT going to ask you to give an amount that will lead you to financial ruin! But He will use what you have to invest in your harvest!
- Bringing you to financial ruin accomplishes nothing!
 - 2Corinthians 9:10 "Now the One who <u>supplies</u> <u>seed</u> to the sower and <u>bread</u> for food <u>will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest</u> of your righteousness"
- The seed is never larger than the harvest!

The importance of Obedience!

The Storehouses being blessed was hinging upon:

Deut 28:1-2 "Now if you listen obediently to the voice of Adonai your God, taking care to do all His mitzvot that I am commanding you today, Adonai your God will set you on high—above all the nations of the earth. Then all these blessings will come upon you and overtake you, if you listen to the voice of Adonai your God:

Joel 1:14-17 Consecrate a fast. Proclaim a solemn assembly. Gather elders and all living in the land to the House of Adonai your God, and cry to Adonai. Ah, the day! The day of Adonai is near! As havoc from Shaddai it will come. Is food not cut off before our eyes—joy and gladness from God's House? Seed has shriveled under the dirt clod.

Storehouses are desolate, granaries are torn down, for the grain has withered.

 Understanding how God operates only draws us closer to him!

I can't wait to hear the testimonies!

Shabbat Shalom!

Part 8 Coming Soon

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS