

Part 4 - Highlights

- 2Kings 4:1-7 Those who "fear the lord" and build heavenly storehouses the righteousness and storehouse lives on beyond their lifespan! Psalm 112:9
- "And my God will supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Yeshua the Messiah" Philippians 4:19 Let God be the one who decides how you reap!
- 2Kings 4:8-37 Another example of generosity (building treasure in Heaven) being rewarded in the form of life and resurrection!
- Mat 25:34 "I tell you, whatever you did to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me"
- Yeshua said "For where your wealth is, there your heart will be also" Mat 6:21
- That's why its important to be generous, because when you give you demonstrate power over money, you are in control of it!
- The Church in Jerusalem demonstrated this by selling possession and giving it to those in need and the Apostles! Acts 2:44-47
- They helped found all other churches! Act 4:33-35 God shifts to selling off real-estate!
- God removed them from the path of destruction! (Heavenly Storehouse) Luke 19:41-44

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!

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.

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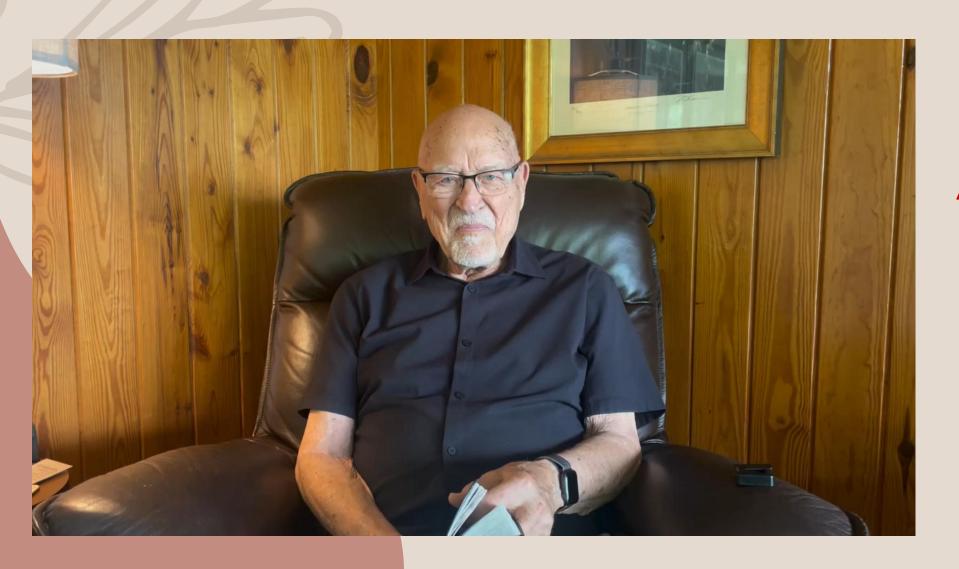
From an unused root meaning to *heap* together; a *storehouse* (only in the plural): - barn, storehouse.

What we do on Earth...

Triggers a response from Heaven!



A Word from Don Finto



Proverbs 19:17
One who is kind to the poor lends to Adonai, and Adonai will reward him for his good deed.

2Corinthians 8:1-8 Now we make known to you, brothers and sisters, the grace God has given to Messiah's communities in Macedonia—that in much testing by affliction, the abundance of their joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For I testify that according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, they gave of their own free will begging us with much urging for the favor of sharing in the relief of the kedoshim. Moreover, it was not just as we had hoped, but they gave of themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus that, just as he had made a start before, so he should also complete this gracious service for you. But as you excel in everything—in faith and speech and knowledge and all diligence, and in your love for us—also excel in this grace (of giving). I am saying this not as a command, but I am trying to prove by the diligence of others the genuineness of your love as well.

■ We need to be taught; it's doesn't come naturally to humans...

■ When God created Adam and Chavah, He gave them all things needed and only placed one restriction on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God owns everything and restricted us from that. An honor test... (Genises 2:8-9)

Psalm 24:1-2 A psalm of David. The earth is Adonai's and all that fills it—the world, and those dwelling on it. For He founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.

- Everything is the Lords (Psalm 24:1-2)
- Nothing belongs to us! We are caretakers and stewards.
- We're using the earth and its resources by His Grace!
- We will have to give an account as to how we utilized it, and whether we honored Him in it!
 - Rom 14:12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.
- Parable of the Talents: Mat 25:14-30
 - Mat 25:19 "Now after a long time, the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

The honor test in the Garden is both physical and spiritual, money is the same thing! Yeshua said:

Matthew 6:21 For where your <u>treasure</u> (Material) is, there will your <u>heart</u> (Spiritual) be also.

- These are two related things: Money and Spirituality, the two connect.
- If you want to be a Spiritual person, you have to gain dominance over money by honoring God with it, by putting Him first with your money!

- The believer that professes to Love God, but cannot give freely, loves God with reservations.
 - Deu 6:5 and you are to love Adonai your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources.
- For some, no amount of cash reserves is enough! A million must become millions before they can give etc...
- Money has a terrible grip on some people!
- The Messiah will test these types of people, not because He hates them, but because He LOVES them.
- Read Mark 10:17-22 Yeshua loves rich people that keep the commandments! → Discuss next slide

- Yeshua loved and cared for this young man, what He told him, would have saved his life, saved his future and brought him to a better place!
- So many people wrestle with the idea that what God wants for us is hard and difficult and its not the best
- God wants better things for you than you have in mind for yourself!
 God has a better plan than what you have for yourself!
- The only way the strangle hold of riches could be broken in this man's life was to sell it all and be a giver. He couldn't do it.
- Yeshua dealt with many Rich people, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus and others, He didn't require giving all from them as it was not their weakness.

Mark 10:22-24 But at this statement, the man became sad and went away grieving, for he had much property. Then looking around, Yeshua says to His disciples, "How hard it will be for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at His words. But Yeshua answers again and says to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

- or "much property owned him"
- "They were amazed" There was a heritage of prosperity on His people, even to this day!
- Yeshua is saying if we trust in riches (our hope/faith), it makes it even harder to enter the kingdom!

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Mark 10:25-27 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more astonished, saying among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Looking at them, Yeshua said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God!"

- "It's easier for a rope to go through the eye of a needle" AENT
- If we surrender our riches to God, a rich man can enter the Kingdom of God. (Put God first).
- This is not a commandment to poverty as some presume

Peter got the point of what Yeshua was saying:

Mark 10:28-31 Peter began to say to Him, "Look, we've left everything to follow You!" "Amen, I tell you," Yeshua replied, "there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for My sake and for the sake of the Good News, who will not receive a hundred times as much now in this time (olam hazeh), houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and property, along with persecutions; and in the olam ha-ba, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

 Yeshua agrees with Peter and says that you didn't get cheated! I will repay you in THIS AGE/ WORLD / LIFETIME — treasures in Heaven for this age and beyond. Gaining family in the Lord!

- You cannot out give God had the rich young man been generous he would have been blown away at how much better his life would have been!
- He was at the age where he would have seen the destruction of Jerusalem. It's likely he would have lost it all anyways! Yikes!
- Invest in treasures in Heaven! Let God decide how to pay you back!
- Put God first in your finances by practicing the Grace that is giving and being generous towards GOD.

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Provoking

- Paul is doing everything he can to provoke the (rich) Corinthians to generosity. Using the (poor) Macedonians as an example to test the love of these people! (Davids's victory provoked Israel out of hiding)
- The Macedonians gave beyond what was reasonable even though they were poor. (God provokes us often)
- This is a relief offering for the saints in Jerusalem, not for himself. As the church in Jerusalem had made everything possible through their own sacrifice – not so Paul could have better things [©]
- Paul would never have urged others on like this for personal gain!
- Corinth was benefitting from those who gave earlier so the gospel 19
 could reach them. (God saved the Saints in Jerusalem in the process)

The Grace Yeshua had

2Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah—that even though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that through His poverty you might become rich.

Yeshua limited himself in many ways. He also had resources (immediate, not long term) they generously gave to those in need.

Philippians 2:5-11 Have this attitude in yourselves, which also was in Messiah Yeshua, Who, though existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal to God a thing to be grasped. But He emptied Himself—taking on the form of a slave, becoming the likeness of men and being found in appearance as a man. He humbled Himself—becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue profess that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord—to the glory of God the Father.

Generosity Grace

- God challenges His people to be generous!
- He is not calling us to poverty, but to plenty!

Mal 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. Then there will be food in My House. Now test Me in this ("I double dog dare you" - Jesse's version) —says Adonai-Tzva'ot—"if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out blessing for you, until no one is without enough.

- Never fear when God is challenging us to be generous. God will bless you so much you will lose your fear!
- Understand Gods heart of storing up treasures in Heaven. He will supply our needs in ways we can't imagine! Trust in Him

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Shabbat Shalom!

Part 7 Coming Soon

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS