

# THE KINGDOM OF GOD

## Provision vs. Vision

### I. Provision-Minded vs. Vision-Minded

- A. Genesis 1:29-30, 2:8,16 – In the Garden, God provided Adam with everything that he would ever need in the Earth
  - 1. Adam's total focus is on the vision to Replenish the Earth because the provision was provided by God
  - 2. God said, "I HAVE GIVEN" – God's the provider of Adam's provision
- B. Genesis 3:17-24 – After Adam sinned he had to work to get provision for his life, consequently when he did that he lost sight of the vision
  - 1. Adam is now just surviving; He's just getting by
    - a. The assignment is not #1, it's survival mode; He's not thinking about, "Replenish the Earth" – He's thinking about replenishing himself
  - 2. When Adam fell he lost: 1) Fellowship 2) Provision 3) Assignment
- C. Adam's main focus is provision (Matthew 6:24-33)
  - 1. You can't serve two masters
    - a. You can't be after the vision and the provision
  - 2. Satan's plan was to get us distracted with putting food on the table and making a living so that we would lose focus on the vision bless the Earth
    - a. He wants us to be in survival mode
    - b. The world is provision minded (Mt. 6:32)
- D. We are not sent to the Earth to work for provision; we are in the Earth to work the vision
  - 1. We were not sent into the Earth to work for provision, we were sent into the Earth to complete the vision
    - a. If you give an ambassador an assignment without provision he's going to be so busy earning the provision he won't have time to complete the assignment
- E. God's provided a way for us to get the provision from him, so that we wouldn't have to run to the world's system to try to get it from them
  - 1. God wants you to look to Him and His way of receiving the provision so that you can focus on the vision (Mt 6:33)
  - 2. He doesn't want you to be distracted by the provision because then you won't complete the vision (Mt 6:25)
    - a. That world's system was designed to keep you busy

3. One of the main problems with the church today is that it has not been taught how to receive things God's way, so they have had no choice but to be busy after the provision and they've been distracted from the vision
  - a. Prosperity has to be talked about and taught in church because if it's not you'll leave the church and try to get the prosperity the world's way and you'll be provision-minded instead vision-minded

## II. Free Provision

- A. Before Adam sinned the provision was free, but after he sinned he had to work for the provision and be his own provider (Genesis 1:29, 3:17)
  1. Every tree in the Garden he could eat freely of except the one God told him not to eat of (Genesis 2:16)
    - a. When Adam sinned in the Garden mankind fell from a place of working towards the vision to working for the provision
    - b. Before he sinned he didn't have to work to eat because the provision was free and provided (2 Thessalonians 3:6)
      - (1) After he sinned he had to earn provision, b4 he sinned he received provision
  2. After Adam sinned sweat, toil, and struggle came and now he's having to struggle for the provision that used to be free (Gen 3:19, 2:16)
    - a. When Adam sinned mankind fell to where he had to struggle for provision
    - b. God wants to get us back to the place where there is no struggle, no toil, and no sweat for provision where we can just receive what we need from Him
      - (1) Matt 6:28-Consider how the lilies of the field grow; Toil free provision
  3. The world's system is a labor-based system, while the Kingdom of God is a system based on grace; In the world's system everything is earned, in the Kingdom of God system everything is received
- B. Jesus came to take us back to the place where mankind could operate like he did before the fall – FREE PROVISION (Romans 8:32, 1 Corinthians 2:12)
  1. Jesus did the work for the provision and now it's our job to receive
    - a. Romans 3:24 – You didn't work for your salvation, the Holy Ghost or your healing. They were all given by grace received through faith. So what makes you think you have to earn your money, your house, or your food?
  2. Provision that's free is not worked for it is received
    - a. Romans 4:16 (AMP) –Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor)---If there is no faith, the promise cannot be given as an act of grace

- b. Exodus 16:11-Moses was sent as an ambassador to lead the children of Israel out of bondage into the promise land & the provisions necessary to do so, God was going to provide
  - (1) 15-God's providing the provision for them
    - (a) 18-The Lord gave them abundance each day
  - (2) 16-Gather-They are back to the place where the provision is free because God's providing and they (man) is just receiving it
    - (a) There's no toil, no sweat, and no struggle
  - (3) 15-The Lord has given-It's possible that the Lord has completely given a thing, that has yet to be received
    - (a) God gave them the bread, but it had yet to be received
- 3. If provision is free, then the sweat, struggle, and toil is gone
  - a. Peter said He toiled all night (Luke 5:1-9)
    - (1) When the KOG showed up the toil was over and the gathering began
      - (a) Peter gathered those fish in with no sweat
    - (2) The fish represented the provision and the catching the men represented the vision; I believe that Jesus was showing Peter you don't have to worry about provision anymore because as long as you're working God's system abundance will always be there so now let's go after the vision
      - (a) Peter is out there toiling in that labor-based system and Jesus was getting him off that system to the system of God
  - b. Sweatless provision
    - (1) When you work the Kingdom system you activate: 1) The Word (Isaiah 55) 2) The Blessing (Proverbs 10:22) 3) Faith (Luke 17) 4) Angels (Psalm 103)
    - (2) If You'll work the Kingdom the Kingdom will do the work
      - (a) My labor is to work to word, the Kingdom and rest (Hebrews 4)
    - (3) You don't have to sweat, struggle or toil anymore because we are going to teach you to gather everything that you need
- C. One of the main deceptions of the enemy is he wants you to operate like fallen man. He wants you to work, toil, and struggle for something that's free.
  - 1. Satan's deceived a lot of people into to working for a living, when the living is free (Ephesians 4:28); You don't work for a living; Your work is your assignment
    - a. Your paycheck isn't the harvest (what you live off of) it's your seed (what u sow)

2. Satan's had much of the Body of Christ out there working for provision that's already paid for & he's distracted a lot of believers from the vision. He's had believers out there working living from paycheck to paycheck to pay for something that's already been laid up for you.
  - a. The idea about the Kingdom of God teaching is to teach people how to receive the provision God's way so that they can keep their mind on the vision, instead of being distracted away from the vision by working for the provision