

WEALTH & RICHES

The Wealth Belongs To You

- I. Psalm 112:3-In whose house should we find wealth and riches of the material sort? – In HIS HOUSE
 - A. The house of the one who fears God and delights greatly in his commandments; NOT just the Christians house
 1. This disqualifies many Christians; Many Christians don't even obey God's orders let alone delight greatly in them
 - B. According to God, if you fear him and delight greatly in His commands wealth & riches are supposed to be in your house
 1. *AMP-Wealth and riches are in his house; EXB-Their house will be full of wealth and riches; ICB-His house will be full of wealth and riches; NET-His house contains wealth and riches; WY-Glory and riches be in his house*
- II. Who is supposed to have the wealth the sinner or the saint?
 - A. The wealth was created for the believer and the believer for the wealth; A sinner has no business with it
 1. The point here is not to covet the wealth the sinner has; God can get money into your hands without the help of sinners; The point here is to get the revelation that the wealth belongs to the righteous and it's supposed to be in our hands NOT the hands of the wicked
 - B. Proverbs 13:22-If you're born again, then you are righteous and if you are righteous then the wealth is FOR YOU
 1. This is talking about material wealth in this earth; This isn't talking about spiritual wealth b/c the sinner doesn't have any; This isn't talking about something in Heaven because the wealth of this world isn't going to Heaven-1Tim6:7
 2. *AC-The wealth of the sinner [finds it's way eventually] into the hands of the righteous for whom it was laid up; NLV-The riches of the sinner are stored up for those who are right with God*
 - C. Ecclesiastes 2:26-The wealth is for the man who is good before God
 1. The sinner's job is to gather and heap up for the one who pleases God (Travail-Occupation, task, job)
 2. *NE-To the sinner he gives the task of amassing wealth only to give it to the one who pleases God-NABRE-But to the one who displeases, God gives the task of gathering possessions for the one who pleases God-MSG-End up turning their wages over to God's favorites-NLT-God takes the wealth away and gives it to those who please him*
 - D. Isaiah 23:17-18-The wealth of the wicked shall be FOR THEM that dwell before the Lord, to eat and wear the best
 1. The word says profit, gain from merchandise, money, was holiness (sacred, set-apart, consecrated) unto the Lord
 - a. Merchandise-Profit, gain from merchandise; Hire-Price; *AM-Profits of Tyre's new prosperity; ER-Money she earns*
 - b. This is the opposite of filthy, unholy, unclean, worldly, filthy lucre
 2. That prosperity was holy to the Lord b/c it was going to be used to prosper His people which to Him is a holy thing
 - a. *GW-Her profits and earnings will be turned over to the Lord for his holy purpose*
 3. Shall be **FOR THEM** that dwell before the Lord-Dwell-Remain, abide, have one's abode;
 - a. Sufficiently-Abundance, to have in excess; Durable-Surpassing, splendid, eminent, choice
 4. The prosperity was used to get the best for God's people; He wants us to have the best and we're ok with the rickety
 - a. *ER-Tyre will give that money to the people who serve the LORD to buy good food and nice clothes-MS-Her profits will be put to the use of GOD-Aware, GOD-Serving-People, providing plenty of food and the best of clothing-DA-Excellent clothing; GW-Expensive clothing; NET-Beautiful clothes*
 - b. Shouldn't they have gotten less expensive clothing and gave the money to the poor?
 5. *TLB-Good food & fine clothes for the priests of the Lord; Preachers were supposed to have the best stuff-Rev 1:5*
 - E. Job 27:13, 16-17-The just and the innocent (clean, free from guilt, blameless) are supposed to have the wealth-Col1:22
 1. *CEV-God's people will wear clothes taken from them and divide up their riches*
 2. This is not talking about a spiritual blessing or something you get when you go to Heaven; This is for you for now
 - F. Isaiah 61:6-People in covenant with God are going to enjoy the wealth of people who have no covenant with God
 1. Gentiles-Heathen, people not in covenant with God; Riches-Wealth; Glory-Abundance, riches, splendor

2. *CEB-Feed on the wealth of nations and fatten yourself on their riches; GNV-You shall be exalted with their glory*

3. *Priests and ministers are going to feed on the wealth of nations and fatten themselves on their riches*

G. *Zechariah 14:14-The wealth of the heathen was being collected and brought to Jerusalem (God's people)*

H. *Nahum 2-When God's people lost the wealth, God restored it to get it back into it's rightful hands*

1. *2,9-God's people had been emptied out, plundered of their prosperity – God restored their excellency*

I. *Haggai 2:8, John 16:15, Rom 8:17-If the silver and God is god's and everything the father has belongs to Jesus and you are a joint heir with Jesus, the silver and gold is yours*

III. We need mind renewal that the wealth, the good stuff belongs to us; We're supposed to have it

A. Ex3:21-He's working a new way of thinking in them that the good stuff/wealth belongs to you; He starts w/ their children

1. *Being in bondage 400 years that slavery/poverty mentality took root in them to the place where they don't think the good stuff belongs to them; They got used to poverty, lack, not having, having less; After being lied to for 2000 years many believers have developed the same mentality that the money, the good stuff, the wealth is not for us*

2. *Satan has worked to get a belief and a way of thinking into the church that the wealth, the good stuff is not really for us and the truth is the majority of the church has bought that lie*

3. *TLB-And I will see to it that the Egyptians load you down with gifts when you leave, so that you will by no means go out empty-handed! ²² Every woman will ask for jewels, silver, gold, and the finest of clothes from her Egyptian master's wife and neighbors. You will clothe your sons and daughters with the best of Egypt!"*

B. Ex12:35-Why did God do this? He's showing us that the good stuff/wealth belongs in the hands of the people of God

1. *ERV-They went to their Egyptian neighbors and asked for clothing and things made of silver and gold. The Lord caused the Egyptians to be kind to the Israelites, so the Egyptians gave their riches to the Israelites; MSG-They picked those Egyptians clean; VO-Stripped the Egyptians of their valued possessions; NLT-Of their wealth*

C. Psalm 105:37-It was wealth in excess not "moderation"

1. *TLB-Loaded with silver and gold; NET-Enriched with silver and gold; VO-Weighed down with silver and gold*

IV. Where's the pursuit? We're violating one of the most basic principles in the Kingdom-Mt7:7, Js4:2

A. You won't pursue what you don't believe belongs to you; You won't pursue what you don't think God wants you to have

1. *There's no outrage because there's no ownership*

B. We are far too acceptant, tolerant of financial lack; Used to it, comfortable with the curse

C. We are far too passive; This thing of "God can do whatever He wants in my finances" doesn't work; It's too passive