

Module 05 – 46 Responsibility - New vs. Old – Provision 3

Session 46

Our old earthly ways need to be replaced with new heavenly ways

Prayer, intercession, authority, spiritual warfare, ministry, revelation, provision etc.

- **We must establish everything from a heavenly perspective before it can manifest on earth – training for reigning**

When we engage God intimately face to face it will expose many doctrines and theologies that we presumed to be true as distortions and misrepresentations of the truth

We are looking at God's provision from a new or renewed perspective

- We are not under the law and we are not living in Israel so we are not obliged to tithe or give *Terumah* offerings as a law
- God may ask you to tithe which is proportional or He may not
- God may ask you to give a fixed amount or a variable amount that might be more or less than the tithe

Gen 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule ...

- God has built fruitfulness and multiplication into creation through the principles of sowing and reaping

We need to understand the nature of the seed and how to sow and reap

Matt 13:38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom;

- **We each have been planted in this world for a bigger purpose than to just live for ourselves**
- **We are called to be like Jesus and live a sacrificial life for others by surrendering our lives to God's purpose as a son**

When we ourselves are planted as sons we are blessed to prosper we can then also sow seed to be fruitful and multiply

Gen 12:3 And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

- **The whole purpose of being blessed is to bless others so that they can bless others until the whole earth is filled with blessing**

Unfortunately the DIY tree path is cursed and the earth is groaning with the lack of blessing

Creation is looking for sons to bring it into freedom and restore everything

Therefore freedom is a characteristic that we should be living

Jesus the truth came to set us free from all bondage so we can be free indeed

- If giving in the old covenant system was a law then what should we expect in the better new covenant?
- Giving should now be out of thanksgiving and gratitude for all that God has done for us and for a much bigger purpose

We are not slaves or stewards but sons, heirs and partners

Would we expect to give and receive more or less in new a covenant relationship with God?

Give whatever God asks as He knows what we need to receive to be able to fulfil our destiny

Col 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

In relationship with Jesus we should be like Him giving ourselves generously for the world

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Heb 7:22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

We should expect better promises under the new covenant

2 Cor 1:20 for all the promises of God are yes in Him (Jesus)

The new covenant promises;

- We are blessed to be fruitful and multiply we are blessed to be a blessing
- We should expect a better more intimate relationship where we can hear God's voice
- We now have the Holy Spirit within us to guide us so we don't have to rely on formulas, rules or laws

We have the same commission as Abraham to share the good news of God's blessing with the whole world but we need resources to be able to fulfil that mission Our giving and receiving for provision as sons in the new covenant should be more than was seen under the old covenant or DIY tree system

→ **Are we living in not enough, just enough or more than enough?**

- If we are always out of money and resources then there must be a problem with the ecosystem (thoughts, beliefs, attitude and heart motives etc.) that we are cultivating

- This is not just true about money, but about any resource that we are lacking in life.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

How does the thief rob us?

Using lies about God's loving character and nature and generosity – poverty mentality

Our enemy robs us through deception deceiving us into believing in the DIY path and influencing us by our culture

Deceiving us into using DIY methods e.g. materialism using material things to meet spiritual needs

Trading negatively into a temporary substitute that can never permanently meet our needs

- The Bible encourages us to live a life of giving, being generous and being cheerful with our giving but not to live stupidly and recklessly by getting into debt because we give
- We have to prioritise what we spend our money on to enable us to be able to give, multiply and bless others

Matt 6:33 says God will add all our needs e.g. things to eat, wear or live

We can spend on money on luxuries that can use up all our seed and then have nothing left to give what God asks – using things to try fulfil us

Are we caught in a keeping up with Jones scenario of the materialistic culture we are living in?

There are wise choices to make e.g. we can have 2 holidays and then have nothing left to give as God directs or 1 holiday and be able to give

- **God is lavish, abundant and overflowing from limitless resources with no lack but He gives wisely to those He trusts and He obviously never gets into debt**
- God has made this creation for us to enjoy as His sons
- He does not want us to be poor or impoverished but neither does he want us to be selfish and self-centred
- God always wants us to have more than enough so we can bless others with our good deeds

Our enemy the liar has tried to misrepresent God through religion as being stingy, holding back on us, being a hard taskmaster, being a distant and disinterested deity who needs appeasing by our sacrifices and offerings

Religion keeps us on the treadmill of constantly trying to please or appease God by our own efforts in the hope He might bless us

If I read my bible or pray more

If I do more good works, give more I might earn brownie points and be in God's good books

2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; Abound, abundance, always, all, everything

2 Cor 9:10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

2 Cor 9:8 It is impossible to exaggerate the dimensions and detail of the grace of God! Plunge into the extravagance of grace where he exhibits the extreme dynamics of his bountiful dealing with us! We are already advantaged far beyond any calculation of personal merit ...

Rom 5:17.. much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

God created the universe for His children

- 100 billion + galaxies in the universe
- Average 400 billion stars in a galaxy
- 30 sextillion stars and it is never going to stop increasing

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

- We are called to take back from the enemy what has been stolen from us spiritually and physically
- Taking back barren land, the wilderness or desert etc. and making it fertile and fruitful again in people's lives
- We need to rule over the environment tend it, cultivate it, and bless it and make it like Eden, God's heavenly garden.

Increase in the mount of seed we have to sow creates the need for expansion
We will always figuratively need more land for more crops which requires us to subdue and take possession of that land for fruitfulness
This was God's plan for colonisation of the world and beyond to make it fruitful

In the world's economy expansion is by war, conflict and stealing from each other which is the perversion of the sonship mandate twisting it to rule over each other and dominate

This is why having a pure heart set upon God's kingdom is the key to expanding provision

Negative issues arising from money, finances and provision reveals hearts and minds trapped in self provision.

These are symptoms of a lack of relationship and therefore lack of identity

Giving for relationship rather than from relationship is an issue that reveals a lost identity.

The principle of negative trading or sowing exposes the DIY motives of our heart

There are 7 Negative trading floors where the enemy offers a quick temporary fix through material things by tempting us to trade negatively

Tyre is one of the trading floor relating to money and provision

The King of Tyre ransacked and robbed God's temple, using the gold to build a trading city for his own glory and gain.

- This is about using money that God wants us to give or sow into His kingdom for our own purposes. – e.g. eating all the seed because we are hungry

Money is linked to materialism using things to meet a spiritual or emotional need by trading our money for the temporary fix

Things: drugs and alcohol, clothes, shoes, handbags & chocolate

Cars, bikes, boats, boys' toys, houses, sex

Looking to luck through things like bingo, lottery, horses, online poker etc.

Materialism will never be the answer as money can't buy you happiness

There is little difference to the wellbeing of those with or without riches

A recent study conducted by the W.H.O. found that wealthier countries have higher rates of depression than poorer countries – false expectations

Neh 13:4 Now prior to this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, being related to Tobiah, 5 had prepared a large room for him, where formerly they put the grain offerings, the frankincense, the utensils and the tithes of grain, wine and oil prescribed for the Levites, the singers and the gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.

Neh 13:7 and I came to Jerusalem and learned about the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, by preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God. 8 It was very displeasing to me, so I threw all of Tobiah's household goods out of the room. 9 Then I gave an order and they cleansed the rooms; and I returned there the utensils of the house of God with the grain offerings and the frankincense.

The enemy occupied the treasury room of the temple in collusion with religion
The enemy will use wrong heart motives within the house of God to block our blessing and usefulness

- **Remember we are the house of God corporately and also individually so it is important to check what is in our hearts?**
- If we have been trading negatively with our finance in the past or present we need to deal with it and redeem it
- Seek revelation about any family or generational trading that may still be influencing us negatively
- Confess our negative trading as sin (DIY actions from lost identity) and change
- Receive redemption and restoration

Parents provide for their children but also want to prepare their children to be able to provide for themselves.

- **God has a treasury house in heaven with a room in it (account) that can be filled with all we need to fulfil our destiny.**
- **God has released a supply from that room but now wants to reveal to us how to multiply and access that wealth.**

Wealth attitude is important

Gen 26:13 and the man (Abraham) became rich, and continued to grow richer until he became very wealthy;

Deut 8:18 But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

- Wealth comes with responsibility for the sons of God
- Creation is longing for sons to be revealed to answer its groan for freedom and restoration
- Our resources should be assigned to the kingdom first as it our responsibility to be a blessing

Matt 6:24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Matt 13:22 ... the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

When someone gives you something without you learning how to sustain it, you'll typically end up losing it or tearing down the very thing you needed to sustain.

- We need the wisdom to use the knowledge about provision to continue the increase and expansion
- This is the difference between someone imparting wealth (whether that be financial, spiritual anointing, favour) and someone imparting mere riches.

Wealth comes with an understanding of how to sustain and grow something, whereas riches gets you the goods without the wisdom to manage it.

- **God wants us to know the family business so we can partner with Him having a wealth mentality in every area of our lives so that we can sustain the good things that God wants to give us!**
- **There is a difference between knowing our inheritance and having an attitude of entitlement**

The prodigal son didn't get a real inheritance, he just got money not because the father didn't want to give it, but because the son asked with entitlement. He said "give the money!" which he thought should just be handed to him as a right.

The son saw money to be used selfishly for pleasure with no responsibility for the future

He missed out on the business savvy that the father could have given him to sustain and grow it.

- **The son got riches, he didn't get wealth**
- The Father is waiting for His children to return to relationship with Him just like in the prodigal son story
- Our heavenly Father is longing to celebrate and restore access to provision even if we have walked the DIY path our whole lives and wasted our inheritance.
- We can be reconciled and restored and our scroll refined in the consuming fire of God's love.
- Our attitude cannot be entitlement pride or arrogant independence but what we learn from taking on Jesus yoke is to be gentle and humble in heart.
- Jesus humbled himself coming to serve not be served only doing what He saw the Father is doing.

Phil 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Phil 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, If we want position, authority and wealth we need to surrender our lives

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

We can't produce sustainability when we are always living just for today. Sustainability comes with patience and perseverance it looks forward

At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Instant gratification and instant fixes are the culture we live in
Perseverance and waiting is a part of kingdom life.
It's also a part of growing and building something that will last

Wesley said man needs 2 conversions one for soul and one for his wallet

- Giving is often an indicator as to the state of our soul
- Are we trusting God and obediently giving Him our lives?
- Are we generous and cheerful with our lives and giving?
- What is our attitude when we ask God how much He wants us to give?
- Do we actually ask God about our giving at all?
- We should really be asking God how much He wants us to keep because it all belongs to Him anyway.

If in the past we have given under compulsion or in fear what happens to what we have sown?

Is it lost or can it be redeemed and be restored?

- God has made redemption possible and desires to restore all things

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed

Heb 9:15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

- **Engage God and ask Him for the redemption of all you have given wrongly**
- **Ask Him to restore your giving to your heavenly account by offering it to Him on the trading floor of heaven**

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