BUSINESS SUMMIT

ECONOMY IN THE NEW ERA





Overview

- We are living in very difficult times. The Prophets of old saw this day. Isaiah called it the day of the Lord (Isa.13:6,9). Haggai spoke of a shaking of the heaven and earth but they all pointed to the same issues – economic.
- It is necessary for us to be empowered in this season, knowledgeable and strategic in our economic engagements. We cannot afford to be Kingdom saints caught up in the midst of a collapsing system.

Overview

- We must embrace the mind of Christ, activate it and live by faith in the midst of chaos and crisis – Phil.2:5.
- John the revelator spoke of the judgement of Babylon (Rev.18) –its kings and merchants.
 He also made reference to the apostles and prophets.
- How do we operate our businesses in these times?

What is a Spiritual Operating System?

- SOS is defined in a structured set of rules that determine how we function within the marketplace - Its the driver of our economic philosophy (Self vs. Kingdom).
- We ask ourselves what motivates our quest for financial/economic empowerment.
- We organize our daily activities along the lines of our beliefs and it is the philosophy that guides our operations –
 Melchizedek/Levitical OS

Hebrews 7:11-12

- Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?
- 12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

- The order of Melchizedek to which Christ was defined qualified the kingdom saint to function effectively as Kings and Priests.
- Abraham was called possessor of heaven and earth by Melchizedek
- This was an acknowledgement of the original pattern for which man was created to function in.

- We have been designed by God to function in both natural and spiritual realms.
- The Kings and Merchants of the earth operate in self ambition and self conceitedness— this is the standard of 'spiritual Babylon' (Rev.18:3).
- The New Era is systematically invalidating any system that survives on principles that are humanistic and self conceited (Rev.18:4-6).
- The intercourse of babylon with the kings and merchants produces self ambition, wickedness and greed.

Spiritual blindness in the Marketplace

- The bottom line is that man has structured his life after the natural order of things without reference to God. By this, he classifies some things as secular and some other things as spiritual.
- Spiritual blindness denies us the opportunity to glorify God with the unrighteous mammon – It has influenced man to function as unjust stewards in a world that is deteriorating by the day.

Haggai 2:6-8, 21 (Isaiah 13:13)

- "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;
- 7 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.
- 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

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- 21"Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will shake heaven and earth.
- 22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots And those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by the sword of his brother."

- When the sovereign Lord who rules from heaven intervenes in the affairs of man, His action and activity becomes evident in the natural realm. The consequences are felt in the economic sector of human endeavour.
- This is also a reality in our day. The question is why will the Lord 'shake the heavens and the earth'. The answer is found in verse seven

- "and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts."
- The Lord wants to bring the Nations out of an operating system that is void of His glory
- He wants to pull the nations out of a self indulgent mode so every nation will be attracted in glory.

- While shaking the structures and system upon which the nations have been defined. The Lord affirms that the gold and silver belong to Him.
- The issues here are economic.
- There has been a pervasion of the original intents of the Lord and it is necessary for a shaking to reorder things in the end of time.
- Christ gives us some insight in Luke 16

The Parable of the Unjust Steward

- Luke 16:1-13
- Jesus uses this parable to explain what transpired at the beginning of time. It resolves the issues surrounding the great Harlot and the system of Harlotry to which Humanity has been trapped (Rev.17 &18).
- Mankind lost the authority and power to steward the economic system for the Lord. An unjust transaction took place. The Lord was side tracked.

The Parable of the Unjust Steward

- Self indulgence, greed and the will to survive without reference to the LORD was born. This was the seed point of harlotry selling oneself for a promise of survival.
- The Lord of Host says 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine'
- We must redefine our Stewardship and go back to the original principles.

- For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.
- The commendation from Christ concerning the act of Harlotry and wickedness was given in the context of a time and season.
- The unjust steward bought some time which seemed to provide him with respite in iniquity.
- The admonition of Christ to His disciples was definitive.

What should be our perception of Money?

- Christ called Money Unrighteous Mammon, this was based on the fact of its origin.
- The silver and gold belong to the LORD. Money conceals the spiritual reality but Christ does not fail to identify it for what it truly is.
- We must identify the true nature of Money and relate with it for what it is – unrighteous mammon. It is not secular, it is spiritual and responds to set rules.

Rules and Identity of Mammon

- Unrighteous Mammon does not have an eternal value.
- It will fail at some point the point of harvest
- It is a shadow of a true substance
- It is a means to accessing true riches
- Its management is tied to a divine purpose
- We must deliberately define our point of loyalty
 - God or Mammon

- True riches always flows in the direction of kingdom advancement and effective but diligent management of unrighteous mammon for the Lord.
- Every move of God opens new epicentres over which fresh grace is activated for the blessing.
- The blessing is not a product of hard work but an outflow of accurate spiritual connectivity.

Prophetic Trend Analysis

- A trend analysis allows us to access the nature of Gods dealing with the earth (or a nation, person or business) over time and discern where God is taking things.
- Insight here is historically analytical to open the eyes to the dealings of God regarding process and history.
- We must not view things or events as stand alone and unconnected occurrences.

- To understand the broad sweep of human history with such prophetic precision and clarity, we must be filled with comprehension and appreciation of our personal processes.
- Joseph / Gen.50:20,24,25