



## Economies of Revival

## *Introduction*

John 7: 22 So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

During revival times, the gospel is saturating cultures and nations rapidly and densely. This is the gospel we have received: 'You're not condemned to suffer for ever'.

The Lord Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. 18Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Society understands broadly that God's judgment of sins creates suffering, both in this world and eternally. The gospel of Jesus Christ invites people out of this suffering. God condemns no one in the Son of God.

A certain woman was exposed in her vulnerability, to suffer an embarrassing and painful death by stoning. The men who had seized her wanted permission from Jesus, to crush her to death. But the gospel did not allow it. The men left shamed. John 8: 10Then Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you?" 11"No one, Lord," she answered. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Now go and sin no more." 12 Once again, Jesus spoke to the people and said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

The gospel is attractive to suffering people who can not see their way out of affliction. Indeed, Jesus said repeatedly and prophetically that the gospel of His kingdom is for a proclamation to the poor. So, then, the more the gospel is proclaimed, the more poor people, poor families and poor communities are drawn to be disciplined. The disabled, the medically incurable, insane and mentally imbalanced souls, widows, orphaned and abandoned people, substance abusers and addicts, social misfits and refugees ..these are several categories of the poor for whom Jesus' gospel is light shining into a dark hole.

## *Chapter 1*

Therefore, revival brings with it the challenge of engaging the needy condition of the poor with successful and creative solutions, in Jesus' name. Without evidence that the suffering of the poor is being halted, the gospel lacks authenticity.

What then are the resources of Jesus' kingdom and how do we as his ambassadors access the wealth, to spend it on the poor?

Gold.

The foundation of the world's money systems is gold reserves. The greater the reserves, the stronger the currency. Seasons of revival cause movement and liquidation of assets into currency, which the Holy Spirit diverts to His ministers.

Acts 4:34There were no needy ones among them, because those who owned lands or houses would sell their property, bring the proceeds from the sales, 35and lay them at the apostles' feet for distribution to anyone as he had need.

During His time on earth, Jesus with his team of disciples kept a petty-cash account from which they served the needs of the poor. John 13: 29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. This cash purse was funded by gifts and donations

from those whose hearts were moved by the Holy Spirit such as Mary Magdalene. John 8: 1 Soon afterward, Jesus travelled from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with Him, 2 as well as some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 Joanna the wife of Herod's household manager Chuza, Susanna, and many others. These women were ministering to them out of their own means.

### Faith

There are needs of the poor that money can not successfully challenge. Depending on the prevailing season and conditions, money can come up short. Peter and John were on the way to the temple when the Holy Spirit prompted them to help a lame beggar. In that moment this man was their responsibility. They did not carry sufficient money to validate the gospel to him, but they had access to another resource: faith in Jesus' name. Acts 3:16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

There was a daughter of Abraham who spent all she had on medical intervention, and only grew worse. She had no more money to throw at her disability, so she took hold of faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and her poor bill of health was permanently settled. Luke 8:48 "Daughter," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

Faith is a spirit that moves in our hearts, to speak words of power into the atmosphere, and nature responds. Romans 10: 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 or, 'Who will descend into the Abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming...'

## Chapter 2

### Inheritance

This is a resource that flows through bonds of relationship. This leverage is restricted not to the deserving, but to correct positioning. Inheritance was the chief resource of transaction by the Lord Jesus, as He served the gospel to the poor. The inheritance of sons of God is multifaceted, and it is streaming, therefore it is the wealthiest resource of the Church. It includes:

- Glory
- Mercy
- Fellowship
- Armory

### Glory

Colossians 1: 26 the mystery that was hidden for ages and generations but is now revealed to His saints. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. The Spirit of the God of creation lives in specific, chosen locations on the earth – He is domiciled in his saints. Sons of God house His glorious presence, as His temple. High-profile personalities and dignitaries are intensely attracted to glory. They will offer help and resources that they control, just to be in good relationship with the glory of God. Isaiah 60: 2 For behold, darkness covers the earth,

and thick darkness is over the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you, and His glory will appear over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. There is treasure to transact with, housed in our bodies; we have treasure in these jars of clay. It isn't only earthly dignitaries that bow to serve the glory of God in man, but principalities and angels as well.

The glory of God on the man-Christ Jesus brought stable expansion to his earthly ministry. John 2: 11 Jesus performed this, the first of His signs, at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. Joseph, Daniel, Esther, Elisha, John the Baptist all served their generation by spending the wealth of glory. Apart from God's glory, they were destitute, slaves, outcasts. Stephen, the first martyr, was able to serve the hundreds of widows in the early church, and preach to the political bigwigs of Israel by the resource of Christ's glory in him. We access glory by responding quickly to the prompts of the Holy Spirit, moving, speaking, acting in sensitivity to the still, small voice of God. Glory has various aspects embodied in it; I shall call them WARS.

Wisdom that impacts the world

Authority over angels, demons, animals, water, and all nature

Revelation knowledge of God

Supernatural abilities, such as prophesying and working miracles

### Mercy

The substance of earthly thrones and seats of power is their land and sea borders, but the substance of heaven's throne on earth is mercy. Moses received this revelation for the first Church in Sinai; that blessing and prosperity is released to the people from the Mercy Seat, in God's innermost chamber. The resource of mercy was of such rich quality that it auto-renewed every day and the priests only needed to dispense it to the people once a year! Lamentations 3: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Mercy is the power that breaks the curse of painful toil and fruitless labour. Isaiah 55: 2 - 3 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David.

The throne of David was converted to the throne of God by a covenant of mercy. The angel Gabriel gave the message that Christ reigns on the throne of David for ever.

Luke 1: 31 Behold, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never end!" As Jesus preached on earth, many suffering people withdrew help and power from this resource of the sure mercies of David – among them blind Bartimaeus, and the Syrophenician woman.

Mark 10: 46 Next, they came to Jericho. And as Jesus and His disciples were leaving Jericho with a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting beside the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Matthew 15: 22 And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely demon-possessed." The prayers of both were answered.

Mercy is a durable resource, accessed by petitioning in the courts of God.

### Fellowship

The blood of Jesus has gained us seats at an ever-increasing table of influence! The fellowship of the Holy Spirit that we receive through the blood, binds us to networks of

loving favour both in the spiritual and the natural worlds. 1 John 1:3, 5 - 7 That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 5And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you: God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say we have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

We have been born into God's family so that we never lack brethren to help in times of adversity. The entire family of Jacob was preserved sumptuously during a severe economic downturn, through fellowship networks that connected them: both to the government of a foreign country and to a divine covenant with their ancestors.

Genesis 45: 6For the famine has covered the land these two years, and there will be five more years without ploughing or harvesting. 7God sent me before you to preserve you as a remnant on the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8Therefore it was not you who sent me here, but God, who has made me a father to Pharaoh—lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

The treasure chest of fellowship is open for spending, to all who guard and honour the bond of peace, through meekness and forgiveness. Ephesians 4: 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3and with diligence to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

#### Armory

People of God are resourced to expand and grow exceedingly great by taking spoils of war. There is wealth concealed in the dark places of the earth, reserved as inheritance for the saints. These treasures must be wrested from the hands of wicked gatekeepers, through divine weapons. The fullness of this wealth is human souls – the will, the mind, and the emotions of families and populations – who are imprisoned by the devil.

Hebrews 2: <sup>12</sup>For he says in the book of Psalms, "I will talk to my brothers about God my Father, and together we will sing his praises." <sup>13</sup>At another time he said, "I will put my trust in God along with my brothers." And at still another time, "See, here am I and the children God gave me." <sup>14</sup>Since we, God's children, are human beings—made of flesh and blood—he became flesh and blood too by being born in human form; for only as a human being could he die and in dying break the power of the devil who had the power of death. <sup>15</sup>Only in that way could he deliver those who through fear of death have been living all their lives as slaves to constant dread.

We are ambassadors of Jesus Christ to the people of the world, on the same assignment; to deliver souls from the power of the devil. This is the way we convert the wealth of the world systems to serve Christ's government; which we are. Therefore, God has made his own armour available in our individual sizes, so to demobilise the 'strongman' with extreme prejudice, and take over his goods! Matthew 12: 28But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and steal his possessions, unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

Accessing this resource calls for true zeal and FIRE.

### *Conclusion*

The poor are the responsibility of God, as it is written “He that lends to the poor lends to God”. As the Church rises to prominence through revival, we must mature in serving the poor with the Gospel of Christ’s kingdom.