

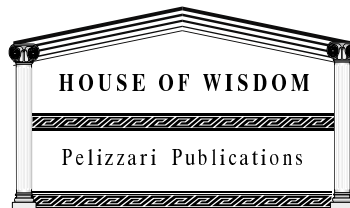
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PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY NOTES

OBTAINING
FINANCIAL STABILITY



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9)***. I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

OBTAINING FINANCIAL STABILITY

1. Our country, like all countries, is facing financial instability like never before.
 - a. Several nations have already collapsed financially and others are hiding in the shadows awaiting the same fate of financial ruin.
 - b. The stock market goes down; the stock market goes up all based upon the fears of other nations spending.
2. The world was warned several thousand years ago that this would happen but no one listened.
 - a. Like the children of Israel, we heard, we know, but we don't act upon it.
3. Let me show you where most you will tune me out especially those of you who have been in church for a number of years.

James 1:25 (NLT) But if you keep looking steadily into God's perfect law—the law that sets you free—and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

4. God promises to bless you when you act on what

you hear taught in your church.

5. So, what has caused the economic crisis on a world scale to the point where it is affecting believers today?

Malachi 3:6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

6. Times may change but God does not.

Malachi 3:6 (MSG) "I am God—yes, I Am. I haven't changed. And because I haven't changed, you, the descendants of Jacob, haven't been destroyed.

7. If God was not consistent in His love for us, mankind would have been wiped out a long time ago.

Malachi 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Malachi 3:7 (NLT) Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my laws and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord

Almighty. "But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?'

8. Notice the two things that keep the presence of God out of a church:

- a. When the people **are gone away from mine ordinances.**
- b. When the people **failed to obey His ordinances.**

ordinances - Hb - *choq* - an *enactment*; hence an *appointment* (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage).

- a. An enactment means acting or responding upon something.
- b. An appointment of time is referring to those of you whose church attendance is about four to five times a month.
 - 1. We find your face on milk cartons under missing believers.
- c. An appointment of space refers to you accepting your assignment / church duty.
- d. An appointment in quantity refers to your sowing either bountifully or sparingly.
- e. Your appointment to labor refers to all those who refuse to work in their local

church.

- f. An appointment of usage refers to the bare minimal effort people put in to help in their local church.

BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO WORK IN HIS HOUSE, COMMIT TO HIS HOUSE, SHOW UP AT HIS HOUSE OR GIVE IN HIS HOUSE, HIS PRESENCE IS MISSING FROM HIS HOUSE.

9. **Ordinances** also means:

- a. *Appointed* - showing that everyone has a church duty to perform.
- b. *Commandment* - meaning keeping God's word.
- c. *Bound, convenient, custom, decree (-d), due, law, measure, necessary, portion, set time, statute, task.*

10. So God is saying...The reason My presence is not in the church today like it could be is because My people are not doing what I called them to do.

- a. They won't get involved.
- b. They come to visit Me but only a few come to stay with Me.
- c. They won't act upon My Word because they no longer trust Me.

d. They sow ones and expect millions.

e. They act like I am their errand boy instead of their Creator.

11. The NLT translates it as scorning His law.

scorn - open contempt, feeling that a person / thing is worthless or beneath consideration; the offense of being disobedient to or disrespectful to an established law.

12. Meaning, when you hear the preacher talk about a subject and you roll your eyes or snub your nose thinking that you are above having to hear a message like this or you feel you are exempt of personal examination.

Psalm 90:8 (NLT) You spread out our sins before you, our secret sins—and you see them all.

13. You get this kind of attitude when you have secret sins but still trying to look and act like a Christian.

a. You're no different than any other sinner.

Malachi 3:7 (MSG) You have a long history of ignoring my commands. You haven't done a thing I've told you. Return to me so I can return to you," says God-of-the-Angel-Armies. "You ask, 'But how do we return?'

14. Now remember, we are also trying to bring prosperity back into your hands and identify why the nations of the world are in financial stress.
15. The question being brought up here is, how do we get back on track?
 - a. This is where you have to make it personal.

Malachi 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

16. God is saying that ONE of the reasons His presence is not in the house is because he is being robbed.
 - a. You are actually robbing Him of the opportunity to bless you.

tithes - Hb - *ma'aser* - a tenth part.

offerings - Hb - *teruwmah* - a present of a gift.

Malachi 3:8 (NLT) "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.

17. Of all things for God to choose the restoration

process, he starts with money.

- a. When God has your money, then he has you.
18. The tithes and offerings belong to God by virtue of covenant agreements with man. To use them for personal gain is robbery of what rightly belongs to Him.

Malachi 3:8 (MSG) "Begin by being honest. Do honest people rob God? But you rob me day after day. "You ask, 'How have we robbed you?' "The tithe and the offering—that's how!

19. The virtue that stands out is being **honest** with yourself and God.
20. Remember, he is not just talking about money though. He was also talking about keeping His ordinances which include showing up for church, serving in church and giving to the church.

Malachi 3:9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

21. Here we see why the world is in financial duress.

Malachi 3:9 (NLT) You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me.

22. Nations are guilty of cheating God. That opens the door for the curses to come.

Proverbs 26:2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

23. Satan is a legalist and he would love nothing better than for people to live under the curse.

- a. The world is rebellion to the Word of God.
- b. Only believers can be disobedient to God.

24. Now catch what God is saying.....people bring the curse upon themselves.

Malachi 3:9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

25. Now we see the law of sowing and reaping. What you put out is what you get in return.

- a. If you rob God, satan can legally rob you.
- b. Remember, God is no respecter of persons so this applies to all peoples of all nations, not just Israel.

26. Now God is going to tell us how to get His presence to return and the curse to be blocked on our behalf.

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the

storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

27. He tells you to start the process by tithing, giving a tenth of everything you make.

- a. Notice that He didn't mention offerings because that is your choice.

28. So the tithe goes to the treasury / depository in God's Temple so there will be meat.

- a. What's meat?

Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

29. Meat is the deeper teachings that a person can get.

30. When you start tithing, the windows of heaven are opened and the blessings gets poured out upon your life.

31. Let me draw your attention to the ONLY time God literally challenges you to challenge HIM in the Bible: **and prove me now herewith.**

a. God wants to prove it to you.

Malachi 3:10 (MSG) Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.

32. He wants you to test Him on this.

Malachi 3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

33. The devourer is satan. God Himself will tell satan to back off.

a. Tithing starts the process for financial stability.

b. Offerings determine the abundance of blessings.

What measure you put out is the measure you get in return.

Malachi 3:12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.

34. The remedy for financial recovery for all nations is giving God what is due to Him.

35. Your financial recovery starts out in the same way. But you will also reap:

a. Meat in God's house—no lack of means or money to carry on His work.

b. Opening of the windows of heaven to pour out a blessing so great that there will not be room enough to receive it.

c. Rebuke of the devourer so that he will not destroy the crops / your harvest.

d. Recognition of God's blessings by all men.

Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

36. Here we see Jesus showing us that tithing is still for

today...these ought ye to do.

**from his glorious riches,
which have been given to
us in Christ Jesus.**

Matthew 23:23 (NLT) "How terrible it will be for you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things.

- 37. Not tithing doesn't hurt God, it only hurts you.
- 38. Whether you believe it or not, everyone tithes...somewhere.
 - a. Some of you tithe to that 23% interest rate on that credit card.
 - b. Some of you tithe for those tickets to that event you want to see.
 - c. Some of you tithe to that restaurant that you just love.

Philippians 4:19 (NLT) And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs

- 39. Despite the economy, despite Wall Street, despite all the banks or the world money market, He can bless us because He blesses us not from the world. He blesses us according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- 40. You need God in your finances as a friend and a partner, not as an enemy.
 - a. Break the curse.
 - b. Invite His presence.

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