

NEW ECONOMIC PATHS

(A DIFFERENT MINDSET)

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a) Introduction

Scripture Reading

This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’ **Jer. 6:16**

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⁷These are treasures no bird of prey can see,
no falcon’s eye observe.

⁸No wild animal has walked upon these treasures;
no lion has ever set his paw there. **Job 28:7-8**

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²I will go before you
and will level the mountains^[a];
I will break down gates of bronze
and cut through bars of iron.

³I will give you hidden treasures,
riches stored in secret places,

so that you may know that I am the LORD,
the God of Israel, who summons you by name. **Isaiah 45:2-3**

b) The World Today

The world is getting reformatted and reset in very unprecedented ways nowadays. Whether humanity likes it or not, the world as we knew it has and continues to quickly change:

- ▶ Sources of livelihoods is quickly getting eroded
- ▶ Food prices have gone up
- ▶ Petrol has gone through the roof
- ▶ Businesses are getting challenged
- ▶ Competition has gone several notches high

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”Ps. 11:3

c) God’s Plan for his Church

It is important to appreciate that despite the economic situation in the Country, God has everything set and in place. For example:

- ▶ He organized that Joseph goes to Egypt in advance and created pathways for him to be Prime Minister so that he can help the Nation of Israel (**Genesis 37 – 45**)
- ▶ He organized provision for the Widow of Zarephath through Prophet Elijah

- ▶ He ensured that Isaac reaps 100 fold during a tough economic season ...because the Lord blessed him **(Genesis 26:12)**
- ▶ He multiplied Jacob's sheep in the household of Laban through enabling innovation to inform the color of the born sheep **(Genesis 30:37-39)**

d) God's Plan for YOU

God knows the plans he has concerning you, plans of future and plans of hope **(Jeremiah 29:11)** In a tough economic season like now, you need to appreciate:

1. God's Secret Treasures

- (I) There is an ancient path, there is a good way (Jeremiah 6:16).....
- (II) There are treasures no bird of prey can see (Job 28:7-8)
- (III) There are treasures hidden in secret places (Isaiah 45:2-3)

How do we access them? What can we do as Christians to be partakers of this?

How do we run enterprises that are fully tapping the hidden treasures? Are such treasures available in our places of employment?

2. Your Responsibility

In this tough economic situation, it behoves you to exercise caution:

- (I) Control your money down to the cent.
- (II) Be frugal and save ...Work while they Sleep, Learn while they Party, Save while they Spend...THEN LIVE LIKE THEY DREAM
- (III) Invest only in secure instruments.
- (IV) Build your earning ability – increase your level of skills and understanding.

3. Demonstration of Faith

This is the hardest of all because of the complication that it carries:

The woman of Zarephath – Elijah told her to give him priority so that she can have plenty? How can you prioritize God, his house and his servants at a tough time as this?

- (I) Tithes & Offerings
- (II) Standing with one another
- (III) Standing with orphans and widows

e) Conclusion

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