# Material Offering and the Lord's Move Today Material Offerings and Full-time Service for the Lord's Move

Week 4 - Day 1 (January 25, 2021)

Isa 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?

And I said, Here am I; send me.

Dan 11:32 6 ... But the people who know their God will show strength and take action.

### "show strength and take action."

... There is the need of an appropriate direction for the Lord's move in His recovery today to match the recent changes in the world situation.

The Lord's move and our move are both signified by a wheel. The wheel within a wheel is the Lord's move in our move. When God's people move, God moves. If God's people do not move, God has no way to move.

- ... There is famine of truth ..., the Lord's recovery is growing, ...
- ... The spreading of the truths of the Lord's recovery will be a preparation for the Lord's coming back to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation.
- ... I hope that we would bring this fellowship to the Lord and pray. We should tell the Lord, "Lord, these days are the consummation of the age. Lord, in these days rekindle my love toward You."

The scattering of the believers from Jerusalem to other localities is the first mentioning of migration for the spreading of the gospel; hence it should be considered as the basic principle for the **spreading of the gospel**, including the divine truths.

To take action [Dan 11:32] means to do something noble and worthy which may be considered as an achievement. Especially in these days in the Lord's recovery, we need to be those who show strength and take action.

Week 4 - Day 2 (January 26, 2021)

2 Cor. 6:10 As made sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

Phil. 4:12 I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack.

#### "know how to be abased and know how to abound."

The full-timers should live a **life by faith**, trusting in the Lord for their necessities and receiving the Lord's supply through the saints and the churches. If we feel led and burdened by the Lord to go full-time, we should not worry about our necessities. We have to believe in the Lord and put our trust in Him. We should not think that we will have a prosperous life in material things. We must get ourselves prepared to suffer. The first suffering is poverty. We need to learn to serve the Lord in poverty. Some think that if they serve the Lord in poverty, that is a sign they have not chosen and called by the Lord. However, the apostle Paul was in poverty (2 Cor. 6:10; 11:27). Because the churches established by him did not adequately support him, he was forced to male tents (Acts 18:3). At the same time, he ministered to the needs of his co-workers (20:34).

... To serve the Lord in this way is glorious. If the Lord has called us and sent us, He will surely take care of us. He has a way to supply us through the saints and the churches.

When we serve the Lord, we should not have the thought that we are hired in any sense by anyone or any church. If the church supplies us, that does not mean that the church hires us. That is not a wage but the Lord's supply through the church. We have to fully realize that the Lord in supporting us needs His Body (the church) and the members of His Body (the believers) to cooperate with Him.

2 Cor. 8:14 But it is out of equality; at the present time your abundance for their lack that their abundance also may be for your lack, so that there may be equality;

2 Cor. 8:15 As it is written, "He who gathered much had no excess, and he who gathered little had no lack."

#### "fellow workers in the truth"

The Bible encourages us to support the full-time workers. Third John 5-8 tells us we need to take care, of, support, and send the travelling full-time workers forward on their way in a way that matches God, who is generous. If we support the full-timers, we are participating, sharing, in their work for the truth, and we become "fellow workers in the truth" (v. 8).

It is a great thing to have a fellowship unto the gospel. Unto the gospel means for the furtherance of the gospel. All the full-timers who remain in their jobs and businesses need to have this kind of fellowship, a fellowship for the furtherance of the Lord's move through those who do not remain in businesses and jobs, but who are occupied all day with preaching and teaching for the spreading of the Lord's kingdom.

Week 4 - Day 4 (January 28, 2021)

Act 2:44 And all those who believed were together and had all things common;

Act 4:32 And the heart and soul of the multitude of those who had believed was one; and not even one said that any

of his possessions was his own, but all things were common to them.

#### God will fill your every need

It is not sufficient ..., reminding the saints how they practice ten percent tithing. This is too poor. The tithing of the ten percent to the Lord is altogether an Old Testament thing, belonging to the law. There was no grace, life, or life power in that. We must be different. We are in the age of grace, which provides us with much supply of life. The dynamic salvation was accepted by **Zaccheus** in Luke 19:1-10. Immediately after being saved, that sinner gave up so much of his worldly possessions. That was not tithing of ten percent; that was the very issue of the dynamic salvation. Likewise, on the **Day of Pentecost** all those small members had everything in common (Acts 2:44, 45; 4:32-35). This was not one tenth of their possessions but one hundred percent. They put everything at the feet of the apostles, that is, at the Lord's disposal. That was wonderful. We are in the Lord's recovery; even this matter has to be recovered.

Train the saints who love the Lord so much. It is regrettable that in the past they did not receive the adequate education or instruction in this matter. The more they would spend for the Lord, the more they have the blessing spoken of in Philippians 4:19.... This verse is a great blessing.... Because you are taking care of God's need, God would give you a great blessing in filling every need of yours according to His riches.

#### Week 4 - Day 5 (January 29, 2021)

Phi 4:15 - 16 And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the account of giving and receiving except you only; For even in Thessalonica you sent both once and again to my need.

Phi 4:19 And my God will fill your every need according to His riches, in glory, in Christ Jesus.

#### "fellowship ... in the account of giving and receiving"

What kind of sweet feeling the apostle expressed [in Philippians 4:15-16]! He said this was "a sweet-smelling savor, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God" (v. 18). Paul did not seek a gift from them (v. 17), but what they gave became a sweet savor for Paul to put on the altar for them. It was not merely something to support him, but it became something increasing to their account. There is an account in the heavenly bank, in which we may have credit or debit. It is merely a low practice to give ten percent. God is not a beggar; do not treat Him as one. You should honor Him as the very bountiful Giver who affords you all the riches. All your riches come from Him. It was and still up to Him whether you will be rich or not. It is not according to your plan of what you should do and have. You simply must labor, day and night. He then will follow your labor to bless you, not for your enterprise, but for the spreading of His kingdom.

Week 4 - Day 6 (January 30, 2021)

1 Cor. 16:2 On the first day of the week each one of you should lay aside in store to himself whatever he may have been prospered, that no collections be made when I come.

## "... lay aside in store to himself whatever he may have been prospered"

If we mean business with the Lord for the spreading of all the truths, He has shown us, we all to bear the burden to give ... purely, solely, and definitely separate for the full-time workers' support. Every time you give the Lord through the church, ... should be given to the Lord to support full-time workers for His propagation. Every church ... should practice this.

I hope all the churches will begin to practice this regardless of whether or not they have full-time workers and regardless of how many workers they have. The leading ones should fellowship with saints concerning giving ... for the full-time workers. Then the church should set up a separate account for the support of full-timers whether it has a full-timer or not. The funds in this account will eventually be useful. The Lord desires many full-time workers for His present move.

... We all need to pray and seek the Lord's leading regarding this matter. There should only be a principle set up with no regulation. The church needs to take care of the principle of setting aside ... offerings for the full-time workers. But this does not exclude the saints from giving to the full-timers directly.