

Kingdom Wealth.

The purpose of Jesus was the Kingdom on earth in the hearts of men.

It is not; A world takeover of politics, governments, arts, entertainment etc., A replacement of Israel by the church or any demonstration of world dominance by believers.

The Lord didn't tell us to go out and preach the message that you have to be born again, that was mentioned only once to an old religious man in the dead of night.

In fact it is somewhat surprising that the cross has become the central symbol for the church. This was not the central teaching of Jesus and the cross was a means to a goal. We have made the process the gospel.

Right at the beginning of Jesus' ministry He is very clear about His purpose or goal

*Matt 4 :17 ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.**"*

Jesus said that He came to change our minds, our thinking (Repent = matanoeo – change one's mind for the better, change ones mind) to a Kingdom way of thinking. Turn from self towards the Kingdom. From this time on Jesus just preached the Kingdom of God. "The Kingdom of God is like", over and over and over.....

Restoration means to be brought back to the initial purpose it was designed for.

Our only and ultimate purpose is "the gospel of the Kingdom".

*Matt 24 ¹⁴ And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world** as a testimony to all nations, and **then** the end will come.*

God's rulership through us, or the restoration of His Kingdom, involves being a testimony to the whole world. It involves Kingdom finance to do a Kingdom size job.

The bible calls us **ambassadors**.

2 Cor 5 ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

In Kingdom terms this becomes a **diplomatic centre**. We do **diplomacy** for the Government we work for. This becomes a diplomatic session where I act as a secretary of state explaining to all the diplomats the mind of my King according to His Constitution. As ambassadors we have special rights. In a foreign land the embassy has **special protection**. It is a "foreign state" in a land. An ambassador cannot **give his opinion**, he can only state the position of his government. His job is to **promote interests of his government**.

Our Kingdom understanding of wealth comes from the Abramic covenant as its origin.

Gen 1:28 "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over.....(never people, we have not been told to rule over people)

Our Abramic covenant hinges on 3 very clear principles:

1 The tithe

The promise or covenant predates the law and so the principle of tithing is not included in the Law and does therefore not change from the Old testament to the New. (Gal 3: 15-18)

*Gen 14:18-20 ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. **He was priest of God Most High,** ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. NIV*

See also Jesus' affirmation of this covenant:

*Matt 23 ²³ "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.** NLT*

Then the Lord told them how to administer the tithe:

*Mal 3: ¹⁰ **Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple...***

*Deut 14 ²³ **Bring this tithe to the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honoured,.....***

1. Bring not send.
2. It must go to the place of worship you go to.
3. One tenth is 10%.
4. It belongs to God, we just administer it for Him. In *Malachi 3:8b* “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.

2 Walking Blameless.

Gen 17:1-2 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ² And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” NKJV

We are looking at financial blamelessness, please not at the expense of other blamelessness.

- Tax Matt 22 So Jesus said to them, “Well, then, pay the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and pay God what belongs to God.” GNT
- Extra change.
- Copyright laws.
- Don’t let something small jeopardise the blessing.
- The bosses time.
- The company telephone.

You cannot pay to God anything that is earned in a unrighteous way and expect His blessing upon it.

3 The Offering

Gen 22:1-2 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”² Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

Offering – presented for acceptance or consideration.

- Over and above that which is due to God.

God’s promise.

For tithing.

Malachi 3 ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the LORD Almighty, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! ¹¹ Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not shrivel before they are ripe,” says the LORD Almighty. ¹² “Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,” says the LORD Almighty.

For walking blameless.

Gen 17² And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.”

For the Offering.

Gen 22 ¹⁶ “This is what the LORD says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your beloved son, I swear by my own self that ¹⁷ I will bless you richly. I will multiply your descendants into countless millions, like the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. They will conquer their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your descendants, all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”