

Lighthouse Sunday

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“Making Withdrawals from our Heavenly Account”

Establishing an a “Heavenly Account”

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John

“Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners),

that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].”

““Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

22“And when Jesus heard it, He said to him, One thing you still lack. Sell everything that you have and divide [the money] among the poor, and you will have [rich] treasure in heaven; and come back [and] follow Me [become My disciple, join My party, and accompany Me]. 23 But when he heard this, he became distressed

and very sorrowful, for he was rich—exceedingly so.”

17“Not that I seek or am eager for [your] gift, but I do seek and am eager for the fruit which increases to your credit [the harvest of blessing that is accumulating to your account].

19 And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

“Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.”

10“Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. [Mal. 2:2.]

11 And I will rebuke the devourer [insects and plagues] for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine drop its fruit before the time in the field, says the Lord of hosts.”

Depositing into the account:

Practices like tithing, giving to ministries and helping the poor are seen as ways to make “deposits” into this heavenly account.

Withdrawing from the account:

The belief is that when needed, God can “open” this heavenly account and provide for believers. This is often linked to receiving blessings or meeting needs in the present life.

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

“Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is in heaven.”

Stewardship:

The concept of a “heavenly account” is also tied to the biblical theme of accountability, where believers are stewards of what God has given them.

“But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.”

“So above all, constantly seek God’s kingdom and his righteousness, then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly.”

1 “THE Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

6 Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.”

