

What Will You Do If The System Shuts Down

Genesis 41:30-36

Study Guide

Recession is coming. All you have to do is open your eyes and look around at how people in the finance sector, the business sector and political sector are messing up. Oh, everyone's acting like they know what they're doing. But they don't.

Truthfully, though, whether or not they know what they're doing doesn't matter. . . not to the born again, Spirit-filled, children of God.

For us, the question is. . . What are we doing?

To begin with, if you are depending on your savings for security, you can forget it. That little stash of money you've been saving for 40 years won't cut it. Recession can eat it up in no time.

God doesn't want you dependent on your little stash of cash, or whatever you're depending on as a safety net. He wants you in a position that no matter what comes, you know Who your source is, and you will prosper.

Recession 101

In simple terms, recession is when there's a shortage. What are you going to do when the system shuts down? It is a startling reality that demands a real answer.

In Genesis 41: 30-36, we have record of the "world's system" shutting down in ancient Egypt.

Genesis 26 tells of another famine. Abraham's son, Isaac, was walking under a financial anointing and heard from God in all of his financial matters. At one point, the Lord actually told Isaac to sow during a famine. . . and the harvest Isaac reaped was a hundredfold (verse 12).

Both of these men of God were blessed in the middle of a system shut-down because they knew how to follow the direction of God in financial matters.

Just like them, we have to know how to hear from God in these days — recession, or no recession.

And true restoration is when the wealth of God's people is restored to them.

Recession will occur so restoration can occur.

You see, God wants His Church busy about His business, not busy about trying to make a living, day after day.

It's time for a revelation. Religious folks are never going to make it through what's ahead.

What can save us? Revelation of God's Word—revelation of the word and your being prosperous and rich.

Beware of False Foundations

The first step in spiritual education is establishing a correct foundation. . . a correct understanding of how we are to live as Christians, trusting God and looking to Him for answers.

In Duet. 28, we already see that we cannot live according to the world's standards.

He who lives by donation cannot dominate. And by donation, I'm referring to handouts from the government.

There is nothing wrong with being on Government assistance, if you need help. I am just saying don't stay there. Make a decision to let God be our source.

The government will offer money to churches, and a lot of them will jump on it

The government cannot be our source.

As Christians living in this world, we can also tend to base our lives on **seasons**.

We cannot live according to everything that's happening around us in this temporal realm.

I have also watched as Christians explained their compromising lifestyles by talking about **cycles**.

One day they're on top of the world. The next day, they've bottomed out.

Those kinds of up-and-down graphs don't belong to the Church—not if you're a believer.

Psalms 23:1

Philippians 4:19

You either compromise, or you are fully convinced.

When you recognize that God is at work, busy doing good things for you, people will come along and persecute you because of it. And when that happens, you cannot act like a coward and quit—all because you're so concerned about how other people feel.

Waves (Latest Christian Craze)

A new wave hits and people in the church jump right on in to what's popular among the brethren. . . and then they turn and walk right back out.

This is not characteristic of God.

Malachi 3:6

The meters and the trends only move one way in the kingdom of God. . . Up.

The Meaning of "Blessed"

To be truly free of the world's system—it's seasons, waves and cycles—you have to train yourself to live by the covenant, that is, by the Word of God. You have to become established on the Word. You have to be determined in your spirit that whatever it says is what you're going to have, no matter what.

Psalm 105:37

God is the only One Who can bring us out of debt and lack. . . and keep us out.

Psalm 66:12

When it comes down to this money thing, the Church has indeed been through fire and water.

Everyone gets nervous every time the preacher starts talking about money. . everyone but **God**.

Genesis 12:2-3

Here, the word blessed means "empowered to prosper.

The condition for Abraham to receive that much empowerment to prosper was that he **come out**.

Genesis 12:1

Sometimes you have to "come out" to be free.

What was the results?

Genesis 13: 2, 6

We're not talking about what you can do, here. We're not talking about your job, or your abilities. We're talking about covenant.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Psalm 23:1

Philippians 4:19

We're not living by cycles, or seasons, or waves.

We don't live by what the President says, or what Congress says, or what Wall Street says. We're not living according to the world's—or even the religious world's—ups and downs. **No**. We're living by a covenant with Almighty God.

Psalm 102:13

My brother and sister, our set time is come. The time for God to arise on our behalf has come.

God works through revelation. He works through His Word. He works through the anointing.

Abraham had the money. Job had the money. Joseph had the money.

Now, it's our time.

It is God, our Heavenly Father, Who intends for us to never be broke another day in our lives.

Mark 11:23-24
