

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.***

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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The Kingdom of Our Lord #6.

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The Law of Lending & Borrowing

As we clarify what the kingdom of our Lord will look like in the oncoming eon, we should keep in mind that the laws of the kingdom are just as applicable in our day. The more a nation aligns itself with the laws of the kingdom, the more the kingdom of God comes near to that nation. This is possible in our day, but in the next eon, it will be more the norm as more and more nations see the benefits and blessings of following the laws of the kingdom. These nations will become kingdom nations, that is, nations under the reign and rule of Christ and His conquerors (overcomers).

Now, let us consider the matter of lending money to individuals, organizations, companies, governments, and even churches, and charging interest for the privilege. At the root of the mess the world finds itself in today is credit. Several months back, it was thought that the whole world economy was going to come to a screeching halt as credit froze. Simply, the money changers, called banks, stopped lending money. Now, after the smart financial and governmental leaders of Babylon have thrown trillions of dollars at the problem, there is still no end in sight. It is fascinating to hear news commentators stating that all these smart people that said they could solve the problem are actually dumb and stupid. So much for the smart leaders of mystery Babylon! See issue #03-0902 *Babylonian Leaders Are Smart*, January 5, 2009.

However, we all have been lulled into a stupor as we have come to accept that credit is a good and necessary thing to make the world go around, so to speak; but it is not. In fact, it is lawlessness because the world financial system operates in opposition to the laws of the kingdom of God.

This leads to the question: Is charging interest allowed according to the laws of the kingdom? The answer is yes and no, depending on who is to be lent the money. If a kingdom nation is lending to a foreigner, that is, a foreign nation, then the answer is yes. Money can be lent to other nations with interest. However, if you are a citizen or an alien (i.e., mixed multitude) living within a kingdom nation, then the answer is no.

In this issue, let us look at the lending of money between nations. As you consider the following verses, look beyond ancient Israel and apply these verses to kingdom nations in the coming eon.

(19) “You shall not charge interest to your countrymen: interest on money, food, or anything that may be loaned at interest. (20) You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your countrymen you shall not charge interest, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all that you undertake in the land which you are about to enter to possess.”
(Deuteronomy 23:19-20 NASB)

“For the LORD your God will bless you as He has promised you, and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; and you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.” (Deuteronomy 15:6 NASB)

“The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.” (Deuteronomy 28:12 NASB)

Notice that a kingdom nation is not allowed borrowing from other nations. Why do you suppose this is not allowed? The answer is two-fold.

First, the Lord will bless the nation that follows His divine law with such an overflow of abundance that there will be no need to borrow. On the contrary, due to its vast abundance, the nation will be able to lend to others. In fact, kingdom nations will rule over other nations due to the blessing of the Lord. They are to be the head, not the tail (Deuteronomy 28:13). Consequently, on the positive side, there will be no need for a kingdom nation to borrow from other nations. If it did, then it would be a sin because it would be seeking gain or increase in order to live beyond what God has provided.

Second, apart from breaking the law of God, which is lawlessness, a kingdom nation borrowing from another nation places itself under bondage to the lender nation. In other words, the lender or creditor nation can then exercise control over the borrower or debtor nation. The borrower nation will have to take into consideration the interests of the creditor nation to the detriment of its own interests. In the end, the borrower nation is brought under bondage to the lender nation and drawn away from the Lord. In other words, the creditor nation becomes the head and the debtor nation becomes the tail. As Solomon wrote: **The borrower becomes the lender's slave** (Proverbs 22:7b).

This is exactly the strategy of mystery Babylon, but with an insidious twist. First, the strategy is to join all nations together through credit so that the interest of the whole global economy is more important than the interests of the individual nations. This is why the whole world faces an economic crisis. All nations have been bound together so that their national interests take second place to the interests of mystery Babylon or, more precisely, the new global order. The insidious part of the strategy is to make the nations creditors and debtors to each other in order to enslave all of them to the great city Babylon, the harlot that sits upon many waters (Revelation 17:15). Consequently, some of the more advanced nations are both creditors and debtors.

The US is a prime example. It could be argued that the US has been the closest thing to a kingdom nation in our modern era. Over the years, the US has been known as a creditor nation, even giving foreign aid to other nations. There is no doubt that the US has been abundantly blessed by God and has shared some of this blessing throughout the world. However, in our prosperity, we began to lust after many things, which in turn led us to live beyond our means, that is, to live beyond the blessings of the Lord. With our insatiable appetite for material goods, we have mortgaged ourselves to other nations and have become not only a creditor nation but also a debtor nation. We have sold ourselves to the likes of China, Japan, and the Saudi kingdom. As a nation that continually asks God to bless us, we have become a harlot just like ancient Israel was a harlot as she wed herself to the nations of the world. We have been wed to the harlot of mystery Babylon. In our prosperity, we did not listen to the Lord but instead turned from Him and rejected His divine law.

Responsibility for this rests squarely on the shoulders of the ecclesia of God that long ago said that the law of God no longer applies because we are under grace. But Paul said that the law is good, and it is spiritual. This is a topic all unto itself. See issues #02-0831, *The Law is Good #1* (June 27, 2008) and #02-0832, *The Law is Good #2* (July 5, 2008). Because His people rejected His divine law, God has sold us into slavery. However, there is good in this if we are willing to turn from our wicked ways and repent. But true repentance must begin with the household of God, for this is where judgment begins (1 Peter 4:17). We need to wake up; God has a better way, and it is the way of the kingdom of our Lord.

Unfortunately, those who are leading the nations, especially those leading the US through its current economic crisis, have no clue as to how to resolve the matter because they are trying to repair something that is built on a foundation of sand. They are trying to prop up a system that God's hand is against. No matter how good or, perhaps, evil their intentions are, they will fail. You can bank on it!

In the coming kingdom of our Lord, the nations that align themselves with God's law will not borrow money any longer, for they will have overflowing abundance as the Lord blesses their obedience. When the nations seek God's way through His Son and His kingdom, lasting prosperity will come.