*Wednesday, January 8, 2014*

**Consider Your Ways**

Haggai 1:5-7 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earned wages earns wages to put it into a bag with holes. 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; consider your ways. (KJV)

Our Lord’s realm is one of abundance, complete, good measure pressed down shaken together to the point that the cup runs over. The example we see illustrated above doesn’t sound like the Lord is in charge anymore, rather, it sounds like the people decided they could do better. If you are in that category it is time you try something else, something that will satisfy your spiritual thirst and clothe you in our Lord’s righteousness so that you don’t die of exposure to the elements.

Luke 12:24-26 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? (KJV)

There’s something else to consider, how about looking out the window at the ravens? The ravens didn’t wake up worrying about their 401-k retirement plan did they? Having said that, God fed them and was watching over them wasn’t He? With all the things you took thought for today, how much farther did you really advance in your walk? Well from what I suspect, nothing, in fact if anything you probably went backward. If you can’t get to the point of allowing the Lord to be your total source, then there is no point taking thought for anything else concerning His kingdom because you are dead in the water, so to speak.

Luke 16:9-11 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. 10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? (KJV)

Luke 16:9

[They may receive you]-- That is, the "friends" ye make by the mammon of unrighteousness. [Into everlasting habitations]-- Into "mansions" more durable than this steward was welcomed into when turned out of doors. But how are these friends to receive us into everlasting habitations? By rising up as witnesses of what we did in their behalf for Jesus Christ’s sake. (From Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary)

We are surrounded by a fallen world whose love for the Lord has become cold by their love of money or mammon. If you cannot be faithful in what our Lord says should be the least of our concerns, then how could He ever entrust you with spiritual things? This is a cross road where many have fallen away and are trying to serve two masters which is one too many.

Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses. (KJV)

So what do you have a hold of today, or should I say what has a hold of you? Are you truly in possession of salvation or did the thief enter in and rob you blind?

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.