

James 5:1-8 (The Message)

1-3 And a final word to you arrogant rich: Take some lessons in lament. You'll need buckets for the tears when the crash comes upon you. Your money is corrupt and your fine clothes stink. Your greedy luxuries are a cancer in your gut, destroying your life from within. You thought you were piling up wealth. What you've piled up is judgment.

4-6 All the workers you've exploited and cheated cry out for judgment. The groans of the workers you used and abused are a roar in the ears of the Master Avenger. You've looted the earth and lived it up. But all you'll have to show for it is a fatter than usual corpse. In fact, what you've done is condemn and murder perfectly good persons, who stand there and take it.

7-8 Meanwhile, friends, wait patiently for the Master's Arrival. You see farmers do this all the time, waiting for their valuable crops to mature, patiently letting the rain do its slow but sure work. Be patient like that. Stay steady and strong. The Master could arrive at any time.

Wow! What a warning for these times! As we look back over the ages of history we see the tentacles of demonic rule spreading like a cancer over the entire earth's wealth. Now we are facing serious situations in the world economy. The US government is trying to bail out the country by shoring up the major banks to prevent collapse! What was the cause of this great crisis in the first place! It is summed up in one word – GREED!

Let us not only point the finger at the banks and the “arrogant rich”. Too many of us “grass roots” people are, by our own greed, creating an economic crisis in our daily lives. We want everything the Joneses and the Browns have, but one level up, and we want it NOW! What do we do? We mortgage ourselves and our children (sometimes our grandchildren) to get the house, the car, the clothes, the gadgets etc. etc. Then we live month to month on the credit cards, cycling one card to pay another!

Gone are the old days when we actually saved to get anything! I am not an economist, nor am I a financial advisor, but I do know that when you pay out more than you take in and continue doing so at high interest rates, it will catch up with you! This holds true as much for the country as for the householder or the child with his/her pocket money.

No, I am not against borrowing, but borrowing must be within our ability to repay and still live comfortably on the remainder. Old-fashioned maybe, but it works.

When anything happens that so lines up with the Word of God, I like to do a little research. As I was checking out the history of the Federal Reserve

Bank, (which is really interesting) I came across this question and answer:

Q: Who owns the stock of the Federal Reserve Banks?

A: The dynastic families of the ruling World Order, internationalists who are loyal to no race, religion, or nation. They are families such as the Rothschilds, the Warburgs, the Schiffs, the Rockefellers, the Harrimans, the Morgans and others known as the elite, or "the big rich".

It would be an interesting study to see how the wealth got to their hands!

The vast wealth of the world once belonged to one man and one woman – Adam and Eve. All was forfeited to the devil when the fall came about. When Jesus, the last Adam came, he restored it all. Nothing the devil has is his – it belongs to the children of God! Why then do we feel anxious or afraid when events such as these happen? Is or is not God, the Creator our Father? Does He or does He not say in Psalm 55:22:

(Amplified) *“Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail).”*

Jesus tells us *“But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.* (Matthew 6:33 CEV)

This is the other problem with Christians – they do not put God and His work first. One does not reap a harvest unless a seed is sown. Most Christians go to Church, plunk a dollar in the offering plate and think they have done God a favor and their conscience is satisfied.

That is so wrong! Churches have their teachings (or no teaching) about giving to the work of God, but what does God say? The first tenth of everything is His. Then we are free to give over and above that as we desire, or as He leads us.

We are not doing God a favor by giving, we are doing ourselves a favor by giving Him what is His rightfully, and it is a form of sealing our covenant with Him. Under this covenant, we are insured against fluctuations in the economy!

We are not worried about the economy – if pension funds, investments or banks fail, they are not our source! God is our provider and our source! Our trust is in Him! What He said, He will do!

(To read more on the article on The Federal Reserve - go to your search engine and type in 'Secrets of the Federal Reserve')