



BEATING THE RECESSION ...THE GOD WAY

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At this period of uncertainty and economic downturn, many reasons have been attributed to the problems that have occurred.

In fact right now some of the most hated figures in the world are the Bankers. In the past highly respected, these people have been blamed for the worst economic downturn in the world in many years. Many are bitter, as companies have been shutting down, jobs are cut, production is low and banks are more unwilling to lend than ever. Property prices have tumbled heavily in the past 12 months or so. All in all, the statistics are alarming.

This situation may even make you wonder if there is a God, and why has he allowed all this to happen? There is however a God and He is as real yesterday as He is today and will be forever. A recession is nothing new, just like a natural disaster or the man or woman that died everyday at one corner of the world. Everything has been programmed by the master programmer Himself. He created all things and laid down the rules by which the world should be run.

WHY THE RECESSION

There are two angles I would like to look at the cause of the recession from. The first is that God made the world, and like all manufacturers, he gave a manual, his own manual is the Bible. This was to be the rule book for operating the planet. But man, especially in the west have thrown the manual in the trash can and instead have made up their rule book. When you

throw the rule book out of the window, one day very soon, the equipment will malfunction, and you may not be clear on how to fix it, neither will you be prepared for problem.

Secondly, God has a purpose for all things; the Bible says all things work together for good. In the Biblical days, they had recessions at several periods, from the days of Abraham to Elisha, the Bible recorded several famines. However, one thing that was common to all the famine is that, God ends up being glorified either through the extraordinary blessing experienced by a believer, or through a significant miracle. Isaac for instance sowed during a famine and the bible recorded that he reaped a hundred fold. God can use the recession to get the world's attention. The King sent for Elisha during the famine in 2 Kings Chapter 6 out of desperation.

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WHAT TO DO

God ultimately has the answers to all problems, and the current economic downturn is another. The key to surviving during

these hard times is to TRUST IN GOD. If you don't who will you trust in, the government, your bank, your employer, your estate agents? Have they not all failed you during this period? God wants you to trust in Him. He said draw unto me, and I will draw unto you and Prophet Isaiah said God will keep in perfect peace those that depend on Him. Why don't you trust God today, seek Him and His peace, try Him and see if He will not give you the peace.

This period is also the period for us to concentrate on what is important and make heaven our real treasure house. Many people have lost their life savings in the world today; many killed themselves when the stock market went down. This is because all their treasure is in the world, no matter how hard the economy is, if your treasure is in heaven, then you will be safe. However, even during this time; some believers are experiencing an increase, like Isaac. Someone in my church recently told me how they bought several houses during this RECESSION. With God all things are possible!

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