

The Healing of the Land Will Come When:

- We live the faith we claim through Jesus Christ
- We humble ourselves to truth.
- We pray and seek God's face in true worship.
- We turn from our wicked ways.

How Little Becomes Much — How Much Becomes Little

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3. **Greed and Selfishness.** We need to find balance between making an income where we are adequately cared for and all out selfishness and greed where it's all mine and I'm not sharing. The reason we at East Naples Baptist Church present giving opportunities beyond our regular tithe to the church is to help us realize we are our brother's keeper. Each month we emphasize a different ministry opportunity that you can participate in. Giving time, talent and treasure is a great way to combat selfishness in your life. Remember the scriptural principle Paul gives in Acts 20:35 — *It is more blessed to give than to receive.* The Message puts it: *You will be far happier giving than getting.*



"I have shown you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Acts 20:35)

A Solution

Can this be reversed? Yes, I believe it can. But it will take each of us doing our part to reverse the curse. Listen to these words from 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 (KJV) — *If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

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- Those who claim a relationship with God through His son Jesus Christ begin to live the faith they claim. Unfortunately, much of the world's challenges can be laid on the church door step. Our lives are not much different from the world's. And until we, the people of God take seriously the claims of Christ upon our total lives, we will continue to decline toward total disaster.

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- We humble ourselves to truth. Denial will get us nowhere. It only defers the inevitable. The time is now for us to get real about our situations, that to keep doing the same thing and expecting different results is insanity. Christians with consistent financial problems need to get a financial coach now, get accountable to the process, set up a budget and stick to it.
- Pray and seek God's face. We are too into ourselves, and not into God enough. Worship, true worship, worship that pleases God is required.
- Turn from our wicked ways. We can't continue to steal and expect God to bless with prosperity.



"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all."

(Genesis 14:18-20)

Conclusion

If God's people do not heed the wake-up call, what He has blessed us with will soon be gone. There is a way out if we will choose it. God has made a way, if we will follow it. Jesus has done His part. Now, will we do ours?

Your friend and pastor,

Phil

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- *Winning over the Giant of Anger,*
- *Winning over the Giant of Worry,*
- *Winning over the Giant of Addictions,*
- *Winning over the Giant of Depression, and*
- *Winning over the Giant of Guilt.*