

SHEKINAH MINISTRIES

GLORY AND PRESENCE OF GOD

Unjust Weights and Measures

We have long since grown accustomed to the world's economic advice as to how to succeed and profit financially, but, from God's perspective, what is necessary and what should be avoided in order to be financially successful in our society? Does God even speak on this real life issue?

Well, God has much to say about this, and we are studying it in this month's lesson UNJUST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. In fact, we are learning that this topic is one that God takes very seriously.

Our lesson begins with how NOT to comport your business administratively; in an unjust manner. Having an unjust scale is one of the worst things a human being can have on this earth because it is an abomination to the Lord. What does it mean to have an unjust weight or scale? It means that you show partiality or deceit in business exchanges in order to deceive others to profit yourself. "Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight," the Bible states in Proverbs 11:1. "Diverse weights and diverse measures; they are both alike, an abomination to the Lord," Proverbs 20:10 continues, because this requires you to measure with partiality. It is very important to God not to have unjust or diverse weights. This is because they deceive innocent people, taking advantage of them.

In order to discern what weights and measures are unjust, we must know what they are and how they are determined so that we can compare them for accuracy and injustice. The first couple of weeks of this lesson lay the foundation of what specific measures are and how they are determined. When a weight is just, it conforms to the universal standard of measure.

Some of the foundation scriptures for this lesson include:

Leviticus 19:35-36 You shall do no injustice in judgment in measurement of length, weight, or volume. You shall have honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 25:13 -16

13 You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light.

14 You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small,

You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, are an abomination to the Lord your God.

Proverbs 16:11 Honest weights and scales are the Lord's. All the weights in the bag are His work.
Proverbs 20:23 Diverse weights are an abomination to the Lord, and dishonest scales are not good.

We are studying this lesson not so much that we learn not to use unjust weights and measures, but so that we do not become victims of the world who does use them to deceive and rob us.

This is the first lesson of 1998, and it has been on Pastor's heart to teach to us for a few years. The Lord spends a lot of scriptures discussing this topic, and therefore, it must be very important to Him.

Lucifer: Lord of Injustice

Unjust weights and measures are an abomination to the Lord due to what Pastor has coined as The Luciferian Connection. Lucifer has a role to play in this deceptive way of administering business. In fact, to get involved with it, we must side in with the devil. The use of unjust weights and measures is his idea, and even now, he is using it in our economic system.

Lucifer's sin, as the anointed cherub who covers, began with the abundance of his trading, as stated in Ezekiel 28:16, 18. He defiled his sanctuaries by the iniquity of his trading, and he became involved with dishonest trade. As we are learning, when Lucifer's hand is involved with the trade, there is iniquity present.

When the Anti-Christ, Satan's main man, comes into power, Daniel 11:37 describes him as one who will honor a god of fortresses with gold and silver, precious stones, and pleasant things. He will be in control of the land and the wealth, and no one will be able to interact financially without siding in with him by wearing his mark, as stated in Revelation 13:16-18. The merchants of the earth will join-up with the Anti-Christ, or Babylon the Great, to share in his wealth as stated in Revelation 18:3. When the judgment of God does come upon the Anti-Christ, it will also come upon those who have sided in with the devil and his economics: Revelation 18:9-10 reads "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment saying, "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come."

What kind of evil transactions are included in unjust weights and measures? Revelation 18:11-13 continues on to say what objects were bought and sold in their business transactions. The most hideous of all the merchandise named is the bodies and souls of men. Lucifer's economic system entails selling people's very lives for profit, having no regard for life.

Although all of that will occur in the near future, Lucifer's economics has pervaded our economic system in the United States even today. In this lesson, and more detailed in the tapes of this series, we learn the characteristics of money, and that it must be intrinsically valuable in order to be a just medium of exchange. In 1913, the U.S. allowed the Federal Reserve to be instituted, a type of central bank system. This system was the epitome of unjust weights and measures. The Federal Reserve issued notes that promised to pay the person holding the paper money that same amount in real money of gold or silver. For convenience sake, this paper money would take its place until

the people were ready to cash in at the Federal Reserve, where the true money would be stored. In 1929, the great depression occurred, and the Federal Reserve's new economic system was instituted. In 1933, we began to use what we call fiat money. This is paper that was basically declared to be money, and "abracadabra" - it was printed, but there was not necessarily any real money to back it up. That same year, the law was passed that gold and silver were illegal to have, and the accepted medium of exchange was the Federal Reserve Notes. A Federal Reserve note states that the Federal Reserve promises to pay us the true value of every dollar that they have printed and put in circulation. However, they aren't willing to pay it to us. In fact, they think that they owe us nothing. Everything that we've ever bought, we paid for with their dollars; worthless dollars because there is no longer any gold or silver to back it up. People accept it only because everyone agrees to, not because it is intrinsically valuable. It is legal tender (not lawful).