

## **Chapter Four**

# **LAWS OF PROFIT AND LOSS IN THE KINGDOM**

### **Everything in God's Great Universe is Governed by Laws**

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## **THERE ARE LAWS WHICH GOVERN PROFIT AND LOSS IN EVERY REALM**

### **The Laws That Govern Profit and Loss in Agriculture**

The old farmer honors this law and knows when to plant the seed. In many areas, the window to plant the seed is very narrow. If he plants too early, then a late freeze will damage or destroy the young plants. If he plants his crop too late in the season, rains or winds will come at harvest time, which will greatly damage the

harvest. To succeed in farming, he must honor the laws of profit and loss.

The farmer must follow the laws of preparing the soil, of planting the seed, of protecting the crop against its natural enemies and the elements. Then he must harvest the crop and follow the laws of marketing it. If he honors all of these laws, he is likely to succeed in farming. If he does not honor them, he will suffer loss and fail.

## **The Laws of Profit and Loss in Business**

"Profit and loss" is a term that is used frequently in the business and financial world. Charts, graphs, and trends are

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followed very closely to determine decisions that must be made by the decision makers. Some businesses could not operate without this information, but in everyday business things are much simpler.

A business that offers a good product, is sensitive to the needs and desires of its customers, and goes the extra mile in customer satisfaction, will more than likely succeed. If a company fails in one of these areas – product,

service, or customer satisfaction – it will probably fail.

## **The Laws of Profit and Loss in Raising a Family**

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children are the only fruit in the world **that are eternal**. Everything else on this earth is only temporal and will wear out or be burned up some day. To think that God doesn't have laws of profit and loss in raising **children, who are eternal, is unthinkable!**

It is generally accepted in our generation today that raising children to be good, productive, God-fearing citizens is a gamble; that a person cannot be assured that one's children will turn out well. **This thinking violates the laws of profit and loss**. There is no other realm where such explicit laws of profit and loss are given, than in the realm governing the welfare of those He calls "the apple of my eye," who were created in His image and likeness. These laws are found **in God's manual**,

His Holy, eternal Bible.

The problem lies in that most people do not read His instructions. There are many of God's children who do not look at the Bible as God's manual **for raising their children**. Those that do accept the Bible as a manual in raising their children often times pick and choose **the principles they want to teach**. Some may follow the laws as closely as they can, but then nullify much of their training **by outward flaws** in their own lives.

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The world has profited greatly by parents who have followed God's laws of profit and loss in raising their children. The world has been changed and generations blessed by a Godly product of a praying, saintly mother. The real fruition of this foundation will be amplified in the Millennium and eternal age.

The world is in chaos today by the teachings of parents who have followed flawed principles and worldly psychology in raising their children. They not only fail to

recognize God's Word as His manual for raising children, but many even fail to recognize God as the Supreme Being.

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Many of these people and their children, who have violated His laws of profit and loss in their families, suffer shipwreck and destruction. Oh, what tragedies and heartbreak they face as this three score and ten years life ends and they transfer into the eternal age.

If there are laws of profit and loss, which help shape the outcome and results in every realm of this life, then **you can absolutely expect** our eternal God to have laws of profit and loss in the coming Millennial age.

## **LAWS WHICH GUARANTEE TREMENDOUS REWARDS FOR THOSE THAT HONOR THEM**

### **Jesus Offers Kingship to Some**

In the first chapter of Revelation, the Bible declares this truth. In verses five and six it states, "...Unto him? that loved us, and washed us [**loosed** us] from our sins in

his own blood, And hath made us [**lifted us**] kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

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The devil does this by raising up a cult who put their own spin about being a god over their own kingdom, which will be populated by their children, who will be produced by his many wives and descendants. The devil knew that as this false religion grew, much teaching would have to be done by the true churches in order to refute this false doctrine. The refuting of their falsehood would have the effect of blinding men to the true teaching that some men would serve as kings in the Millennium.

In refuting error, many times efforts are made to show what is false. They may do a good job of doing that, but they fail to show what the truth is concerning the doctrine.

“...have thou authority over ten cities.” the Bible states in Luke 19:17. In Matthew, Jesus promised, “...thou hast

been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things...." Matt 25:21. And in Rev 2:27, Jesus said to the overcomers that He would give them **power (authority) over the nations**. His words were, "And he shall rule them with a rod of iron...."

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This is the positive teaching of the coming Kingdom. Most people's minds are blinded by the teaching they have heard in refuting the devil's false propaganda about the Kingdom.

## **WHY OFFER THESE TREMENDOUS POSITIONS OF REWARD AND HONOR?**

The question that comes into the minds of some is, "Why would Jesus offer such tremendous positions of honor to His people after all He has already done for them?" He suffered and died on the cross;

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and through that sacrifice, believers have eternal life, a future glorified body, and a home in Heaven. After all that He has done for us by His grace and love, why would He offer these further rewards?

## **REASONS FOR THESE FUTURE REWARDS AND POSITIONS OF HONOR IN THE KINGDOM**

### **Positions of Glory Offered in Order to Teach Man to Strive for Things That are Eternal**

One of the first commandments Jesus gave in His early ministry to mankind was,

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on this earth, where you will lose them during your lifetime

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or leave them when you die. But lay up for yourselves **treasures** in Heaven, where they will be safe and preserved for you."

Matt 6:19-20

This command seems to have fallen on deaf ears, as man runs recklessly about this earth to **get all that he can**. In order to help man see that **he is eternal** and that this



short span on earth, called life, is so brief and uncertain, God **offers rich and tremendous rewards** to those who find and fulfill their purpose. These rewards are promised to all that will listen to the Bible, realize they are eternal beings, find their place on this earth as a steward of Christ, and pursue their purpose, which is to be an ambassador for Christ. Jesus offered them a rich pay check for doing this.

These rewards are so much more than what the world offers, and **they are eternal**. By offering these rewards, God is striving to **get man to work for Him** and not waste his life following after things of the world that will perish.

**Positions of glory offered in order to fulfill man's desire for greatness.** Man, by nature, wants to triumph and "**be somebody**." Every little boy wants to grow up and be some kind of "star." God created man to **have dominion over this earth**. Man has an innate desire to excel and do great things. After a few years, most people are beaten down by the world and the devil and **succumb** to a mediocre life and existence

God offers these great and glorious positions in order to capture man's inner

desires and propel him to greatness. He uses the example of the first generation of Christians, **who were fisherman, common laborers, and housewives**, in order to try to get them to see that they too, **by the grace and mercy of God**, can do great things. He holds out the carrot of future positions in the Millennium in order to motivate them to throw themselves into the **spiritual realm of life**. To satisfy their desire for greatness, God offers a simple way for the average man to excel and become "somebody" in the age to come.

**Positions of glory offered to man in order to offset what the devil and the world offer.** The devil and the world are **bidding** for the lives and souls of man. They are doing everything in their power to entice, capture, and then destroy mankind. What do they offer for the souls and lives of their victims? **They offer them the world!** They promise to make them **top dog with power, prestige, and lordship over others**. They promise them pleasure, good times, plenty of adoration, and recognition from peers and subordinates. The appeal and distraction comes from every side. **Man's hunger for popularity** and fame makes him

an easy victim for the devil to trap, and eventual destroy.

The devil even tried this allurement on Jesus in the wilderness, where he promised, "Worship me and I will give you the kingdom and power."

Jesus offers positions of glory and honor in order to **out-trump the devil's offer**, and get man to set his affection on eternal greatness. God surpasses the allurement of the devil by promising real and lasting fulfillment in the coming Kingdom, which outshines anything the devil can offer – ruler over many things or a kingship for 1000 years.

**Positions of glory offered to reveal Jesus' great heart and nature to honor and bless His people. Jesus' nature dictates** that He share His blessings with those He loves. When He offers lasting and prestigious rewards, it reveals His loving and giving nature. It is just a part of Him to do so, because **God is love**. Love honors and shares. Love is the opposite of selfishness, and is fulfilled in giving and sharing.

Jesus offers great and lasting rewards with positions of honor and distinction **because it blesses and fulfills His nature to do so.**

**Positions of glory offered in order to take the promise out of the abstract and place it into the concrete.** The word "abstract" comes from two words: "ab," which means from, and "stract," which means to draw. Together they mean "thoughts apart from any particular instance or material." When one speaks in an abstract way, they are stating a principle and not talking about any particular instance.

The word "concrete" comes from two words also: "con," meaning together, and "crete," which means to grow. Together, the two words mean "formed into a solid mass."

Many times we make the promises of God abstract that a person cannot see. When we say that positions of glory should be taken out of the abstract and made concrete; we want to show the person the absolute promise and not the vague promise. For example:

Jesus said, "If you will serve me faithfully, I will bless you," **that is abstract.**

Jesus said, "If you will serve me faithfully, I will make you ruler over five cities," **that is concrete.**

Jesus said, "If you serve me faithfully, I will reward you," **that is abstract.**

Jesus said, "If you serve me faithfully, I will let you eat and drink at my table for 1000 years," **that is concrete.**

Jesus said, "If you will give up your all and follow me, I will bless you," **that is abstract.**

When Jesus said, "If you will give up your all and follow me, I will reward you 100 fold (10,000 times your investment)," **that is concrete.**

Man can understand the concrete promise and, with faith, work toward it regardless of his problems or personal feelings. But a man who has an abstract promise such as, "I will bless you," may lose sight of it in times of trouble and confusion.

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Jesus knew that nature of man. We are like little children. In fact, He calls us little children on many occasions. If you promise a little child an ice cream cone providing he is a good boy, then he will expect an ice cream cone and will pester you until he gets it.

God offers great and wonderful **concrete promises** in order to secure and keep a person's attention while he works toward the sure promises of God. We, in this generation, need to take God's promises out of the abstract and make them **very clear and concrete**.

But, just as there are profits in the coming kingdom, there are principles which bring chastisement and loss. Please consider the following principles.

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TEARS, AND LOSS IN THE  
KINGDOM**

Now, the author is aware that this section will cut against the grain of some of God's greatest preachers and scholars. But please, before you judge too harshly or judge this as some kind of "Baptist purgatory," reason with me a little.

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We know there are going to be different degrees of punishment in hell.

Every Bible teacher I know accepts and believes those two statements. But for some reason, it is difficult to believe or accept that the child of God who becomes an enemy of Jesus Christ should have any repercussion or chastisement for the entire 1000-year period. Somehow or another, in their reasoning, that violates grace. My answer is that there has always been a time of grace, followed by judgment.

### **Grace Followed by Judgment**

God offered a choice to Pharaoh, and he refused and hardened his heart. God offered his grace again and again to Pharaoh, and each time he hardened his heart. Finally, after offers of grace, God hardened Pharaoh's heart and judgment came.

### **The Law of the Sabbath**

The Jews were not only supposed to cease work on the seventh day, but they were to let the land have rest and refurbish itself every seven years.

Every seventh day, the Jews were to spend the whole day away from their labors.

They were to teach their children as they dedicated the whole day to worship and honor God as the Lord, Creator, and Savior.

God also had a law of the Sabbath year for the land, every seventh year. If the Jews had honored the law of the weekly Sabbath day, they would have been able to, by faith, obey God and allow the land to rest so the poor could benefit from its production:

- The Jews refused to obey
- The Jews became carnal
- The Jews then became backslidden

The process was followed by the chastisement of God. After several years of chastisement, God took them out of their land and sold them into slavery. This allowed the land to have rest for seventy years.

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II Chronicles

36:20-21 Seventy years is actually a short period of time - the average length of a man's life - but it illustrates grace before judgment.



## **BLINDNESS CAME OVER ISRAEL AS A NATION**

### **Grace Offered in the Wilderness**

Again, we have grace offered to Israel as He brought them out of Egypt. Grace was rejected again and again; then the judgment of forty years wandering in the wilderness.

### **Grace Offered in the Land of Promise**

Grace continued to be offered under the leadership of Joshua, but the Jews backslid again and again. Each time God chastised them and offered grace again. Finally, the judgment came and their kingdom was divided.

### **Grace Offered to the Kings**

Grace was offered over and over and over again to the kings. Finally judgment came and the Jews lost their freedom and their land and were scattered throughout the world.

### **The Big Question**

The apostles asked Jesus, "Why do you speak to them (Jews) in parables?  
Matthew 13:10

Jesus answered the apostles' question by saying, "...Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it is not given.**"  
Matthew 13:11

"Why is this Jesus? Why wasn't it given unto the Jews to understand?"

Jesus answered, "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."  
Matthew 13:12-13

Jesus is saying, "I worked with them through the prophets, through wars, through chastisement. I have tried to help them in every way possible!"

In verse 14, Jesus speaks about the prophet's prophecy. **In essence, they (the Jews) don't want to hear.** They don't want to see. They don't want to understand. Because of this continual offer of grace and their refusal, He

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would not let them, as a nation; **spurn the grace of God again**. They will suffer the consequences of their past decisions. Notice the truth of this principle which is stated in II Chronicles 36:16, “But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.”

### **Now Answer This Question**

For two to three thousand years, God has basically left the Jewish nation spiritually blind. They rejected every offer of grace and, as a nation, have paid the horrible price ever since. This judgment has lasted for a much longer time than 1000 years.

Was God too harsh in His judgment? Absolutely not! He saw that His grace, love, and working with them was rejected and they would not turn to Him. Because of this, they must bear the consequence of rejecting His love and mercy. The consequence is judgment.

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## **God Has Done the Same Thing For Us**

Every one of God's children who have made shipwrecks of their lives, have done so after God's grace was rejected. God worked with them and offered grace. They would not listen and turned away. They neglected His offer of mercy. They willfully made bad decisions again and again. Finally, their loving Savior said, **“Son, I'll see you at the Judgment Seat.”**

If the Jewish nation had to bear their punishment for refusing God's grace, not once, not twice, not three times, but over and over again? If they had to suffer for several hundreds of years. Then why is there a problem with individuals who have done the same thing, **living with the fruits of their deeds for the 1000-year reign?**

## **It Will all End Before an Eternal Heaven**

At the end of the 1000 years, the Great White Throne Judgment for the lost will take place.

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The lost will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever. Is God cruel? Absolutely not!

He did everything in His power to turn every sinner to Jesus and give them

eternal life. Because they are eternal beings, they must be placed somewhere. They made the choice of where they will spend eternity **by rejecting God's offer of grace.**

One of God's biggest obstacles to overcome in saving sinners – one of the biggest hindrances to His effort of saving the lost – **is His backslidden children.**

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### **God's Mercy Intervenes**

The wayward child will only have to endure his pain for a short time – as the eternal God counts time and in comparison to what the lost will suffer.

After the Great White Throne Judgment, God will create a new Heaven and a new earth. At that point, He will gather His big family together and put His loving arm around the disobedient child and say, "Son, you have suffered enough."

He will wipe the tears from his eyes. He will wipe the memory from his mind and "the former things are passed away." *Rev 21:4*

## **Judgment Without Mercy**

God will not change His Word just because we live in an age that wants to depend too much on the grace and mercy of a loving Father. The Word of God IS the Word of God and every believer will be judged by it as they stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. There are some laws that are eternal and they will be applicable at the Judgment Seat. James warned that, "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy...." James 2:13

This followed a long discourse that warned against the vainness of lip service, and warned against loving in thought and in word only; and concluded that faith without works, or failing to help solve a need when we can, is no faith at all. He termed it "dead faith." There are many people who are good Christians in their mind and they know how to talk a good talk, but they are absolutely facing the millennial position that will bring them many tears.

## THREE ETERNAL, UNCHANGING LAWS

Let us examine three eternal laws which will come to full fruition in the coming 1000-year Kingdom.

### The Law of Sowing and Reaping

One of the most Joyful scriptures for the faithful Christian is, "...Blessed are

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the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; **and their works do follow them.**" Rev 14:13 If this is true for the faithful servants, **it is true for the unfaithful servants as well.**

Paul warned that a person should not be deceived. Then he said, "...God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he [speaking to Christians] that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption...." Gal 6:7-8

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Backslidden Lot is a perfect example of a Christian who pitched his tent toward

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Sodom (the world and its monetary benefits) and enjoyed success for a little while.

Then all of his lofty goals vanished and the castle he had built in his mind came crumbling down. In disgrace, he died a lonely old man, the father of Moab and Ammon. Lot was saved, but the millions of descendants of Moab and Ammon were entrenched in false religion and false hope. For 1000 years, Lot will remember and face the consequences of his misspent, backslidden life.

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grace. "He shall have Judgment without mercy to him who showed no mercy." David said that God would "...renderest to every man according to his work." Psalms 62:12

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to the flesh will find the same end as did Esau, who sought repentance with tears but found none.

### **The Law of Whosoever Exalteth Himself Shall be Abased**

Pride is man's characteristics that **God hates the most.** Peter warned preachers that "...God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." I Peter 5:5

**Jesus preached,** "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

God vividly demonstrated to the world what He would do to those who lifted themselves up in pride when He humbled Nebuchadnezzar, the first world ruler. Daniel 4:1-37

He humbled the highest monarch on earth and made him live **like a beast for seven years to demonstrate the judgment God will execute toward those who are proud.**

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God told Israel through Isaiah the prophet, "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low." Isaiah 2:11-12

The day the Lord is referring to is the **Day of Judgment.**

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### **The Law of Judging and Being Judged**

This law is very close to the law of reaping what you sow, **the difference is in attitude.** Jesus said, "Judge not." Why? He goes ahead to explain why a person should not be critical and judgmental. It will bring

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judgment back to that person. Many of God's people have developed a **holier-than-thou attitude** toward

other people, **which has repelled sinners from the Gospel** instead of drawing them to the Lord. They will face that religious attitude at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Other Christians' favorite verse seems to be, "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples **that you go around straightening everybody out.**" This rendition of the verse **wounds people** instead of wooing them to Jesus. The verse actually states, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have **love** one to another." John 13:35

Perpetuating religious standards and traditions, and judging those that fall short was not the purpose of Jesus Christ on this earth. He came to seek and to save sinners. These judgmental and critical attitudes must

be replaced with a humble and loving spirit toward the lost. If a person doesn't obey the command of **sowing the message of salvation in tears** as he seeks sinners on this earth, **he will shed tears** over his misspent life at the Judgment Seat.

### **The Eternal Laws of God Will Carry Over To the Next Age**

If one has sown to the flesh in this age, **he will live with the horrible crop** his seeds produce in the next age.

If one has been proud and haughty in this life, he will be humbled and abased in his new position of tears in the next age.

If one has been judgmental and critical serving his religion in this life, he will serve under the same spirit as the recipients of those seeds sown for the coming 1000-year reign.

The laws of profit and loss dictate that both of these conditions will be found in the Kingdom.
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Just as many of God's children will bask in the glory of God during the 1000-year reign for their faithful service, so will many of his unfaithful children be living with pain and tears because of their backslidden and careless life. The laws of

profit and loss dictate that both of these conditions will be found in the Kingdom.

The personal question that you should dwell upon is, "Where will you live on the other side of the river?" What kind of crop will you be blessed with or cursed by for 1000 years? Whatever you sow in this life will likely multiply 1000 times in your life during the 1000 years.

### **Please Take Heart**

Many of God's people will realize for the first time why God expects and commands them to live **a dedicated life of service**. If Jesus came today, they would be totally unprepared and ashamed. Much of their life's works would be judged and burned at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

To the dear people who have wasted much of their lives and read this book the

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author has a word of **hope and encouragement**. Before you finish this book, you will see the gracious offer that Jesus has made so that you can be greatly rewarded and honored on the other side of the river. There is a big house and a place

of leadership waiting for you to claim. Your life is not over yet. Although you have not been a faithful, dedicated Christian who is getting people saved, your loving Father has a way for you to change all of that before you cross over in death or He comes for you. So take heart, the best (for you) is yet to come.

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