

Liberty Letter

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'97 - Aim for Heaven!

We hope you have all had a blessed Christmas with your families, and enjoyed a break since then. Our own Christmas was extra busy as we organised for two weddings for our children who are students at Waikato University. Needless to say our home was full right through to the weddings on 25 January and 6 February. And as we are blessed with six bedrooms, that's quite a crowd. Now we are returning to normal!

ISLAMIC CONVERSION

Last night I was shocked to read in the N.Z. Herald a brief snippet by this title.

"A Christian church in the Auckland Bible belt suburb of Mt Roskill is being turned into a mosque. The Mt Roskill Islamic Trust, which bought the two-year old church building at a mortgagee sale, bid \$1.5 million for the property."

Last year Kathleen, my wife, happened to attend a long-established church when the pastor announced that the church had a mortgage of a million dollars and had had for years. It could no longer continue the financial struggle. (Thankfully it is still surviving and the debt is now down to \$800,000). We all know of others. Probably the largest debt was a church in Auckland which had an eight-million debt. From time to time Liberty Trust is approached by churches in desperate situations. Many churches are in debt.

What is wrong?

In Deuteronomy 28:44 among the curses that will result from disobedience we read:

"The alien shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail."

This follows the blessings of obedience in the first fourteen verses, among which is:

"You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the Lord will make you



the head and not the tail."

What has gone wrong?

The answer lies in the principle that the Church is to be **"THE STOREHOUSE"**.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now in this..." (Malachi 3:10).

If the precondition (tithes into the storehouse) is a financial teaching, so must be the promised blessings. Yet many churches choose to spiritualise the promised blessings because they do not understand: Some, because they do not see the promised material blessings because they have overlooked the function of **the storehouse**. Some, because they secretly do not want to see material blessings because they think that is worldly and would rob the Church of God's power. Certainly they will if God's people do not have a clear vision of the coming Kingdom

and their work in it for the King. Also, they will need a clear vision that they are merely stewards of the master and will be judged/rewarded on their use of the resources lent to them in trust.

Tithes, Storehouse and Blessings

There are three elements in the teaching: tithes, storehouse and blessings.

Only when the Church is functioning as a **storehouse**, will we see the "windows of heaven opened". God's Kingdom is being robbed of the very resources which God has planned and promised for His royal commission (Mark 16:15).

NOTE: for teaching on what is the function of a "storehouse", ask us for a copy of "The Storehouse".

Mortgage News

Three more mortgages have been lent since our November newsletter, bringing the total to seven in the last eight months. This is a record for us. The



receipt of two interest-free loans totaling \$34,000 over Christmas has helped. Thank you to those who lend. Psalm 37:26, 112:5.

Mortgage repayments each week into Group One (the pioneer group) are now twice the level of contributions.

Zero Owing - P.T.L!

Greg and Judy Kennedy completely paid off their mortgage some time ago, and their words are most encouraging. -

"The day has finally arrived! We have just received the latest Liberty Trust statement and at the bottom page, next to the balance owing, are a row of beautiful zeros.

"What a great feeling to be mortgage-free. It is a real blessing, not only to be mortgage-free, but to be associated with people who gladly give up their own time to help God's people.

"To those of you still on the waiting list, or those considering joining Liberty Trust, be encouraged by the proof that God is setting His people free of financial burdens.

"To all the trustees go our thanks for your tireless work and dedication to what God has placed on your hearts."



In conclusion

Despite the fact that there has been no media publicity on Liberty Trust recently we continue to receive a steady stream of enquiries and applications. The trustees do put in many hours, but it is the financial contributions of everyone helping each other that counts.

Best wishes from

Kelvin Deal, Chairman

Why not put this in your church newsletter and notice board?