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Dear Friends in Christ

We are pleased to [welcome new members](#) to Liberty Trust, from Auckland, YWAM Singapore, and two from Christchurch, all of whom are friends of existing members. Great to have you join us.

This is just a brief letter as it isn't long since you last heard from us. Below is our [Record Update](#) for all those contributors waiting for a loan from Ark Resources. Please detach and complete the form with your known details and post or fax it back to us for our records. You may like to phone or email us with these details or add further details on a separate page. The purpose of the Records Update is to keep us informed of your mortgage progress. This way we can ensure that you will be financially blessed through Liberty Trust.

We also include copies of our long-awaited, brand-new [brochures](#). We would love you to pass them on to friends or family so they can "pool resources" and bless one another. We have also recently printed our Bible Study on Finance to share around New Zealand so please contact us if you'd like copies for yourselves or friends.

Every word of God is pure,
He is a shield unto them that
put their trust in Him.
Proverbs 30:5



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Records Update

Contributors waiting for an Ark Resources loan please complete and return to us

Name(s) Address

Phone

Email Signed Date

I do not have any mortgage

My mortgage provider is My 2nd mortgage provider is

Balance \$.....

Interest Rate %

Total Payment \$..... per week/ fort/ month

Principal \$..... per week/ fort/ month

Interest \$..... per week/ fort/ month

Details at date

Balance \$.....

Interest Rate %

Total Payment \$..... per week/ fort/ month

Principal \$..... per week/ fort/ month

Interest \$..... per week/ fort/ month

Details at date



Kelvin Deal, our Chairman

First in the Natural, then in the Spiritual

In Deuteronomy Chapter 28 the Israelites are about to enter the promised land and God lists all the blessings that Israel would receive if they "fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all His commandments given this day". These 14 verses of blessings are followed by 54 verses of curses that would befall Israel if they did not.

If we dismiss this passage of Old Testament teaching as not relevant for today we miss one of the most important warnings found in the Bible. Christ's death opened the door to the new covenant between God and His people but the truths behind these old commandments have never changed. It is painful to read chapter 28 and realise that Israel (and the church today) have not received many of the blessings but have experienced many of the curses instead.

Liberty Trust addresses one of those promised blessings. Verse 12 reads "the Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but borrow from none".

A constant principle of Scripture is "first in the natural, then in the spiritual" (1 Cor 15 v 46). God sent John the Baptist in preparation for Christ. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit could not come at Pentecost until Christ first came and lived in the natural and died the death of a criminal. God always prepares in the natural and then uses this as the base on which to build the spiritual. We often want to shortcut God's plan, and head straight for the spiritual without first dealing with the natural first. Then we wonder why the going is tough.

God promises the blessings of Deut 28 in return for obedient and careful following of the commands he gave that day (verse 1). What commandments were those? The chief financial commandment of this passage is in chapter 14—tithing to the storehouse. We must follow God's command by giving to the storehouse in the natural before we can receive of His bountiful storehouse (see also Malachi 3 v 10).

What is the natural storehouse? Although the Levites and needy peoples were to be fed by tithes given to the civil storehouses in Deut 14, today principally the local church feeds our ministers and the government the remainder. Our tithes must therefore be given to our church, as it is the natural storehouse that provides for our pastors and ministers.

You and I are called by God to build the natural foundation, then He will "open the heavens".

Please contact us for more teaching on God's financial principles

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