

Matthew 6:19-34

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Last Week: Breaking Satanic Strongholds

This Week: Breaking Babylon

Week 3: Breaking Religion

Week 4: Breaking Relationship Strongholds



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Ephesians 6:11-12, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the *spiritual* forces of evil in the heavenly places.



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We are fighting against the wind (spirits).



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Be Aero-dynamic Christians



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What are these spirits?

Colossians 2:8 "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ."



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What are the Elemental Spirits of this world?

1. Money
2. Religion
3. Human relationships

Today: Breaking Babylon- the power of money



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Hebrews 13:4-6 " **(1. Human Relationships)** Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. **(2. Money)** Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, **(3. Religion)** for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"



Why Babylon?

Revelation 18:2-3, "And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!... For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."



Satan's power through money

Revelation 13:16 "Also it causes all, both small and great, both *rich and poor*, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that *no one can buy or sell* unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name."



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Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money (mammon)."



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Deuteronomy 8:17-19 "Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish."



Beware: The power of money...



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1 Timothy 6:9-10 "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."



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Luke 16:13-15, "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. "*The Pharisees, who were lovers of money,* heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."



Are you content with what you have, or would you like to have a little more?

- Maybe a raise, maybe a bit more income?
- A bit more stored away in case of trouble?
 - To be able to buy that _____ you've always wanted?



Ecclesiastes 5:10, "He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity."



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Proverbs 23:4-5 "Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven."

"Do not labor to be rich; cease from your own understanding." MKJV

"Take no care to get wealth; let there be an end to your desire for money." BBE



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Because of Money:

- People waste their lives to accumulate
 - People stop being devoted to God
- People are distracted from the Eternal work of the kingdom of God.
 - The poor suffer
 - We suffer from anxiousness
 - We are not content



How to be free: Use money to prioritize God

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



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How to be free: Use money to prioritize God.

Luke 16:8-9 "The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings."



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Proverbs 3:7-12 "Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits (tithe) of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproofs him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights."



But if I stop focusing on money, will I have enough?

Matthew 6:31-33 "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.



Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 "Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart."



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