

# TRUE WEALTH, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

*REMEMBER THE POOR AND THE NEEDY*

*Sermon Delivered By The Father*

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**1ST LESSON: ACTS 20:35**

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**2ND LESSON: GALATIANS 2:10**

*"Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do".*

**GOLDEN TEXT: ST. MATTHEW 6:3-4**

*"But when thou doest alms, let not they left hand know what they right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly".*

Brethren, that is the theme of our revelation this morning. You can then appreciate why this "refresher course" is held from time to time. You can also see the reason why we work around the clock.

Our Lord Jesus Christ had said, "It is four months before the harvest, behold how white the fields are".

You are true witnesses that ever since we started this Pentecostal on the 5th of August, we have never repeated the same gospel. Each of these gospels represents what has been the bone of contention in the world. When you receive today's gospel, you may say that it is more inspiring than the one of yesterday.

And yesterday, you probably had said that the gospel was more inspiring than the one of the previous day.

It is said that a hungry man is an angry person. If you count the population of the world you are likely to discover that the greater proportion are the poor. In the entire population, even the prostitutes are not as numerous as the poor. The percentage of necromancers and soothsayers are not as numerous as the poor people.

From the beginning of the world, poor people have always out-numbered the rest of the population. If it was not so, God would not have delivered this enlightening gospel.

One of the most important instructions of the Father which needs no vision, dream, preaching or prophesy is what has been revealed to you today. All of us know that food is carnal. We know for certain that if a man does not eat, he cannot live. For this reason if you do not feed people so that they may live, where do you expect God to dwell?

Man is like a house that has a leaking point. If the leakage is not repaired, the occupants will have no alternative than to move out to look for a better accommodation. This is why this issue is very important before God.

It is a very important responsibility which one has to bear. Once you begin to shoulder this responsibility, peace, prosperity and all the good things of life that you will receive cannot be described. In a family there may be one very rich person, while all the others are poor.

In a town, there may be two wealthy persons, while the rest are poor. You will find the rich ones complain of being hated by their relations, because of their wealth. This is not so: the fact is that they have the wealth but do not use it in helping others. For this reason, they receive punishment. Some people do complain that they are not loved by their village because they are wealthy.

Let me point out that the wealth itself is not the reason one is being hated for, the reason is that one has refused to share such wealth with others. You will then see why the scripture highlights how difficult it will be for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God. The rich men have sworn that no matter what happens, they will not give out their money.

**You are all witnesses to the fact that it is very difficult for a rich man to give away one cent to any one. This is why it is difficult for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God. It is comparatively simple for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God, if he bestowed his wealth on the poor; what use are all the things you have accumulated for yourself? You should give some out.**

**Just as the roof leaks, you should put in the required patch and keep everything in its correct place. You are God's husbandry. If you use all that you have to support the poor, you have done a great thing.**

**Is there any work of God that is greater? I say this is the greatest because there is no loss in it. If your right hand gives anything to the poor, you should not allow your left hand to know what your right hand is doing. If you give to the poor in secret, your heavenly Father who sees in secret, will reward you openly.**

**God blesses us and replenishes us through our caring for the needs and wants of the poor. You have been told that the poor ones will go to heaven, so as to show us what this assignment means for our own good. People often pray to God to take away poverty. If God takes the poor people, how will He bless the Children of God?**

**I have told you before and I am repeating it now, that the whites have gone very far in this wisdom. Most of the whites have listened to this gospel and have endeavoured to put it into practice. They are practicing it in their own way.**

**A white man can see an orphan with no one to educate him, he will do everything to get him educated. If the whites hear that hunger has struck a certain village, they will use their own money to provide food for the inhabitants of that village.**

**Even though Africa had been evangelized long ago, how many of the so-called christians have been able to practice this gospel? Cast your mind back to your own village. Is there no rich man among you who only caters for his own family and ignores the needs of the rest of the village?**

**There are certain people who have the ability to erect primary and secondary schools in their village, provide pipe borne water, construct roads and establish other necessary institutions in the village, but they refuse to do them.**

**Today everybody is crying that there is no money in that the country is going bankrupt. It is not that there is no money; the money is in the hands of a few people.**

**Whenever money gets to the hands of a rich man, he will keep it to himself. The little that a poor person has, will also be taken by him. In fact, he does not want a cent to leave his hands. If you ask him to give his money to the service of the poor or put it into a church fund, he will refuse.**

**It is for this reason that the Bible says of how difficult it is for a rich man to enter into**

Rather it is your duty that you must provide for the needs of all destitutes and orphans. This is why we have to cultivate the land to produce food. We should buy and sell and engage in other things to acquire money so that we can help the poor ones.

Minus the poor and needy, money has no value, clothes have no value and even food has no value. In the event of these things being used to help the poor and needy, then all that we have mentioned have a value.

All the children of God know that this is their duty. It is a duty that must be carried out by all mankind: to minister to the needs of the poor. If you are driving in your car, and you see a poor man, give him whatever you have.

If you are traveling in an airplane, and you find some poor people among those at the airport, it is your duty to help them. In whatever community that you find yourself, you must render assistance to the poor ones.

Never you pass by a poor person without giving whatever you have in secret. This is the work of God in which ninety-nine percent of the population of the world has failed. When our Nigerian Moslem brothers embrace brotherhood, they will go very far. What I am telling you now is quite clear to them and they have gone very far in this field.

If a Moslem brother has one dollar, he will give it out, knowing that by tomorrow, he will receive another dollar from God. Unfortunately it is the Christians in their midst who have spoiled all of them.

This is the real word of God, which can lead you to eternal life. Never toy with a poor person. Wherever you find a poor man, whether along the road, inside your house, in your office or in the market, attend to him. Even if you have one cent, give it out to the poor.

Do you remember what Our Lord Jesus Christ said? Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you fed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was in prison and you visited me. I was sick and you came to see me.

Then the righteous person asked him saying, "Lord, when saw we thee an hungered and fed thee? or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw we thee naked, and clothed thee. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee"?

Jesus answered and said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

This is the greatest of all the gospel delivered to you, and it points to the practical side of christianity. This gospel is for everybody. If all the rich people in Nigeria were to practice it, everything would be well. There would no longer be orphans or poverty, and there would be no trouble in this country.

So brethren, your salvation, prosperity and every good thing that you are looking for, hang on bestowing all your goods to feed the poor. If you do not remember the poor ones, how then can you remember God?

The poor man symbolizes the house of God. This house of God is empty. Why not put the mats on the roof, plaster the floors and the walls so that everything would be perfect for the man living in the house!

You know that if the house falls, the person living in it will have to find an alternative accommodation. Are you aware that you will not be ministering to that poor man, but to the Almighty God?

Many people are still ignorant of the fact that giving to the poor means giving to the Almighty God. I do not want to take you very far. The first lesson will now be read.

### ***1st Lesson: Acts 20: 35***

*"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, it is more blessed to give than to receive".*

Have you seen how good the Lord is? He has not said that you should remember the rich ones, the Kings and the Emperors. But He says remember the poor ones who have nothing to eat, and those who have nothing to wear, because He is thinking about them.

He says that you should also remember the orphans and those who cannot look after themselves. If we profess to be the children of God and come from the family of God; if we profess to be the children of Abraham. We have to practice this gospel of rendering help to the poor and needy.

You have then been told that it is more blessed to give than receive. You continue to pray to God that people should be kind to you and give you good things. When people continue to do this to you, what is your own good?

If you were to use what you have to support the poor out of a sincere heart and you do this in secret, you will receive good things from heaven. The benefit that can be derived from this benevolence in this Kingdom of God cannot be estimated.

If you begin now to practice this gospel, you will find that God will answer all your prayers. Of all the gospels preached to you, this is the simplest. This is the gospel which is nearest to you.

The Lord did not indicate that those who do not have anything should remember the poor ones. He said those who have should give to the poor. If you were to practice this gospel,

there would be no beggars or thieves. Giving to the poor and needy is the tradition in this New Kingdom of God.

If you are an infant and you have, do not fail to remember those less fortunate than yourself. Poverty can afflict anyone. It does not select between the rich and the poor, or between man and woman.

Weakness and infirmities do not select who they afflict. You can be rich today and tomorrow you find yourself in poverty. You can be very poor today and tomorrow you become a very rich man.

If you remembered the poor ones, you would not have had any accidents. At the time I had nothing, others supported me and when others do not have, I am going to support them. In this way, we have equality and no one is more fortunate than the other.

You have heard the English adage which says that no condition is permanent. It is only God who is permanent, man is off and on in the world. We have to practice this gospel so that God may use us to reveal His glory throughout the whole world.

Search yourselves carefully, how many people have you given money to this morning? When you are told to go to the hospital, you are not expected to go empty handed because there are some people in the hospital who have not eaten for three days.

You have to feed them and cater for their needs. You can go into a place and find the entire family lying down, too weak to move, because they do not have even a cent to buy food.

You will discover that hunger can force you to do things that you wouldn't normally do. If you were to practice this gospel and wear it as a garment, a great deal would have been done for the entire world.

When you involve yourself in football pools, betting and sweepstakes, you are wasting your time. Experiment from today. The one dollar you would have used on the football pools, give it instead to a poor person and continue like this.

I do not say that you will receive the benefit in another world or in the dream. I mean in this world, you will see what will happen to you.

What I am telling you is that hidden treasure you have been hearing about. It takes away death in your family, takes away poverty, sickness and wretchedness in your family and village. There is nothing this tradition cannot do for any man. If anyone remembers a poor person, he has remembered God.

When Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Feed my lambs", who were the lambs? Of course, they are the poor people, the orphans and all those who have no life. If you see a person behaving like a demented fellow it is because he is poor and he behaves in this way to attract some assistance from people.

You can see someone lying with his arms folded, there is nothing wrong with him but poverty. He continues to lie down on the bed because he has nothing else to do. When you offer him prayers, he will thank you, but he may complain that he was very hungry before you offered him prayers.

It is your place to do something to satisfy that hunger. You know that hunger and sickness go together. When you leave this place for a ministry work, there are some homes that you will find small children crying. They can beat up their mother and threaten the father. There is nothing the parents can do because they have no money to buy them food.

When you go into such a house and ask what was happening, the mother will complain, "I have no money to buy anything, and I cannot go and steal to buy food", and you ask "is that all" and she says yes. Then you give her 10 cents and she will wipe away her tears and go to buy something.

Can you remember the prayers that Our Lord Jesus Christ taught His disciples? "Give us this day our daily bread". This is a most inspiring prayer. This does not mean that someone should come and take a loan of \$1000 from you. This is not the work of God. The work of God is for you to remember the poor ones.

Those who are most considered by God are the poor ones. Remember when David said that God should not take away what he will eat so that he may not disgrace the name of God. Neither should He give him too much so that he may not forget about Him. These two things work together. Many people complain about those who steal, and fight, they do all these things because of poverty.

In the same token too, much wealth can make our head to swell up so much that you may be prompted to kill people, tell lies and blaspheme against the name of God. You are told to remember the poor people, the orphans and the homeless. It is our duty to support all these people.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. If you confess to be a worker of God and you do not remember the poor ones, it means you have not yet started the work of God.

You have not been asked to go and put up buildings for anyone or buy a car for someone. Even to the poor, there are certain things that you may give them that they will use in the wrong way. As the treasurer of God, you have to remember not one but all the poor ones. You have to give a little to all of them.

Have you now seen the type of duty we have to perform? This duty is to be performed by everyone. There is no one who can be exempted.

Many people argue that they do not know their duties in brotherhood. Your duty is to care for the poor and the needy.

Many of us, instead of remembering the paupers, we remember the kings and the wealthy

ones. When you are told that someone has bought a car, you take \$1000 to go and thank him. How stupid!

When your mother is alive, you do not give her money or clothes. But the moment she dies, you will gather together all the money you have and buy wine and call people to come and enjoy with you in sending off a mother who has brought forth a prominent person into the world. If you do this, you do not comply with the teachings given to you in this gospel, you rather would be doing the teachings of the demons.

Have you seen the reason why it is said that God is not God of the dead, but of the living? Can you see your problem? Someone has been transferred to another world, leaving behind five small children. They have no one to feed them or take them to school, but you invest a great sum of money in buying the coffin and making expensive funeral.

Our Lord Jesus Christ had given an injunction that we should allow the dead to bury their dead; while we go out to preach the glory of God. All the things that you do when your mother, father or relative is transferred are of no benefit to you.

There is no support for your actions in the Bible. This means that you are looking for your own glory and honour.

On the other hand, if you remember the poor ones, you have the support in the Bible plus an abundance of blessings. I want you to experiment from today and make it a point of duty to remember those less fortunate than yourself.

If you remember the poor and needy at all times, you will soon discover that all the streets and lanes are filled with them. There is nothing more pleasing in the sight of God than for someone to remember the poor and the needy. God does not take any pleasure in the death of anyone.

You always conclude that those who are poor are being punished for their sins. If you complied with this instruction, you would not look down on anyone or forget to do good things to others.

When you are rendering help to the poor, do not create a situation in which attention is drawn to your action. If you do this, you are seeking for your own glory. Give in secret, for you are doing it to God and you will receive abundant blessings.

Never give to someone as if you love them more than any other person. Do not give with the expectations of a reward from God. Do it because it is an instruction from God that you should do it and always remember that you are not doing it to that person, but to God.

Whoever loves God, will not forget the poor people. Whoever does not remember the orphans and the needy, does not love God. This is why you cannot hear the words of God.

This was the work which Our Lord Jesus Christ did. Our second lesson will now be



read.

**2nd Lesson: Galatians 2: 10**

*"Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do".*

Brethren, please listen to that. If you walk around you will discover that the most hated people are the poor ones. Which set of people are more hated than the poor ones? If you want to give anything to the poor, you will stand in the open where people are looking at you and say, "take this and eat, since you do not want to work for your own".

Another time you will say, "have you come again, do you think I work in a mint"? I gave you yesterday, and you have come again. Go and look for something to do for yourself. Do you think I work in a mint"?

The word of God says that he that does not have; the little he has will be taken away from him and he who has will be given more. When you contemplate how you will feed your children if you give away \$1 out of the \$2 which you have; when you think this way, it means that you do not believe in God. Since you doubt God in this manner, the little you have will be taken from you, and given to another person.

A person who has only \$1, but gives it out with the belief that God will supply him with all his needs, that same night, God can send another person with \$100 to him.

Many preachers complain that they do not have anything to eat. They find themselves in this situation because they have not remembered the poor ones. You find some people go about complaining that they were once very rich, but they are poverty stricken. Such people might have failed to remember the poor and the needy.

Peter, James and John said that they were told to remember the poor, and they used their efforts and means to do so. You who profess to be a man of God, would always ask the poor ones who come to you, "what have you brought for me"?

It is they who will bring something to you, or you the man of God who should give out to them. A poor man is like a drowning man. Wherever he hears that there is something happening, that is where he will go, with the hope of possibly finding a way to help himself.

People pray that our Lord Jesus Christ should come back so that he may continue to give them the bread and the fishes. If you do exactly what our Lord Jesus Christ had done; are you not Jesus?

This message is for all those who inhabit this land. What is waging war in the church, in the government, companies and towns, is that you do not remember the poor and the needy.

The wrath of God is upon you because you have not remembered the less fortunate ones. This is why the very rich ones are now stricken with abject poverty.

They have spent their money in drinking, killing, taking people to court and in making charms and concoctions. For this reason, all their wealth has been taken away.

So brethren, you must know that your initial qualification for entry into this kingdom of God is to remember the poor ones and the orphans.

If you are a charm remover or a visioner, remember the poor. If you are a choirmaster, remember the poor. No matter what you are, remember the poor. Do not disregard the poor or joke with them. Whoever jokes with a poor person is joking with God and his life.

All the prosperity and wealth you are looking for emanate from this injunction. All the health you are looking for, also comes from it. You can be a married woman but you are barren. If you remember the poor ones, God will give you a child. You can be an unemployed man, by remembering the poor ones, God will give you a job. You do not render these services for any other person's benefit but yours.

Paul bore eloquent testimony to this, when he said that they will strive to practice this gospel. He knew that Peter, James and John were doing the same thing. So he endeavoured to always do the same.

People complain that in those days there was power, and that today there is no such power. The explanation to this is that the poor were remembered in those days.

Can you see that the power in Brotherhood and the recondite wisdom of the hidden things emanate from our remembering the poor?

You may come here to investigate the source of the power. You may look under the altar and the pews and everywhere but you cannot find it. The power is derived from our caring for the needs of the poor.

If you pray without helping the poor, it is just like someone firing a gun with gunpower and no bullets. Imagine a person who is so sick that he just lies down at home unable to move. He has no food to eat and there is no one to care for him. Unfortunately he is transferred and then you begin to say he was indebted to the Church. To whom was he indebted? Is he owing God or any other person?

From whom are you going to recover his debts? Are you going to ask the dead man or the trees and rocks? Have you not heard the gospel that you should remember the poor ones? A man is sick and hopeless have you gone to visit him or provide him with clothes and food? Have you gone to his aid? Have you not heard that there is famine and hunger all round the world?

The Bible says that there will be hunger, death and diseases. Do not take this as a simple

assignment. Whoever is given the ability to remember the poor is Abraham's son and has done a good thing for God. If you have already started caring for the needs of the poor do not become weak.

Do not tell it to any other person what you do to a poor person. This is because, people are happy to see the poor people perishing. Many would even say it is their sins that have found them out. Others say they did not help the poor ones when they were rich, for this reason, no one should go to their aid. Some will say, if they should give to such people what would be their gain since they would not pay them back, hence they may even refer them to their relations.

The children of God know that when they remember the poor ones, God will also remember them. Whatever you do to another person, you are doing same to yourself.

What I teach you is what I have tried and tested. I have proved it like geometry and algebra. This is the key to unlock this Kingdom of God.

If you have the same spirit as Our Lord Jesus Christ, you will always remember the poor in the morning, afternoon and evening. Whoever does not remember the orphans and the needy, does not have the same spirit as Our Lord Jesus Christ. So brethren, I do not want to be tedious unto you. The golden text will now be read.

**Golden Text:      *St. Matthew 6: 3-4***

*"But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly".*

Brethren, can you see another aspect of it? When you are giving to the poor, do not let your left hand know what the right hand is doing. What is meant by your left or right hand?

Your wife is your right hand and your son is your left hand. Your mother is your right hand while your father, friend and relations are your left hand. The parents of the poor and needy constitute your right hand. It means that if you are going to the poor, you should not allow your wife, children, mother, father or any relation to know.

You should do this in secret and your heavenly Father who searches the heart and sees in secret, will reward you openly.

There is no difference between helping the poor and the paying of tithe. If you give alms before your child, the person would feel degraded before your child. Your child may say, "yesterday he came to my father and collected money and has continued to come to my father". If the person returns another day, the child will tell him that his father has gone out, "come back tomorrow".

He will start to joke and make fun of the poor man. The same thing happens when the wife gives alms to a poor person before her husband. The husband will complain, "why do you give money to this lazy and idle man. It is his wickedness that has punished him. Can he not go and struggle to get his town?"

All of you sitting here always expect to receive from others, but it is very difficult for you to give to anyone. You always ask, what have you brought for me? You have never asked yourself what you have given to others? This is to show you that whatever is loved by man is hated by God and whatever is hated by man is loved by God.

Who amongst you has done anything for any poor person and not said look at that man, I helped him. Sometimes, you have helped someone, but when a quarrel breaks out, you begin to say, look at you whom I brought up and fed. Don't you assess the position you find yourself?

What is the need in giving money to a person which when he cannot repay, you sue him, saying that he has repaid you with a bad coin for what you have done to him?

By so doing, you have allowed your left hand to know what your right is doing. Your husband may be in difficulty and for this reason has gone to prison. In one way or another, you helped him out from the debt. When you have a quarrel, you will say, if I had not helped you, you would have been languishing in jail today.

Do you not see that the left hand has now known what your right hand did? Then people will say, so you are the person who helped him out of the trouble? Whatever you give out, should be given in secret so that those outside may not know about it. You should not tell anyone so that God who sees in secret may reward you.

It is therefore wrong to say that you have been paid with a bad coin for the good you have done to another person. It is also not true to say that a sympathetic person is a wretched fellow. Do not allow anyone to advise you that if you are generous you will become wretched. Rather, it is a fellow who is mean that will be wretched.

Hold these lessons in your heart throughout your lifetime, that when you give to the poor, do not allow your left hand to know what the right is doing, so that your generosity may be secret and your heavenly Father who sees in secret may reward you openly.

This brethren, is my own bonafide property. You have not read this in a book or received instruction from anyone or from anywhere. I was born with the wisdom and it is a legacy that I have left for you that you should also put this into practice. When you comply with this instruction it is as sure as day light that you will never be disappointed.

If you extend mercy to another person without letting other people to know, you will see what God will do for you. He will bless you abundantly.

Believed that God Himself will reward you and know the person you have given alms. God will continue to reward you in this generation and any other for the single gesture you have

shown.

I always laugh at you when you say, upon all I have done, now you do not know me. I look at you and say, have you known God? When you say I cannot do good to anyone again because all the good things I have done do not profit me anything. When you say these things, do you know God?

It is said that anyone who does anything from his own volition is looking for this own glory. When you are giving to the poor, and you invite another person to come and see you, you are not giving to God, but your own glory. If you lend money and charge interest, and you begin to boast that you help him. How did you help him, did you not gain from it?

When someone is sick and you visited him and then you in turn are sick, and he does not come, you would send someone to inform him that you were sick. If you do that, it means you are competing. Someone comes to your house and you give them food. Another day he comes, and there is no food for him, he may say, "the other day when I came to your house, I ate to my satisfaction. Is it that you have no food to give me today?"

Our Lord Jesus Christ has given us an injunction that when we are having a feast, we should not invite the wealthy people but the poor and the destitute who cannot afford to pay us back until the doomsday, so that on the resurrection of the just, you will be rewarded accordingly. Many people regard it as a misfortune not to gain anything from helping others. This is no misfortune.

You should not assist only those who can repay you. If you do anything to God, be sure that he will reward you. People will always advise you that there is nothing a man of God can do to you, they will even advise you to be careful, because such a man can set fire to your house if you do not repay your debt. People will advise you to keep your things so that you may not become wretched. I tell you, continue to help others, so that you may not find yourself at a loss.

You have been given the same spirit as Our Lord Jesus Christ. As He rendered help to the poor, so must you also render services to the poor. Do it in secret without allowing the next man to know, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you a thousand fold.

When you contrive something in secret with another person, but you later bring everything out before the law courts or the chiefs of your village, can't you see that you are an abominable fellow? This shows that you do not believe in God, because all those who believe in God, know that whatever they do to the poor in secret will be rewarded..

Anyone who professes to be a man of God, but calls others to witness what he is going to do for others is not a true man of God.

Sometimes you want to give alms to the poor and you send it through another person. When you do this, you receive no blessing from God because you have allowed your left hand to know what your right hand has done.

Some people, after giving money to an orphanage, their photographs are taken and their donations, announced on the radio and television. This is a loss to them because they have not done it to God. When you give out money to someone, you will insist on having a receipt. What type of receipt do you want from him? Do you think that God has not seen you? God sees everything.

He is not like a human being. If you send something through somebody, why do you have to go and ask him, after he had already received it? Have you not heard that your left hand should not know what your right hand does? If you want to give alms to the poor, convey it to him without his knowledge. You can put it under his pillow or under the bed. By the way, how many of you can go to a poor man's house to leave say, \$100, without telling others? If the man fails to find out the donor, you will be very sad and even annoyed. But God has seen your action and will reward you in secret.

I have told you that God whom you suppose to worship will not descend from heaven. He has been in the world with us before the foundations of the world were laid. He is existing in your house, office, market place and everywhere. Why do you help the poor, and then turn around to expect him to repay you? How do you want him to repay you? Are you still ignorant of the fact that if you give alms to anyone, you are doing it to God?

Rather you would prefer to do good to those who are wealthy. You only lend money to those whom you know can repay you. You are reluctant to assist those who have not mother or father. You will not waste time in helping a man who tells you that his brother is a lawyer or a judge. You help him so that when you are in difficulties you will go to his brother for help.

Now look at the source of your downfall. When you see human beings; you do not know that they are Christ. You should not be hearers of the word only, be doers as well. God has not told you to go and steal money to help others. He does not tell you to borrow or give out what you cannot afford.

He says, you should give out what you have to the poor in secret, because your heavenly Father who sees in secret will also reward you.

God will use what you give to the poor to help you. It is wrong to say that helping the poor is a loss, rather it is a profit to you. If you kneel down it is profitable to you. If you knock your head on the ground it is useful to you.

If you draw near to God it profits you. If you sing praises to God it also profits you. Can you then see why Our Lord Jesus Christ said it is more profitable to give than to receive. It is through giving to the poor that you receive.

So brethren, it is not my intention to be tedious unto you. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear. May God bless His Holy words, A-men.