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THE PATH TO *Change*

THE PRINCIPLE OF FIRST

EXODUS 13:1-2, 12-13 (NASB)

I. THE PREEMINENCE OF GOD, Isaiah 45:22-23; Psalm 46:10

II. GOD'S CLAIM ON FIRST THINGS, Exodus 13:1-2, 12-13

TRUTH #1: The first-born clean animal, an Israeli family's hope of future income, was the Lord's.

TRUTH #2: The first-born unclean animal, an Israeli family's hope of future income and service, was redeemed by a clean animal or destroyed (1 Corinthians 10:11).

PRINCIPLE #1: The first of our wealth belongs to God, and the clean must die in the place of the unclean.

III. THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

TRUTH: There is a blessing tied to wealth given to the Lord!

TRUTH: God says if you do a certain thing with your money, He will bless you!

INTEGRITY MEASURES WE HAVE IN PLACE ON "The Hill":

FIRST:

SECOND:

TRUTH: I don't want something from you; I want something for you, and a huge part of your life and heart revolves around money.

THIRD:

1. I want you to trust God.
2. I want you to know God's financial faithfulness.
3. I want you to have financial freedom.
4. I want you to experience financial security.

5. I want you to experience financial contentment.

IV. TITHING IS GOD'S PATHWAY TO FINANCIAL CHANGE.

TRUTH: Jesus was God the Father's tithe.

THE PRINCIPLE OF FIRST: The first-born animal of men had to be given to God so God's blessing of prosperity could be on the flock and herd.

PRINCIPLE #2: First fruits must be offered (Exodus 23:19; Prov. 3:9; Genesis 4:3-4).

TRUTH: God's promised blessing isn't on any offering that's not first fruits because of His preeminence.

INVITATION TRUTH: What releases the blessing is the order; the first 10% has the blessing attached.