

# **The Coming Penny Harvest**

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Recently, many believers were having multiple incidents where they were finding pennies. Interestingly, this past holiday season, 100 million pennies were put into a huge installation at Rockefeller Center and named The Penny Harvest Field. At a recent time of prayer at Deep Waters Ministry, I saw before me a vision of a wheat-penny. I also heard the words *J.C. Penney*. In the ensuing days, the Lord began to download to me some of its prophetic significance.

### **A Penny for a Day's Wages**

**“And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.” (Revelation 6:6 KJV)**

A measure of wheat or three measures of barley equaled a day's wages at the time this Scripture was written. In other words, a penny for a day's work. This coming harvest is going to require a lot of hard work, but it will be well worth the labor to bring in the wheat, which is the harvest. And God will supernaturally protect and provide for those being daily filled with the oil of His Spirit and faithfully serving His fine wine. They won't be able to be touched by the enemy, for they are sealed by His Spirit.

### **The Penny Harvest Field**

The penny harvest began in 1991 with a simple question from then four year-old Nora Gross: *“That man is cold. Why can't we take him home?”* She was referring to a homeless man she saw while walking down New York City's Broadway with her father, Teddy Gross, founder of Common Cents.

That question was the catalyst for what was to become the Penny Harvest Program. Gross began “harvesting” in his building by asking neighbors if they had any pennies, and asking how they would feel about giving them to the homeless. This program capitalizes on these annually discarded pennies, estimated at about two million dollars a year.

This is the time when the Lord is seeking diligently after those whom many have discarded and left to die. God will use one sent (one cent) by Him as well as common ones to reach them. Together they will reap the harvest. **“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3-4 NIV).**

### **Restoring the Lost Pennies**

In order to bring in the unsaved, the Lord is going to bring a new zeal to His house for creative evangelism. God will open our hearts to welcome home His Prodigal sons and daughters.

**What women, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she**

**finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece with I lost?” Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:8-10 NKJV)**

## **An Accountable Harvest**

One of the questions the Lord will be asking in this next move of God is *What have you done with the pennies I have given you? This harvest is going to be a very accountable harvest.*

**“Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money.” So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:17-22 NKJV)**

**He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, how will you commit to your trust the true riches? (Luke 16:10-12 NKJV)**

God will be looking for faithful and good stewards of financial resources to see if they can be entrusted with this next move of God.

One of the meanings of the name Penny is “a bobbin worker.” This indicates one who is a good sower. The Lord has an ironclad promise to those who obey Him in the sowing of finances into His kingdom.

**The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. (Deuteronomy 28:12 NKJV)**

**Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days, He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand. Truly the light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun. (Ecclesiastes 11:1, 4, 6a, 7 NKJV)**

**Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness upon you. (Hosea 10:12 NKJV)**

When we sow as God directs, into prepared and good soil, we can be sure that we will reap with great joy.

**For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace. (Isaiah 55:10-12 NKJV)**

### **A Greater Accountability for Our Words**

Little things, like pennies, will mean a lot in this next move of God. This will especially be true of our words.

**You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. (Romans 14:10 NIV)**

**But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. (Matthew 12:36-37 NKJV)**

**Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:13-14 NKJV)**

The Holy Spirit will come with a searing conviction to reveal just how evil it is when brethren sow discord in the house of God through slander, accusation, gossip, backbiting, and other such things. It grieves the Lord's heart.

### **Counting the Cost**

**And whoever does not bear his cross, and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? (Luke 14:27, 28 NKJV)**

This will be a season where it will be crucial to obey even the little promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Lord will put pennies in our path, people whom the world has discarded, that we may stop and gather them in. It will take a death to self in order to yield to these seeming interruptions, but they will be sent by the Lord. We will, indeed see that God is an inconvenient God.

## **Always Ready to Give an Account**

The Lord will give us many opportunities to pick up and gather in the pennies. Many will be drawn in by the power and light emanating from the church.

**But sanctify Christ as Lord in the your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. (1 Peter 3:15 NKJV)**

God is going to use little things to make a big difference in this coming penny harvest. Obeying even small promptings of the Holy Spirit will reap much fruit. Every last penny matters much to the Lord.

## **Pennies from Heaven: His Glimmers of Hope**

The Lord will release His pennies from heaven, which are creative miracles.

One of the meanings for the name Penny is “a creative spirit.” I heard the Lord say, *I will reveal Myself to you as Creator concerning 2008 and beyond.*

God the Father is about to come by His Spirit to His house to show Himself as the great Creator. He is about to send pennies from heaven, new limbs and other body parts, which will be glimmers of great hope for His people and will begin to draw in a great harvest. The greater-works generation is about to stand up and give great glory to Father God through a profound revelation of what Jesus has purchased for us on the cross.

**Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (John 14:11-13 KJV)**

His pennies are His creative gifts or treasures that He has placed within us. The Lord will ask this question regarding the gifts He has given us: *What have you done with the pennies I have given you?*

**For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. (2 Corinthians 4:5-7 NKJV)**

God is already beginning to breathe upon His church to empower us with His creative power to raise the dead and to call those things that are not into this earthly realm. Ready or not, here

comes the next wave!

**Also He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. (Ezekiel 37:9-10 NKJV)  
(As it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed---God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did. (Romans 4:17-18 NKJV)**

We are now in a season where God is sweeping out that which brings death, and He is coming by His Spirit to bring His resurrection life!

### **The Dead Works Will Be Removed from the Church**

Recently, there was a shooting at a large church in Colorado in which two sisters in the Lord were killed. I believe at the memorial for the Works sisters, the main message was: “Live life on purpose, every day matters, every relationship matters, every friendship matters.”

### **J. C. Penney: Every Day Matters**

J. C. Penney changed its slogan in 2007 after having another slogan for several years. The new slogan is “Every day matters.” **The Lord is trying to get our attention, saying that we need to be “redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16 NKJV).**

By 1924, Mr. J. C. Penney was earning more than \$1.5 million dollars annually. Most of his work was halted when the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression left him in financial ruin. Penney checked himself into the Battle Creek Sanitarium, where he was treated for depression. After hearing the hymn “God Will Take Care of You” at a service there, Penney knelt down, surrendered all to Jesus, and became a born-again believer. One of the first things God taught J. C. Penney was to always tithe on his business income. He continued this practice throughout his entire life and was blessed beyond measure.

### **Stay Tuned for the Coming Contractions**

In 2008 we will again see the Lord begin to bring His judgment on the economic system in the USA. Like Mr. J. C. Penney, we will see many bow down to the Lord as their god of mammon comes tumbling down.

**When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied. (Leviticus 26:26 NKJV)**

For it is written:

**“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:11-12 NKJV)**

Some will lose all their worldly resources, but will find the true riches found only in knowing Jesus Christ. For the Lord gives eternal life that the world cannot give and the world cannot take away!

**Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ. (Philippians 3:8 NKJV)**

The Lord is about to test the church in the USA to see our reaction to the coming economic contractions. Will we be found praising Him and trusting Him for our supply? Will we be found ready to bring in the lost who will be looking for answers?

**Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines;  
though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food;  
though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls---yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like the deer's feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills. (Habakkuk 3:17-19 NKJV)**

A great penny harvest is nearly upon us. What will you be found doing with the pennies God has given you? ■

