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-- President Wright

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Scripture lesson: Third Chapter Mark, Verses 1-13

We all need money. I have been trying for some time to find someone who doesn't, and haven't found him. I read an article not long ago telling about the cost of the world war to the United States. The author said the cost was fifty-one billion dollars. I figured a little putting fifty-one billion dollars in bonds at three per cent interest, and if my figures are correct, if we had a machine turning out \$48 every second, every second in the hour, every hour in the day, every day in the year, it wouldn't quite make enough money to pay the interest on those bonds at 3%. No wonder everybody is looking for money. Those bonds, of course, are in the hands of the wealthy. They are non-taxable and every state in the union is involved. How are we going to meet it? Our legislature is in session and it will be interesting to see what they do with this problem. It is time for a new day. It is time for us to get to the heart of things. It is time for the people of the world to come to a realization of the worthwhile values in life. I do not know just what's in front of us in the world. No one else seems to know. But this organization of human society as we have it throughout the entire world is not meeting the needs of human beings today. This was true when Jesus was on the earth also, and He came not to destroy the fundamental things in the Jewish law, not to tear down the fundamental things in the government, but to fill those fundamental things full of the spirit of Jehovah, and the people of His time did not understand Him. The people of His time thought He was exceedingly radical, were astonished at the things He taught. He walked through the Synagog on a certain Saturday, and Saturday was the Sabbath day. He began to teach. He saw a man there partially paralyzed; he may have had infantile paralysis. Something was the matter with his right hand. The Pharisees were there. The Pharisees represent, in a sense, one political party. The Herodians are another party. The Pharisees were against the Herodian government. Jesus knew both were there watching Him. He

called the man with the withered hand out front, and asked these people if it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath day. Of course it is lawful. They had made out a complete scheme of government, We think we have centralized government and are working toward that very rapidly, but they had almost everything one could think of in connection with the Sabbath day regulated. It was illegal to wear sandals with the soles fastened on with a metal shoe peg--that was carrying a burden on the Sabbath. It was worked out to that fine a point. It wasn't lawful to heal a person on the Sabbath day, not lawful to send for a doctor unless it was thought the person was going to die. Jesus said to the man who couldn't move his hand, Stretch forth your hand, and the hand was healed. A lot of folks said, we have never seen anything like this before, He has broken the law. He pays no attention to the law, but He has made this man well. What are we going to do about it? Is the law wrong? And is this man right? The Pharisees had a conference with the Herodians. They united to find some reason for taking this man up and having Him put out of the way. Were they conscientious in what they were doing? I rather think they were. They were on the side, as they understood it, of law and order, were trying to enforce the law of Jehovah, as they understood it. Many of them were educated people, but they had missed the spirit of the thing. I am wondering if we people in this world today haven't missed the spirit of things. I wonder if we aren't paying now for the spirit of hatred, of destruction and lack of trust? I am wondering if we are not paying today for the seed we sowed just a few years ago. I believe we are. Young folks, you and I and the rest of the right ^{minded} ~~kind~~ of people in this world want to find God's truth and live by it.