

THE WORLD-SYSTEM      LOVE NOT THE WORLD

CHAP. 11: ROBBING THE USURPER

1.    CONTENT

- a.    Nee contends that money is intrinsically evil since Jesus calls it "the mammon of unrighteousness" and "unrighteous mammon" (Lk. 16:9,11). While naturally created things are morally neutral, money is the invention of fallen man and the kosmos. Therefore, its power to seduce people from Christ is great (I Tim. 6:9,10).
- b.    Yet God says that money can be "robbed" from Satan and used against the kosmos to accomplish His will (Lk. 16:9; Rom. 12:8; Gal. 6:6-10; Phil. 1:5; 4:14-18; I Tim. 6:17-19).

2.    APPLICATION

- a.    In order for your money to be "converted" and be used in the above way, you must first give your whole life to Christ (Mk. 12:43,44; II Cor. 8:5). God wants you first and foremost (II Cor. 12:14). If we ourselves are set apart for God, then what we bring with us will be set apart for Him also. If our lives are not committed to the Lord, our money gifts will never be an acceptable substitute.
- b.    Within the context of this life-commitment to God, we should make a definite commitment before God to give a proportionate amount of our income to Him and His work (I Cor. 16:2). We should commit ourselves to clear, reasonable giving goals and stick to them even if it means sacrificing other purchases (II Cor. 8:10-12).