

## WHO WILL BAIL US OUT?

2 Timothy 1:12

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### INTRODUCTION

- A. Apparently a Congressional agreement on the 700 Billion Dollar Government bailout of Wall Street has been reached.
  - 1. Last Wednesday night, President Bush during a nationally televised speech said, **“Without immediate action by Congress, America could slip into a financial panic....”** He went on to say, **“Ultimately, our country could experience a long and painful recession”** (9-24-08).
  - 2. The President’s use of “panic” was a strong choice of words.
- B. The trickle down effect of this economic panic makes us wonder “who will bail us out?”
  - 1. Who will bail us out of high priced gasoline, food, and virtually all other goods and services?
  - 2. For years we’ve heard that Social Security might not be there when we retire.
  - 3. Now we wonder if our 401k’s will be there at retirement.
  - 4. The hot topic in presidential politics used to be the war on terror, but now “it’s the economy stupid!”
- C. Does the Bible offer any words that calm our financial fears?
  - 1. It does indeed.
  - 2. One place is 1 Timothy 1:12.
  - 3. What is God’s bailout plan for us?

### I. FIRST, GOD’S BAILOUT PLAN DOES NOT INVOLVE FEAR.

- A. Paul declared this earlier—1:7 KJV.
  - 1. This means that fear and worry is sin.
  - 2. Why? Because fear and worry is a failure to trust God.
  - 3. Its okay to be concerned about the economy and the future. But there is a big difference between concern and panic or anxiety.
- B. Paul had good reason to panic and be worried.
  - 1. He was in a Roman prison.
  - 2. He knew he would be executed soon.
  - 3. These are the last words Paul recorded, yet he was not afraid.
  - 4. Why? ....”because I know whom I have believed....”
  - 5. Do you know?

### II. SECOND, GOD’S BAILOUT PLAN DOES INVOLVE FAITH.

- A. Faith, though, does not exempt us from difficulty.
  - 1. Some preachers think it does.
  - 2. They preach that God wants us “healthy, wealthy, and wise.
  - 3. They say the richer you are the more blessed by God you are.
- B. By their criteria Paul was a failure because he was broke and in prison.
  - 1. What would they say to him?
    - a. Paul, all you need to do is pray.
    - b. Paul, you must have sin in your life.
    - c. Paul, all you need is more faith.
  - 2. But can you think of anyone outside of Christ himself who prayed more or had more faith than Paul?
  - 3. Why did God have Paul out of prison in Philippi in hours but in a Roman prison for 2 ½ years?
  - 4. I think God released him in Philippi to continue to spread the gospel.
  - 5. I think God kept him in his Roman prison to write much of the gospel or scripture.

6. Maybe God keeps us where we are because he has a plan for us too.

### **III. THIRD, GOD'S BAILOUT PLAN INVOLVES CONFIDENCE.**

A. Regardless of his circumstances, Paul had confidence in God.

1. Paul's testimony is that "God is able".

2. Do you believe God is able?

B. Able to do what?

1. Able to guard or keep (KJV) what Paul committed to him.

2. Notice Paul didn't say God is able to keep what we haven't committed to God.

3. Is there anything you haven't committed or entrusted God with. (i.e. finances, marriage, family, business).

### **CONCLUSION**

A. Let's hope the government bailout works.

B. God wants to bail us out too. He has a plan.

1. Fear isn't part of it.

2. Faith and confidence in God, however, are part of God's bailout plan for us.