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### Progression In Recession

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No one wants a recession! It brings hardship to countless lives. I want to be crystal clear that I am not suggesting a recession is from heaven to teach us some greater good. However, if I have to go through this recession, then I am going to make it grow me spiritually..., therefore..., what can I discern about the condition of my soul and what should the RHM fellowship (i.e. church of the Lord Jesus Christ) seek to do extremely well in during this season of adversity. In this eJournal, what I am about to suggest is re-booting our focus from me to thee and “*count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*” *James 1:2-4*

1. A Recession exposes hidden sin and selfishness, resulting in repentance and cleansing.
2. A Recession reminds us of the basic need to keep things simple and return to our biblical root system, which is obedience to His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes. *Deut. 8:11*
3. A Recession awakens the church to the faithless and anxious activity of relying upon our own strength for life's blessings.
4. A Recession induces us to relocate the source of our joy from covetousness and worldly success to God's grace, mercy, and goodness.
5. A Recession strips away affluence and possessions that just do not matter. It compels a believer to refocus themselves on His worth — rather than their net worth.
6. A Recession disrupts the church and confronts her with the constant and desperate condition of the vast majority of the world, where there is always recession of the worst kind.
7. A Recession is when God advances His Kingdom and increases faith — by spreading the gospel precisely at a time when human resources are least able to support it.
8. A Recession reminds the Body of Christ it is, “*not by (our) might nor by (our) power, but by My Spirit,*” says the Lord of hosts.” *Zech 4:6 NKJV & Deut.8:1-20 (inserted by B. Hill).*
9. A Recession redirects the church to excel and care for its hurting members and to grow in the gift of love.