

## LESSON VI TITHES, TITHING AND OFFERINGS

### I. TITHE – The tithe is the key to covenant.

#### A. **The tithe is the tenth of your increase.**

Tithe means to give or take a tenth. Tithe is a noun speaking of money, including time, prayer or other areas of our lives. We do not pay tithes to the Lord, we return the tithe which is His portion of all our increase. The tithe is holy to the Lord.

#### B. **What increase do we give 10% of? Anything you are increased by.**

1. The wisest man who ever lived, Solomon, tells us in Prov. 3:9-10: Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine
2. **Ex. 23:19** - The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.
3. **The tithe belongs to God. Lev. 27:30** - All the tithe is the Lord's  
**Mal. 3:8-12** - Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed you?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house...
  - a. You are under a curse if you don't return tithes and give offerings.
  - b. You rob God of the opportunity to bless you. He has nothing to work with until you return the tithe and give offerings.

#### C. **We are not redeemed from returning tithes.**

1. **Tithing was in existence before the law was given.** Abraham gave Melchizedek, the Priest of God Most High, a tithe of all.
  - a. **Gen. 14:18-20** - Then Melchizedek, King of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High and he blessed him... And he (Abraham) gave him a tithe of all.
  - b. **Gal. 3:29** - If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
2. **Tithing is in the New Testament. Jesus is the high priest of the tithe.**
  - a. Jesus approved of tithing. **Matt. 23:23**
  - b. **Heb. 7:1-9** - ...Abraham gave a tenth part of all... (vs. 8) Here mortal men receive tithes, but there He (Jesus) receives them, of whom it is witnessed that He lives.
  - c. **Heb. 5:5-6** - Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: You are My Son; Today I have begotten You. As He also says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

**D. We tithe to the ministry where we are fed spiritual food.**

1. **Heb. 7:8** - Here mortal men receive tithes, but there He receives them, of whom it is witnessed that He lives. Jesus is High Priest of the Tithe. It is part of His present day ministry in heaven.
2. **Heb. 7:5** - Those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren...
3. **Num. 18:26** - When you take from the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering (present, sacrifice, a tribute) of it to the Lord, a tenth of the tithe.

**II. TITHING - is done with your mouth. Tithing is a verb. Tithing is what you say and what you do when presenting your tithe or offering.** You must prepare your heart, tithing is an act of obedience and worship unto God. Here is a prayer to pray over your tithe:

Father, It is you that has brought us out of bondage and set us free from the law of sin and death. You have commanded that when we inhabit the land of our promise, we must bring unto you the first fruits of our increase that there might be food in your house. We have not touched your portion of this increase; which you have provided for us. We now bring this tithe out of our house and present it to you Jesus, our High Priest and our Lord.

Jesus, as our Lord and High Priest, we bring the first fruits of our increase to You and worship the Lord our God with it. We rejoice in all the good which You have given to us and our household. We have hearkened to the voice of the Lord our God and have done according to all that You have commanded us. Now look down from Your Holy habitation in heaven and bless us as You have said in Your Word. You have opened the windows of heaven and have rebuked the devourer for our sakes that none of our increase will be lost. All nations shall call us blessed for we are Your delight and You take pleasure in us. Amen.

**III. OFFERINGS Gen. 8:22** - While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease. This is a law of Genesis.

**A. It is a Godly principle to give and to expect something for what you give. The exit out of your need is seed.**

1. **Luke 6:38 KJV** - Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2. **You must have the right attitude in giving.** We are to give cheerfully. Do not give out of compulsion or grudgingly. II Cor. 9:7 Amp. - Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (that is, He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous prompt-to-do-it) giver--whose heart is in his giving.
  3. **You must give out of love and obedience to God.**
    - a. **I Cor. 13:3** - Though I give all my goods to feed the poor and though I give my body to be burned but have not love, it profits me nothing.
    - b. **Gal. 5:6** - ...Faith working through love.
    - c. **Rom. 13:8** - Owe no one anything except to love one another...
- B. If you don't give offerings you are robbing from God.** You rob God of the opportunity to bless you. If you don't plant seed you cannot reap a harvest. (**Is. 55:10-11**)  
**Mal 3:8** - Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' **In tithes and offerings.** You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed me...
- C. We bless and honor the Pastor with our finances in obedience to the Word of God.**
1. **I Tim. 5:17 Amp.** - Let the elders who perform the duties of their office well be considered doubly worthy of honor [and of adequate financial support], especially those who labor faithfully in preaching and teaching.
  2. **I Tim. 5:18** - The laborer is worthy of his wages.
  3. **I Cor. 9:11** - If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?
  4. **I Cor. 9:9** - For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain."
- D. Offerings are used to support the Gospel. HOTL church gives to other ministries.**
1. **For those who give to missions: Philippians 4:19 Amp.** And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
  2. **Luke 6:38** - Give and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use it will be measured back to you.

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