

TITHES, OFFERINGS & GIVING

This is not a beat down message. The One Who will judge your giving or not giving is Jesus.

Now that we are under a new covenant are we still supposed to pay tithes? Isn't God supposed to be giving to us instead of us giving to Him? This sounds like prosperity gospel where the preachers get rich. This used to be a pet peeve of my dad's when he would go to church. He told my mom that the preacher was shaking your hand with one hand and reaching for your wallet with the other hand. That was always in my mind and I remember being in Pastor Bobby Trayal's church for the first time and he stood up and said to the congregation something to this effect – I don't want your money and I don't need your money. He had my attention! Lol

We serve a God of rewards. Heb.11:6 – But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Tithes (1st 10%)

Lev. 27:30-33 – Verse: 30 **And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD.**

Num.18:21-24 – Verse: 21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Festival Tithe: (2nd 10%)

Deut.14:22-23 –

Levites give to the High Priest out of their tithes

Num.18:26-28 – Thus speak unto the Levites and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a

tenth part of the tithe. And this your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the winepress. Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD'S heave offering to Aaron the priest.



3rd year tithe: Taking care of the welfare of the land (widows,orphans,Levites)

Deut.14:28-29 – At the end of three years you shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: And the Levite, (because he hath no part inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied;*** **that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest. *****

We see this also in Lev.19:9-10 – And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

Deut.15:10-11 – Thou shalt surely give him (poor brother), and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: **because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteth thine hand unto.** For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land.

Nehemiah 10:35-39 – speaks about tithes, and offerings and firstfruits. Verse 39: For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, into the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: **and we will not forsake the house of our God.**

Freewill giving:

Exodus 25:2 – Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take My offering.

Exodus 36:5-6 - And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. **So the people were restrained from bringing.**

This was the result of all that they brought. If only we had this kind of honesty today.

Abraham's giving: Worship, devotion & gratitude

Gen. 14:18-20 When Abraham gave to Melchizedek it established a benchmark that we should give to God when we are blessed. And he recognized Who it was that stood before him. He was a representative of God. His name means King of Righteousness and King of Peace because Salem means peace. He was introduced as King of Salem and Priest of God Most High. This was a picture of Jesus, if not Jesus Himself.



Heb.7:8 – And here men that die receive tithes; but there He receiveth them, of Whom it is witnessed that He liveth.

When you pay tithes, you are securing blessings for your children and their children:

Heb. 7:9-10 – And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

1 Cor.9:9-14 - ministers should be making their living from the gospel

Is tithing a hoax? Are you tempting God by paying tithes? He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

God will bless your giving:

Malachi 3:10 - He will bless you!!! Notice it says A blessing. That's some kind of blessing!

My Testimony of what the LORD did for us.

What about people that are so in debt they can't pay tithes? Put food on the table or pay tithes??

God expects you to be a good steward over His money. Haggai 2:8 The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The church is supposed to be able to help the poor and needy people, spiritually and physically. In the congregation as well as around the world. Let Him know your situation and start giving Him something until you can do all that is in your heart to do.

Some people say, well all that tithing business is Old Testament, I'm under a New Testament now. Do you know what the New Testament church did? Acts 2:43-47 True they did not have "churches" like we do today. They were having church in their houses. Many sold their land and homes and gave all the money to the church to meet the needs of the people. So that is a picture of giving whatever is needed. When there was a famine in Judaea, Paul and the churches undertook a relief effort to help that church out. They worked together as the body of Christ should and gave money to help the church in Jerusalem.

You cannot serve God and money. You can only have one Master. So if you have an attitude and get angry when the subject of money comes up, you may have greed or a lack of trust for God to supply all your needs. Don't ever give out of guilt. And God's ministers should never have to beat people up to get them to give. God knows the heart.

When do I tithe, where do I tithe?

When money comes into your house you should set aside what you purpose in your heart to give to God's house and bring it with you to church or send it to the church that you are being fed spiritually from. **Tithes always go to God's house.** Paul taught the churches that were taking up the collection to help the Jerusalem

church to bring their offering on the 1st day of the week. I Cor. 16:2. Giving alms is to be done in secret and God will reward you openly. This kind of giving is when you have compassion on someone and you are helping them. 1st Fruits has been fulfilled by Jesus Christ. But before the fulfillment of it, you would bring the first of the harvest in to the priest to offer up to God as a thanksgiving offering, thankful for His blessing you and in doing this, He would bless the rest of the harvest. We are now “spiritual” first fruits, after Christ. 1st Fruits symbolizes God’s harvest of souls and illustrates giving to God from a grateful heart, and it sets a pattern of giving back to Him the 1st and Best of what He has given us.

It’s a pyramid scheme!! I want to tell you that those churches who are taking in all of the money and living lavish lives are a poor example of how the true church should be. We should be striving to help those in need around the world as well as in our own churches and communities.

Will you be blessed if you tithe and yet continue to live in sin? No, don’t expect God to bless your sin.

In my research I read several places where churches and preachers are making their members sign contracts promising to tithe. I watched a mega church Pastor scolding his congregation about tithing. He even told them to pick up an envelope and had an overhead projector showing them how to fill it out. He said if you don’t pick it up we have security cameras on you! WOW!! He said if you don’t pay tithes, you are wasting your time and God’s time. He said you might as well not even come back if you aren’t going to pay tithes and he said he didn’t care if they didn’t come back. Some believe that tithing will keep you in heaven – THAT IS A LIE!! I have seen preachers dancing on the money saying they are putting God’s anointing on it. I hope you know to avoid this kind of nonsense.

Are you offering a sacrifice? Do you feel it at all? Or are you just giving some little thing that you don’t even miss. Remember the altar is for a sacrifice, it was where blood was shed and it was painful. Your giving is an act of worship.



Worship comes from worthship. Is God worth more than your “lame” sacrifices (Malachi 1:8) and your 2nd best? What is He worth to you? It is not about the preacher or the church or any of that, it is about Jesus.

A quote from Joyce Meyer: “If under the law 10% was required, how much more should we do under grace?” At least the 10%.

2 Cor.9:6-10 – But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for **God loveth a cheerful giver**. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work; (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now He that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

If you are saying, well how much do I HAVE to give. That is already not a cheerful giver, wrong attitude.

When you hear this “Sow into this ministry and reap a financial harvest or get your breakthrough or your healing,” I don’t agree with that. When you give, God blesses your giving. He chooses the method and the blessing – but He will bless you.

When you give to this ministry, Three Hearts Church, you will be helping the poor and needy and widows and orphans. We do as much as we can with what we receive. We help those in our congregation and minister here locally at a nursing home as well as have outreaches that we support in Mussoorie India, Kenya, Cameroon and Liberia which are all in Africa.

God never intended for people to live off the government and for Ministers to be working secular jobs. The true churches out there need support.

God is the biggest giver you are ever going to meet. He gave all when He gave Jesus and Jesus certainly gave all. He wants to bless you in your giving.