

# TITHING

## I. Tithing Was a Principle Holy Men of God Practiced Before the Law—Brought in Under the Law—is in Effect After the Law.

- A. Before the law tithing serves as a token reminder of God's ownership (possessor/heaven/earth) and our stewardship Gen. 14:18-20; 28:22.
- B. During the law Lev. 27:30-33; Num. 18:20-32; Dt. 12; 14; 26.
- C. After the law Matthew 23:23; Heb. 7:1-9.

## II. There is More to Tithing Than Just Giving 10%.

- A. Tithing is a voluntary response of love and a reminder of God's ownership/our stewardship (Abraham simply gave a tenth to the One Who blessed him) Gen. 14.
- B. Tithing activates the majority of the spirit realm on our behalf Gen. 28:12-22; Ps. 103:20; Heb. 1:14.
- C. Lev. 27:30-33.
  - 1. All the tithe belonged to the Lord and was holy, set apart unto Him.
  - 2. If borrowed, 20% penalty.
  - 3. If exchanged, the exchange and original were to be given.
- D. Tithe is God's original, (eternal), (minimum), proportionate amount needed for spiritual food to be in His house. Tithe was the first clear-cut amount of proportionate giving.
- E. Dt. 12:5-18.
  - 1. Tithe to go to designated place, storehouse.
  - 2. You were to bring it yourself.
  - 3. Provides spiritual food to eat before the Lord.
  - 4. You were to bring it all - don't divide it.
  - 5. It's to be done with joy/rejoicing.
- F. Dt. 14:22-29.
  - 1. Tithe out of your increase - first. It's the first fruit taken out for God's house.
  - 2. Eat it in the place the Lord has chosen to place His Name.
  - 3. It helps us to learn to fear the Lord always.
  - 4. Could convert it if storehouse too far.
  - 5. Second tithe - every third year added 10% for Levite, 3-1/3 a year. Those who had no source of income.
  - 6. Tithing brings a blessing in all the work of your hands.
- G. Dt. 26:2-19.
  - 1. Take it out first.
  - 2. Bring it yourself.
  - 3. Procedure for tithing the tithe:
    - a. Bring it before the priest in that day.
    - b. Speak and say - give thanks for where the Lord's brought you from (you can go through the motions of tithing and not receive benefit).
    - c. Worship the Lord.
    - d. Rejoice.
    - e. Petition the Lord to look down from heaven and bless.
  - 4. Once you've brought away the hallowed tithe:
    - a. Don't consume it on yourself.
    - b. Don't use it for any unclean use.
    - c. Don't give it to a dead work (can't sow seed in a dead womb).
- H. Num. 18:20-32.
  - 1. The tithe was to be used for the service of the Lord's house - not as the giver designated.
  - 2. The tithe was to be given to the Levites, who were given the charge of all offerings and hallowed things.

3. Levites in turn were to tithe off the tithe to other ministers/priests.

### **III. The Blessings of Tithing Mal. 3:8-12.**

- A. Spiritual food in God's house and no lack of resources to carry on God's work.
- B. God will command the blessing on your storehouse when you're faithful to His storehouse.
  1. Blessings not room enough to receive.
  2. The flood gate of God's blessing are poured out of the windows of heaven.
- C. Activates the majority of the spirit realm Genesis 28 on your behalf and gets God involved in your finances Psalm 24:1; 103:20.
- D. The devil is rebuked—gets the devil to back off your financial affairs.
  1. God addresses sharply—forces back—reprimands the devil and all that devours, eats up, consumes, destroys, swallows up, absorbs completely.
  2. Activates.
  3. Things that devour were a part of the curse Deuteronomy 28:38-42, so God connects tithing as a way to be free from the influence of the curse.
- E. Tithing affects your work, livelihood and productivity.
  1. Your livelihood produces its full yield or potential.
  2. Potential fruit wouldn't be aborted and promising looking fruit would reach its full potential.
  3. Full yield/bumper crop.
  4. Bless what you put your hand to.
- F. Recognition by others of God's blessing on you (v. 12).