

Lesson 5 Tithes & Offerings

This lesson will inform us what God expects of His children concerning giving.

1. The definition of the "tithe." one tenth of somebody's income or produce **paid voluntarily** or as a tax for the support of a church.

2. What is the Bible definition of the word "tithe" according to?

a. Genesis 28:22 (CEV) **This rock will be your house (God's House in which Jacob is going to build to represent HIM God) , and I will give back (He chooses to do it) to you a tenth of everything you give me.**"

Note: There is no "Mosaic Law" in place, the concept of giving God a tenth of everything He gives us comes before "THE LAW".

Everything: means all, the whole thing.

b. Leviticus 27:1-32 __ Here we become even clearer that as what God intends for the people of God to do as it relates to our giving.

3. How much then is a tithe of a \$100.00? **\$10**

4. According to Genesis 14:20 who is the first person recorded in the Bible to pay tithes? "**Abram** returned after he had defeated King Chedorlaomer and the other kings. Then the king of Sodom went to meet Abram in Shaveh Valley, which is also known as King's Valley. King elchizedek of Salem was **a priest of God Most High**. He brought out some bread and wine and said to Abram: "I bless you **in the name of God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth**. All praise belongs to God Most High for helping you defeat your enemies." **Then Abram gave Melchizedek (this representative of God) a tenth of everything.**

NOTE: Both Abram and Jacob pledge and give their tithes/tenth to the one institution that represents the Highest God.

a. Why would you think this is important as it relates to the time or dispensation? **There is no "Mosaic Law" in place, the concept of giving God a tenth of everything He gives us comes before "THE LAW".**

5. According to 1 Corinthians 10:1-11, we have the history of the Old Testament characters for what reason? **These things happened to them as a warning to us. All this was written in the Scriptures to teach us who live in these last days.**

6. According to the history of the Israel Nation in **Malachi 3:1-12**, is it possible for a man to **ROB**, (steal from, take from, hold up, stick up, deprive, cheat or strip), **GOD**? **YES**

a. **How did the people rob God? You are robbing me of the offerings and of the ten percent that belongs to me.**

b. **What was God's response to those who steal or take what belongs to Him in verse 9? That's why your whole nation (state, country, land, realm, homeland, people, population, inhabitants) is under a curse.**

7. The Bible gives an account of two people in the New Testament **(no longer under the dispensation of the law)** who robbed God, then lied and stole from Him. Read Acts 5:1-11 and tell what happened to those two people. **he dropped dead, she fell at Peter's feet and died.**

8. Do you think that Biblically there is a difference between **the giving of a tithe** and **the giving of an offering** according to the examples founded in? **The answer is yes, there is a difference.**

a. Deuteronomy 12:6.17 **And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:**

b. Nehemiah 9-10:38 & 39 **and the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. 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, unto 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.**

c. 2 Chronicles 31:2-12 **Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared them, And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next.**

9. **According to Matthew 23:13-23, what was Jesus' position on tithing? You Pharisees and teachers are show-offs, and you're in for trouble! You give God a tenth of the spices from your garden, such as mint, dill, and cumin. Yet you neglect the more important matters of the Law, such as justice, mercy, and faithfulness. These are the important things you should have done, though you should not have left the others undone either**

10. **What example do we have according to Malachi 3:10 that God will do for the disciple who decides to faithfully pay his tithes and offerings? I am the LORD All-Powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing.**^[5] [Malachi 3:10](#) *open the windows. . . blessing*: This may refer to rain, since there seems to have been a terrible drought at this time.

11. **According to the New Testament book 1 Corinthians 16 verses 1-2 was there a set day and place where the people brought and gave their tithes and offerings? When you collect money for God's people, I want you to do exactly what I told the churches in Galatia to do. That is, each Sunday each of you must put aside part of what you have earned. If you do this, you won't have to take up a collection when I come.**

12. **Does the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians chapter 9 (specifically verse 7) tell us what kind of attitude we ought to have towards giving? Yes Cheerfully**

There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. ²For I know **your eagerness to help**, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. ³But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, **but that you may be ready**, as I said you would be. ⁴For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident. ⁵So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

⁶ **Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.** ⁷ Each of you should give **what you have decided in your heart to give**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.** ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now **he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.** ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² **This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.** ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, **others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ**, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ **Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**