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HOW DO WE TITHE TODAY?

We recently received a letter asking about tithing in today's world. Here is what he asked, "I have questions regarding tithing. I know we're supposed to tithe 10% of our increase and that the tithe is to be for Yahweh. How are we supposed to tithe today? There's no Levitical priesthood anymore, so where do we send our tithes? There are several places (Num. 18:21; Deut. 27:12, 13, Deut. 12:22-29) that says it is to be given to the Levite because his inheritance is taking care of the tabernacle and the temple, the fatherless and the widow. And also in those chapters it talks about saving and giving the tithes in the third year. I'm not understanding that at all. I've been putting aside 10% of my meager pay. I just want to make sure that I give my tithes in accordance to Yahweh's will, and not man's desire. Can you please help me understanding tithing?" Jason H., Oregon.

These are all excellent questions concerning the principles of tithing. How do we tithe and to whom? It is our prayer that these questions and principles will be answered in this treatise.

This ministry has avoided publishing the principles of tithing for years, and probably to our detriment. We established this ministry through the help of Yahweh, but in the beginning, our prayer was that we didn't want to focus on money; we desired the Spirit of Yahweh to do His work, because our understanding was that all things were **not** to be done by the power and might of man, but by the Spirit of Yahweh. Therefore, we prayed that He, as Yahweh Yireh, would provide for us and our part would be to publish and make known the truths concerning Yahshua, for to know Yahshua is also to know the Father. Yahweh has certainly greatly blessed us during this time. He has continually provided for us, Praise His wondrous name! HalleluYah!!!!

But by not at least writing about and de-

claring the tithing principles, we have probably been negligent concerning declaring to others one of the many ways in which a person may be greatly blessed.

THE CHALLENGE

Did you know that the tithing is a challenge and a principle from Yahweh Himself? Yahweh declares, "For I am Yahweh, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Yahweh of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob Elohim? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and **prove me now herewith, saith Yahweh of hosts**, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room



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enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith Yahweh of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith Yahweh of hosts. Your words have been stout against me, saith Yahweh. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve Elohim: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before Yahweh of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt Elohim are even delivered," Mal. 3:6-15.

Is this not a description of our own nation and much of the world today? People are saying that it is vain to serve Elohim. So many of the proud and the wicked seem to be the ones who are happy, blessed and prospering. But notice that Yahweh is issuing a challenge here. Our nation and much of the world has been robbing Yahweh of the tithes and offerings that belong to Him. But His challenge to us is for us to prove Him by bringing all of the tithes (and offerings) into His storehouse and He promises that He will open the windows of heaven for blessings that there will not be enough room to receive it all. Yahweh is challenging us to prove Him, prove His word!!!!

Notice that Yahweh said He wants all of the tithes and offerings to be brought in so that there may be meat (food) in His house. Yahweh has made provisions for those who are His servants to be taken care of. But when we have a people whose focus goes elsewhere, on themselves, this world, this

life, disbelief, pagan idolatry, etc., the servants of Yahweh suffer lack and have no physical ability to provide the life-sustaining spiritual food that should be made available in great quantities for His people.

The Prophet Haggai was contemporary with the Prophet Malachi and here is what he was inspired to proclaim, "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith Yahweh of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith Yahweh of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith Yahweh. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith Yahweh of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands," Hag. 1:4-11.

What has happened to our nation in today's world? Trillions upon trillions of dollars have simply disappeared in the stock market, through the government, and through people's excessive and riotous living. Isn't it amazing that companies that



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handle billions upon billions of dollars are going bankrupt? How can this happen? It is because Yahweh is blowing upon it, and when He blows upon it, it simply disappears as if we had bags with holes in them. People and companies who had diligently saved money for emergencies, retirement, etc., have simply had those funds disappear into thin air.

Now look at the state of our affairs. People have only focused on taking care of themselves, building their own houses and families, eating, and drinking, clothing themselves with the most expensive clothes, jewelry, cosmetics, transportation, etc. But so many, many of these people are now losing their homes, their families, their clothing, jewelry, automobiles, etc. It is very heart-breaking. There are more and more homeless living anywhere they can find shelter, under overpasses, bridges, on the streets, in parks, etc. If only we would wake up, turn around and begin to serve Yahweh, we would be so greatly blessed! People have lost their retirement funds and have had to put off retirement by continuing working. Curses are certainly coming upon us because of our failure to serve Yahweh.

THE FIRST OFFERING

Scripture speaks of the very first offerings offered to Yahweh. They came at the hands of the first two males born in this world to Adam and Eve, to wit; Cain and Abel. “And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto Yahweh. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And Yahweh had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain

and to his offering he had not respect,” Gen. 4:3-5.

Why didn’t Yahweh have respect for Cain’s offering? Here is what the *Cumash* (a book with the first five books of the Bible [Torah] along with Rabbinic commentary) has to say about this event, “Because Abel feared Elohim’s curse against the ground, he turned to caring for sheep and herds (*Rashi*). Although man was still forbidden to eat meat [see 9:3], he was allowed to use milk, butter, wool, and the skins of dead animals. Abel’s work consisted of shearing the sheep and milking the cows (*Mizrachi*).

“Like the Patriarchs, Moses, and David, Abel chose a profession that permitted him to spend his time in solitude and contemplation of spiritual matters (*HaK’sau V’HaKabbalah*). Cain, however, chose an occupation that, though essential, can lead its practitioners to worship nature and enslave others to do the hard work of the fields (*R’Hirsch*).

“From the subtle contrast between the simple description of Cain’s offering and the more specific description of Abel’s offering – from the firstlings of his flock and from their choicest – the Sages derive that Cain’s offering was from the inferior portion of the crop, while Abel chose only the finest of his flock. Therefore, Abel’s sacrifice was accepted but not Cain’s (*Ibn Ezra; Radak*).” (pp. 20-21)

This is exactly what Yahweh was speaking of through the Prophet Malachi in the book of Malachi chapter one, “A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the



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LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of Yahweh is contemptible. And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith Yahweh of hosts. And now, I pray you, beseech Elohim that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith Yahweh of hosts. Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith Yahweh of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith Yahweh of hosts. But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of Yahweh is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith Yahweh of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith Yahweh. But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith Yahweh of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen," Mal. 1:6-14.

Here is the situation, the creation exists by the power of the Word of Yahweh. You and I are only here, we only exist because of His great power. Scriptures declare that the earth is His and the fullness of it, "The earth is Yahweh's, and the fulness thereof; the world, **and they that dwell therein**," Psa. 24:1. The Apostle Paul repeats this in 1 Cor. 10:26, 28.

PUTTING YAHWEH FIRST

What does Yahweh require of us? He wants us to love Him and serve Him with all of our heart, our mind, our soul, "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh: And thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might," Dt. 6:4-5.

Yahshua verified this, "And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Yahshua answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh: And thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment," Mk. 12:28-30.

The book of Proverbs advises us, "The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge....The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding....In the fear of Yahweh is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge....The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death," Prov. 1:7; 9:10;



14:26-27.

Abel put Yahweh first and gave Him the choicest of his flocks and herds. All of the great men of the Scriptures put Yahweh first and were blessed for it.

Here is another promise from Yahweh, "Honour Yahweh with thy substance, and **with the firstfruits of all thine increase**: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine," Prov. 3:9-10.

The Psalmist decrees, "Blessed is every one that feareth Yahweh; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee," Psa. 128:1-2.

These are promises from Yahweh, not from man. His promises are based upon His word of power and truth. His word will never fail, even though we are allowed to be tried at times to see where our hearts and faith are.

TITHING

Yahweh did establish a tithing system for the Israelites, "And Yahweh spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel. 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. Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die. But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle

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of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance. But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto Yahweh, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance," Num. 18:20-24.

Furthermore, the Levites themselves were to give tithes of the tithes that they gathered from the Israelites, "And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, 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 Yahweh, 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 threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress. Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto Yahweh of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof Yahweh's heave offering to Aaron the priest. Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of Yahweh, of all the best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it," Num. 18:25-29.

However, there is no longer an Aaronic priesthood, nor is there a tabernacle, nor temple wherein the Levites serve. So what has happened?

THE TRANSFERRAL

While the first instance of offerings occurs with Cain and Abel, the first instance of tith-



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ing occurs with Abraham, "And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high El. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high El, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high El, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all," Gen. 14:17-20.

The book of Hebrews reveals that there has been a change in the priesthood and also the tithing system, "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high El, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but **made like unto the Son of Elohim**; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is wit-

nessed that he liveth. 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. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For **the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.** For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Master sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hop; by the which we draw nigh unto Yahweh. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, Yahweh sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) **By so much was Yahshua made a surety of a better testament.** And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to



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the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore," Heb. 7:1-28.

The tithing system has been changed from the Levitical priesthood to the Melchisedek Priesthood! Yahshua is the High Priest after the order of Melchisedek. He is the one spoken of Who was originally without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but **made like unto the Son of Elohim!** Melchisedek brought forth bread and wine. Yahshua brought forth bread and wine for the symbols of the New Covenant, the better covenant based upon better promises!

The covenant of Moses and the Levitical priesthood, along with the tabernacle and later the temple, were just an interim covenant and priesthood, and dwelling places for Yahweh until the true heavenly High Priest could empty Himself from His heavenly power and esteem, become a man, become flesh, offer the one sacrifice for all time and then be restored to His heavenly power and esteem! There is much more to be revealed here, but this is an article on tithing and I am just showing you how the tithing system has been changed. (If you want to know

more about Melchizedek, write for our free booklet entitled *Who Is Melchizedek?*)

We are of the Melchizedek Priesthood if we are publishing the good news, the truth concerning Yahshua, His kingdom, Who He was, is, and will be. If we are opening your eyes to the truth about the Father and the Son, their true names, the covenant that is made through our Mediator, Yahshua, His grace and mercy that we receive through Him, etc., etc.

PAUL'S WITNESS

Here is what the Apostle Paul witnesses concerning himself and those who are publishing the good news, the spiritual things of the Scriptures, "Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Yahshua the Messiah our Master? are not ye my work in Yahweh? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Master. Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, Have we not power to eat and to drink? Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Master, and Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? Who goeth to warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth Yahweh take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in



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hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. **If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?** If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the good news of the Messiah. **Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath Yahweh ordained that they which preach the good news should live of the good news.** But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. For though I preach the good news, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the good news! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the good news is committed unto me. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the good news, I may make the good news of the Messiah without charge, that I

abuse not my power in the good news," 1 Cor. 9:1-18.

We of this ministry have followed the example of Paul in that we have worked with our own hands in order to sustain ourselves physically, pay our bills, etc. We have not sought to sustain ourselves with that which has been given to us so that we can publish the Yahshua's Witness Magazine, YEA Newsletter, tracts, articles, booklets, etc. We have made these things available without charge. We have sown unto you many spiritual things and will sow more (Yahweh willing). Very few have ever supported us in our efforts, nor have they believed in our ministry.

PROVIDING FOOD

Yahshua is our true food. He is the true bread from heaven. We have sought to feed you with Him from the beginning of our ministry. We have revealed many, many spiritual things about Him, the Father, their Word, and kingdom. There are many needs in this ministry and also for the great work that Yahweh is doing in Kenya, the Philippines, India and elsewhere. We will allow Yahweh to have the last word in this mes-

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