

## Giving Malachi 3.6-15

Giving or Tithes and Offerings are an essential part of an Christians Spiritual Journey. Today we will spend our time in the Word of God examining what the mind, will, and way of God is concerning Giving specifically in Tithes and Offerings.

**A. The Command To Give (vs 7-9) -** *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 the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? **Will a man rob God?** 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.*

Lev 27.30

**When God's people do not give their Tithes and Offerings, God says, they are robbing God.**

### **What is the difference between a Tithe and an Offering?**

- **A Tithe** – A Tithe is the minimum requirement of God. It is 10% and is only appropriately given to your local Church to those serving in the Ministry of our Lord.
- **An Offering** – Is anything over and above the tithe and is given to anything that God, through the Holy Spirit, leads you to give an offering.

#### **1. The Priority of the Tithe**

*Leviticus 27:30–34 - 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.** <sup>31</sup>And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. <sup>32</sup>And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the **tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.** <sup>33</sup>He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed. <sup>34</sup>**These are the commandments, which the LORD** commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.*

Deut 26.1

**The tithe belongs to God. The Tithe is 10%.**

**A Spiritual Understanding of Stuff.** Everything you have, everything in this world ultimately belongs to God. God gives you the stuff you have, whether it is money, treasure, or belongings. God has given it to you. God commands you to take of all the stuff He gives you and give 10% back to Him. The rest you can do with as you desire.

### The First Fruits – What portion does God require?

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*Exodus 22:29 - Thou shalt not delay to offer the **first of thy ripe fruits**, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.*

*Deuteronomy 26:1–2 - And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; <sup>2</sup>That thou shalt take **of the first of all** the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, **and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.***

Deut 26.12

- **Some people give God a token offering.** Not ten percent. They rob God.
- **Some people give God the leftovers.** The last portion. They rob God.

**God asks for the first 10% to be given to God. It is to be given to your Church to provide for those doing the work of the ministry (Levites).**

**From the Word of God the Tithe is,**

- **10 %**
- **The First 10%**

## 2. The Place of the Tithe

*Deuteronomy 26:12 - **When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes** of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, **and hast***

**given it unto the Levite**, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

**Who are the Levites?** The Levites were the tribe who was given no inheritance in the Promised Land. They were the tribe that was supposed to do the work of the tabernacle. They were to minister by serving about the tabernacle by caring for the tabernacle and help the Priests who served in the tabernacle.

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Because the Levites had no land inheritance in Israel **God commanded that all the Tithes were to be brought and given to the Levites** and they were to live off the Tithes of all the other tribes in Israel (Num 18.24).

**The Levites in turn were to give their Tithe of the Tithes they received and they were to give those Tithes to the Priests.** The Priests were to live off the Tithes of the Levites (Num 18.24-28; cf 28).

**The Priests were commanded to tithe** and their tithe was to be given to the orphans and widows in Israel, the destitute.

If the people of Israel did not tithe then the ministers would have to go and work to support their families and would not be able to serve in their ministries.

**The old saying is, Starve the Ministers physically and they will starve the church spiritually.**

**This is stated in the New Testament as well,**

*1 Corinthians 9:9–12 - For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? <sup>10</sup>Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. <sup>11</sup>**If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?** <sup>12</sup>If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? .*

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*1 Timothy 5:18 - For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.*

**The tithe is not meant for Church buildings, or programs, it is meant to support the ministers in the Church.**

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## **B. The Challenge In Giving (vs 10-12)**

*Malachi 3:10–12 - **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse**, that there may be meat in mine house, **and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts**, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that **there shall not be room enough to receive it.** <sup>11</sup>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 the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.*

### **1. The Proper Place of Giving (vs 10)**

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**If you will bring your Tithes into God's storehouse, which is in the house of the Lord.** God requires the Tithes be brought to the proper place for the proper purpose.

For Christians this will be the Church to supply the Ministers of the Church! Very important part of this promise.

### **2. The Promise In Giving (vs 10)**

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Luke 6.38

**God promises to pour out abounding blessings on His faithful people.**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ said,**

*Luke 6:38 - 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.*

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**If God's people will be faithful to honor God with the first fruits of all that God gives them, the first ten percent, then God will faithfully pour out bountiful blessings on His people.**

### **3. The Protection Through Giving (vs 11-12)**

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**God promises to give His protection to His faithful People.**

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- The Storehouse - To support the ministers of the church.

2 Cor 9.7

### **C. The Character of Giving**

*2 Corinthians 9:7 - Every man according as he **purposeth in his heart**, so let him give; **not grudgingly**, or of necessity: **for God loveth a cheerful giver.***

**God is no honored by forced giving.**

**God honors those who honor God in their giving.**

Our giving our tithes and offerings back to God ought come out of a truly thankful and cheerful heart. We give back to God a small portion, 10% or more, of all that God has given to us thanking God for His great provision.

**The tithe is,**

- **10% of all God increases you.**
- **The first 10%**
- **The Storehouse - To support the ministers of the church.**
- **Cheerfully given**

**Our attitude in giving is just as important as the fact of our giving.**

**The Holy Spirit filled and led Born Again Christian should have no problem cheerfully giving back to God in the proper place and the proper way.**

**A religious person who may not be truly born again or a carnal christian will lively find it hard, sometimes very hard to cheerfully give to God.**

**If you are not a Born-Again Child of God then you need to be born again and let the Holy Spirit teach you to give in God's way.**

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