

To Tithe Or Not To Tithe

God's Plan for Church Finance

Titling is how God uses His people to finance ministry. It is not part of the Law found in the Old Testament. The New Testament does not supersede the need for tithing.

It is God's will that we, His disciples should tithe in the church for the support of the church and the works of the Lord. As disciples we should always give God His 10% of our first fruits. For we give first, out of love for God. Then we give out of obedience to His Word. Next, we give because there is a need for the work of ministry, and we give because we shall receive a reward from God Himself.

1. The Origin of Tithing

Genesis 14:18-20, And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of] God Most High. He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of]God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be [v]God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

2. God calls for us to bring our tithes to the storehouse

Malachi 3:8-12, "Will a man]rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts. "All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the

LORD of hosts.

3. Jesus is the same order of Priest as Melchizedek. This order has two ord **Hebrews 5:5-8**, So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, “YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”; just as He says also in another passage, “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.” In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

4. God loves a cheerful giver

2 Corinthians 9:7, Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver