

## TITHE AND BE BLESSED

Christ did not abolish the tithe law, but He did endorse it. Read about it in

Luke 11:42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: **these ought ye to have done**, and not to leave the other undone.

Tithe paying did not originate with Moses, because Abraham paid tithe before Moses was born.

Genesis 14:19-20 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: <sup>20</sup> And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And **he gave him tithes of all**.

Jacob also paid tithe before Moses came on the scene. Read

Genesis 28:22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and

of ***all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee***.

Why is tithing a fundamental law?

Because God said that the tenth was his. He saith that the tenth is Holy to Him. Read,

Leviticus 27:30 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**.

Leviticus 27:32 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***. There are some people that believe that tithe should stay in the local church, and should not be sent to a headquarters church. But according to the Bible tithe was gathered out of the various cities, and brought into the storehouse. Read

Nehemiah 12:44 And at

that time were **some appointed over the chambers for the treasures**, for the **offerings**, for the firstfruits, **and for the tithes**, to gather into them **out of the fields of the cities** the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

There was designated people that was appointed to be in charge of tithe and offerings that were gathered from various cities.

A local pastor has no right to take tithe for himself without permission from the chief leader. Read, Nehemiah 10:38 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, concerned about THINGS, and not about God. we let the spirit of materialism dominant our lives.

into the **treasure house** And when the priest permitted the Levites to take tithe, they were to pay tithe from the tithe they received in the presence of the Priest.

Tithing is an antidote to selfishness. When we obey God, it is because we love Him. When we enclude tithing to our obedience to God, it means that we make God first in our lives, and not self.

It also means that we are spiritual minded and not carnal minded. When we take for ourselves that which belong to God, it is because we don't fear God. and we don't truly love Him. It means that we love material things more than we love God.

One of the attitudes of our society today is, we are to much

And the true and living God becomes secondary. And materialism occupy the highest seat in our hearts.

God will not take a seat below materialistic things. When our hearts is more concerned about THINGS, God is not first in our lives. And God is a jealous God.

Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me.

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:

DOES THE BIBLE TEACH THAT MEMBERS SHOULD BE ASSESSED TO PAY SPECIFIC OFFERINGS OTHER THAN TITHE?

The answer to that question is yes.

Notice the following scriptures:

Nehemiah 10:32 Also **we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;**

Exodus 30:13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD. Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.

II SAM. 24:24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: **neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing.** So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for **fifty shekels of silver.**

