



TITHING AND FREE WILL OFFERING

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Malachi 3:7-11*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Tithing is a law of faith and proves our belief and trust in God. Tithing is also one of sacrifice and it is ordained of God.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my 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 (Malachi 3:10).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Tithing is a commandment of the Lord. Withholding tithes is robbing God. *“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say. Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings” (Malachi 3:8, 10).*
2. *“Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase” (Proverbs 3:9).*
3. There are innumerable and bountiful blessings for giving willingly and cheerfully from the heart (*II Corinthians 8:12, 9:6-7; Colossians 3:23-24*).
4. There is a curse for disobedience. Blessings are withheld. We must consider our ways. God promises prosperity to the faithful and challenges His people to trust, try and prove Him (*Haggai 1:6-7; Malachi 3:7-9*).
5. Tithing is God’s financial plan to provide for the Church’s

work on Earth. God provides for every aspect of the Gospel work, including the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God whereby souls may come to the knowledge of the truth, be saved and receive the promise of eternal life (*Matthew 22:21; Mark 16:15-18; John 3:5; Acts 2:38-39*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Tithing is not a new requirement. Throughout biblical history, God gave command for an orderly and mandated collection and distribution of tithes and first fruit offerings. Abraham paid tithes before any law was given. He gave tithes to Melchizedek, King of Salem and priest of the most high God (*Genesis 14:18-20*). The Levites were given by God to serve Aaron, as a gift for the Lord, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation (*Numbers 18:6*). The tithes of all the children of Israel were given to the Levites (who were also used in civil government), for their support. The Levites gave tithes to Aaron, the priest. There was a specific order and instructions were explicit (*I Chronicles 23*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

Today, the *Word of God* stands firm. Support through tithing and free will offering is needed for the Gospel work to prosper and souls to be saved, which is in fact the priority of the Gospel work and the reason for our Lord’s coming to Earth. Tithing supports every aspect of the Gospel work: **1)** the preaching of the Gospel (*I Corinthians 9:13-14*); **2)** the facilities and expenses; **3)** the Holy Temple and all the branch churches; **4)** the Kingdom of God Crusade Telecast; and, **5)** the Kingdom of God Crusader. As we are faithful, God provides for our every need. As we follow His *Word*, we will be victorious. *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again” (Luke 6:38).*

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