

THE TRUTH ABOUT TITHING Pt. 2

The underlying pattern of giving has been basically the **SAME** throughout history involving **REQUIRED / MANDATORY** giving (a form of taxation for believers and unbelievers alike) and **FREE WILL** or **GRACE GIVING** (voluntary giving for believers only).

A. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

#1: How many times are the following words found in the Bible? Conclusion: The concepts of tithing & free will offerings are **BOTH** found in the Bible.

#2: In what books of the Bible are the words “tithe{s}” or “tithing” found? Conclusion: The concept of tithing is almost exclusively found in the **OLD TESTAMENT**, while being found only 3x in the **GOSPELS** in reference to **ISRAEL** under **THE LAW** and is totally **ABSENT** in the **EPISTLES** in reference to the **CHURCH** under **GRACE** {except in Hebrews regarding the Old Testament account of Abraham giving tithes to Melchizedek}.

B. SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS about TITHING vs FREE WILL GIVING:

1. **Genesis 14:20**

2. **Genesis 28:20**

3. **Exodus 35:29**

4. **Leviticus 1:3**

5. **Leviticus 19:5**

6. **Leviticus 22:18-24**

7. **Leviticus 22:29**

8. **Leviticus 27:30-32**

9. **Numbers 15:1-4**

10. **Numbers 18:21-31**

11. **Deuteronomy 12:5-6, 11, 16-19**

- What is the context? What again can we distinguish?

12. **Deuteronomy 14:22-29**

- What is the context? What new is explained regarding tithing?

13. **2 Chronicles 31:1-14**

- What is the context & content of this passage? What piece of information is added to this narrative? (vs. 14)

14. **Ezra 1:1-4, 3:5, 7:16. 8:28**

- What is the context of this passage? What do we see stated again?

15. **Nehemiah 10:35-38, 12:44, 47**

- What is the context of this passage? What is the concept of “firstfruits”?
- What were the “storerooms” (10:37)? What do we learn from 12:44 & 12:47?

16. **Psalm 119:18** - What also was considered a “freewill offering”?

17. **Proverbs 3:9-10** - What do we learn from this about “firstfruits”?

18. **Amos 4:4-5**

- What is the context? What is the “holy irony” of these verses?
- What do we learn from this?

19. **Malachi 3:6-12**

- What is the context of this passage? Who is this written to?
- What do we observe about God’s faithfulness and grace to these people?
- How did Israel respond to this invitation and command from the Lord?
- What accusation does God level on these people? Why? What was the result?
- How does this relate to God’s covenanted promises to Israel under the Law about blessing & cursing? {Deut. 28:1-14}
- Is the “storehouse” the local church? What does God promise is they repent / return or not?

20. **Matthew 17:24-27** - What is the context and what do we learn from this?

21. **Matthew 22:15-22** - What is the context and what do we learn from this?

22. **Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42** - What is the context dispensationally? What is the content?

23. **Luke 21:1-4** - What is the context & what do we observe?

24. **Luke 18:12** - What was flawed about the Pharisee’s thinking, including tithing?

25. **Romans 13:6-7** - What is the context & what are we commanded to do?

26. **2 Corinthians 9:6-7** - What is the context & what do we observe?

***** FINAL CONCLUSIONS *****

1. The underlying pattern of giving has been basically the _____ throughout history involving _____ (a form of taxation for believers and unbelievers alike) and _____ (voluntary giving for believers only).
2. Giving is both a _____ and a _____ for the believer.
3. Tithing was normally _____ as a form of _____ required of believers and unbelievers under the Law to uphold the support the Levites & priests, and minister to the poor.
4. Church-age believers in this Age of Grace are responsible pay their _____ to their governments and offer _____ to the Lord out of thankful hearts for His undeserved kindness & blessing toward them.

Key Verses: Malachi 3:6-12; Leviticus 22:29

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