

## **SERMON: THE HOLY TENTH**

**Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:10-11; Matthew 23:23**

### **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.**

### **Malachi 3:10-11**

**(10) 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. (11) 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 time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.**

### **Matthew 23:23**

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**

### **Introduction**

Throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament tithing is taught and reaffirmed. It has never been rescinded by the Scriptures. It has never been cancelled by the Scriptures. It started with Abraham before the law, it was reinforced and clarified by the Books of the Law, explained and demanded by the prophets, and it was declared clearly by Jesus Himself in Matthew 23:23. If the law requested a tenth, how much more should grace motivate us to render? I have not formerly taught tithing since we moved into this facility in 2024. I realize tithing is a touchy subject for some, but we must teach, at the appropriate time, the whole counsel of God.

Tithing makes the ministry of the church possible. Without people who are committed to tithing, the church does not have adequate resources to minister effectively. Just for the record, I tithe and I give offerings. I would not ask you to do something that I am not doing. That would be the epitome of hypocrisy. Follow me as I follow Christ.

This discourse may be more of a lecture than a sermon, so please bear with me. Young people of all ages, please hear me, because you are the church of now and the church of the future. When we are gone to receive our heavenly rewards, you will have to run this church or some other church and provide the financial support.

A big “Thank You” goes to all of you who support our church with your time, your talent, and your treasure. So, everyone let me give you some points to think about on the topic of tithing. For many of you this will be a review.

## **Exposition**

### **Point One**

**Tithe Means 10% Of The Increase.**

**Tithe Is A Transliterated Word For “Tenth.”**

**Amen, Hallelujah, And Selah Are Also Transliterated Words.**

### **Point Two**

**The Tithe Is The Minimum.**

### **Point Three**

**We Pay Through The Church.**

**Not To The Church.**

**Resources Are Pooled To Fulfill Needs.**

### **Point Four**

**It Is Not Equal Giving, But Equal Sacrifice And Equal Commitment.**

### **Point Five**

**The Law Of the Cycle Of Benefit And Support.**

**Tithing Is A Part Of A Universal, Immutable Law.**

**You Must Support The Entities That Provide Benefit.**

**We Don't Break Laws-When We Ignore Them - They Break Us.**

**Ignore Gravity And See Won't You Break Something.**

**Examples: Trees And Their Leaves; Rain, Rivers, Oceans.**

**Plastics and other synthetic materials violate this law.**

### **Point Six**

**God Has Never Raised His Rates.**

### **Point Seven**

**Two Great Promises.**

### **Closing Thoughts**

Tithing may be difficult for some. It becomes easier, when you think of the pain, suffering and death that Jesus endured on the cross of Calvary. Tithing works for the church. Tithing works for the tither. Tithing is an act of obedience. Tithing is an act of love. Tithing is the right thing to do. Please remember, "You can't beat God giving, no matter how hard you try!" Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

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