

TITHING/OFFERINGS



Tithing is the subject few people ever want to hear about. For most it is simply because they feel guilty, knowing that they are not doing their part to help bring glory to the Kingdom of Yah. Anyone who has ever attended a typical SUNday type pagan palace knows that the sermon on tithing is, by a country mile, the sermon most often given. In most of those so-called churches the two main issues spoken of in sermons are either salvation or tithing, in one form or another. If you pay close attention you will also note that these discussions are also given coincidentally on or around the 15th and 30th of each month. Any idea why? These churches rely on soul power messages of guilt to manipulate people sitting in the pews into giving money, supposedly towards the work of Yah. One doesn't have to look around too hard to see that in most cases the only thing this money supports is the \$40,000-\$60,000 dollar a year base salaries of the preachers running the local congregation. These SUNday preachers (usually from 2-7 in a typical congregation) are nothing more than CEO'S fleecing their flock while tickling their ears.

A sermon about tithing preached by a well versed pastor using soul power (emotions..a form of witchcraft) can be very profitable for the business of church. Personally, I have always found it rather interesting that the pastors in most of these big churches spend so much time at conventions and conferences. It seems that far too often the supposed senior pastor is unavailable to give a sermon because he is off somewhere attending one of these conferences or conventions. I also find it very strange that these events always seem to take place in tropical paradises like Hawaii, Bahamas, Barbados, Cook Islands, etc. Does this seem a little coincidental to you? Why do these events never take place in Alaska, Siberia, Saskatchewan, or any other uncomfortable setting?

The wise old pastors will tell you to give whatever the holy spirit reveals to you to give. In the first place the Word already tells us what to give, that is the point of the word "tithe" (tenth). Any pastor who tries to tell you you need to give a certain amount according to the new building fund, or the new padded pews fund, etc., is lying through his teeth. They are in most cases not Yah's servants and they are certainly not doing anything more than the pitchmen of old did at circus carnivals for the last several hundred years. One is not baptized in the holy spirit cannot (in most cases) be lead by the holy spirit to do anything, never mind calculate out how much money one should donate to the local pagan palace. These pastors are nothing but carnival pitchmen and barkers selling religion instead of ginsu knives and snake oil. Their methods are the same, and they do it for the same reason, to steal from Yah's ignorant or innocent deceived flock, those too lazy to read the scriptures for themselves. These men are like card sharks playing with common people. They insult everything that the Holy One of Israel stands for. They do not know Him in most cases, they certainly do not love Him, and most certainly do not serve Him.

There is nowhere in scripture that tithing is talked about as in ushers passing around buckets for money. That is not biblical and is an insult to those of us who truly believe and follow the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. If you ever go to a supposed spiritual gathering and they pass around buckets for tithing or love offerings all I can say is find the closest exit and get out. **The closest thing to the glory of Yah you will find in places like that is the lit up sign that says "exit".**

We are stewards of the Almighty and we are responsible for the increases (money) that He gives us. He has given us resources and we are to manage those resources whatever they may be. We learn about stewardship through our tithes. We, as Believers and followers of Yeshua the Messiah are to tithe according to scriptures. That is the reason we tithe, because Yah commanded us to, period. It is, and it should be an honor to tithe to a true spirit led ministry or fellowship of the Most High. Any funds given to other institutions are simply a waste of talents. No preacher or teacher of a ministry that is truly being led by the holy spirit should ever have to ask for money from his people. It is something that we should all know about and willingly do on a regular basis. Buckets are not passed around in true Houses of Prayer. Anyone wishing to give their tithes or offerings should have a place at the back of the building to deposit their tithes. It should not stick out like a sore thumb and it should not be passed around and made a spectacle of. Tithing is biblical, no question, those who do so appropriately are blessed for it, but if it is ever done for the wrong reason it is a curse. It is an honor to tithe to Yah's kingdom and provide the necessary funds for the true servants of Yah to preach, teach, share, and serve the Holy One of Israel and His children. It is our duty to look after those who help us with our spiritual nourishment, Yah's bondservants who have dedicated their lives to serving the Kingdom of Yah and have given themselves as living sacrifices to do the work as Yah's spiritual warriors.

THE ORDER

There seems to be no set order for tithing. Many torah teachers will tell you it can be arguably looked at in several ways. Some will even tell you that tithing is only a requirement if you live in the Promised Land.

The following is a very brief explanation of tithing divided in various ways.

A ORDER

- 1) Tithing to those who used to be called Levites, those anointed teachers and preachers who do the actual work involved in looking after the people who believe and follow Yah. In our day this would be referring to the ministries and fellowships that do the work of a true servant of Yah. Finding a worthy SUNDAY type church that would qualify under this heading would be a rare situation, if at all.
- 2) When Yah's people get together to celebrate the Feasts they are to incorporate tithing into their celebrations, by purchasing whatever they find necessary to assemble together and enjoy the Feasts.
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- 2) Tithing to those who were once called Levites, those teachers and preachers who do the actual work involved in looking after the people who believe and follow Yah. Today this would be referring to the ministries and fellowship leaders that do the work of a true servant.
- 3) The third type of tithing is that given to the common good of the "People of the Way". In other words, contributed to the fellowship or assembly of the people as a whole for the common good of all like minded Believers in Yeshua.

I would like to make a note here that the christian churches have reversed this order to put money in their coffers, before anyone else gets any. It's business as usual.

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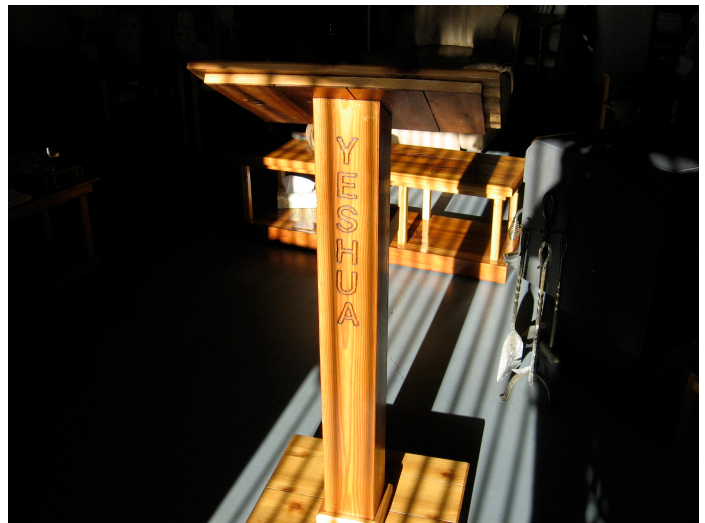
TITHING FOR LEADERS, PREACHERS, AND TORAH TEACHERS (RABBI'S)

I will let the Living Word speak for itself on this matter: **1Tim. 5:17** *Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.* **18** For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages." In this verse Paul is referring back to **Deut. 25:4** **"You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing."** Paul is making it abundantly clear that hard working preachers and teachers in any fellowship should be well looked after. They are to have a double portion, compared to the rest. This is not really tithing, because tithing is considered ten percent. A double portion, as stated here is a double tithe.

In another verse in the Renewed testament we see Sha'ul telling it like it is.

1Cor. 9:7-14 *Did you ever hear of a soldier paying his own expenses? or of a farmer planting a vineyard without eating its grapes? Who shepherds a flock without drinking some of the milk? 8 What I am saying is not based merely on human authority, because the Torah says the same thing — 9 for in the Torah of Moshe it is written, "You are not to put a muzzle on an ox when it is treading out the grain."i If Yah is concerned about cattle, 10 all the more does he say this for our sakes. Yes, it was written for us, meaning that **he who plows and he who threshes should work expecting to get a share of the crop. 11 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? 12 If others are sharing in this right to be supported by you, don't we have a greater claim to it? But we don't make use of this right.***

Rather, we put up with all kinds of things so as not to impede in any way the Good News about the Messiah. **13 Don't you know that those who work in the Temple get their food from the Temple, and those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrifices offered there? 14 In the same way, Yah directed that those who proclaim the Good News should get their living from the Good News."**



TITHING PRODUCE AND ENJOYING THE FEASTS

In Biblical times it was customary for pilgrims to bring a tenth of their grain, new wine, oil, or livestock, and eat it in the Presence of Adonai when they attended the Feasts. **Deut. 16:16-17** *“Three times in a year all your males shall appear before Adonai your Yahveh in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and **they shall not appear before Adonai empty-handed.** “Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Adonai your Yahveh which He has given you.”* This makes it clear that you were not to report to Jerusalem during the three pilgrim Festivals empty handed.

Deut. 14:22-27 *“**You shall surely tithe all the produce from what you sow, which comes out of the field every year.** “And you shall eat in the presence of Adonai your Yahveh, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, **the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the first-born of your herd and your flock,** in order that you may learn to fear Adonai your Yahveh always. “And if the distance is so great for you that you are not able to bring {the tithe,} since the place where Adonai your Yahveh chooses to set His name is too far away from you when Adonai your Yahveh blesses you, then you **shall exchange {it} for money, and bind the money in your hand** and go to the place which Adonai your Yahveh chooses. “And you may spend the money for whatever your heart desires, for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your heart desires; and there you shall eat in the presence of Adonai your Yahveh and rejoice, you and your household. “Also you shall not neglect the Levite who is in your town, for he has no portion or inheritance among you.”*

If one lived too far away to bring up their tithe, then one could exchange their tithe for silver, and upon arrival in Jerusalem, could purchase the necessary goods to rejoice in the presence of Adonai. The tithe wasn't just given to the Levites, it was also consumed by the individual and their family (Deut. 14:26). That's why these Festivals are called "Feasts." The consumption of food and drink is just one element that makes these Festivals such joyous occasions. Remember that the land of Israel was a highly agricultural society, eating the tithe was how they celebrated and returned thanks to their Provider.

Some people will try to tell you that tithing was only for produce, that it is no longer necessary. I have included what the word "produce" means according to the dictionary for those trying to steal from Yah.

Produce: make or manufacture from components or raw materials: the company has just produced a luxury version of the aircraft. eg. (of a region, country, or process) yield, grow, or supply: *the California vineyards produce excellent wines.*

THIRD TITHE (TITHING TO WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AND TEACHERS/LEVITES)

A particular part of tithing that you rarely hear about was called **the third tithe for the widows, orphans, and teachers.** A widow was a woman (over 60) who had lost her male protector and her source of financial support. In days of old, she was put under the protection of the community.

Deut 14:28-29 *“**At the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit it in your town. 29 “And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among***

you, and the alien, the orphan and the widow who are in your town, shall come and eat and be satisfied, in order that the Adonai your Elohim may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do".

Deut. 26:12 "When you have finished paying all **the tithe of your increase** in the third year, the year of tithing, **then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your towns, and be satisfied.**" This verse is referring to the poor of your brethren, (the household of the faithful), like minded Believers, not the general public. When all your brethren are looked after, then those in the general public who are poor, should also be helped. Helping the general public is known as humanitarian aid. The first priority mentioned in this verse is the one who is teaching and preaching torah (considered to be the Levite in that day and age), and then your like minded brothers and sisters whom you don't know (strangers), and then including the orphans and the widows of the brethren.

Once every three years, in addition to the regular gleanings of the annual harvests, a tithe of the harvest was shared with the widows, orphans, Levites, and strangers (Deut. 14:28-29, 26:13). Can you imagine the peace that widows or orphans would experience within a community such as this? They would also be free to serve Adonai, and not have to struggle so much for their daily survival. We should freely give if we are obedient to the Torah, living in a community and freely giving our tithes to those whom Yah designates. Deut. 14:29 says that we will be blessed in all that we do. Can you imagine what a testimony a community like that would have? **Prov. 14:31** says, "He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But **he who is gracious to the needy honors Him**"

Lev. 25:35 says, "If one of your countrymen becomes poor and is unable to support himself among you, help him." Prov. 19:17 says that whoever is kind to the poor lends to Adonai. And Yah will reward them for what they do.

The highest form of giving is of your life. When we give offerings and tithe it is part of our life. When we give more than required, it is taking away from our own life, so it is much more important. Yeshua gave His life for us, that is far more than any offering or tithe anyone is expected to give. The highest form of giving is of your life. When we give offerings and tithe it is part of our life. When we give more than required, it is taking away from our own life, so it is much more important.

CORBAN..KORBAN (GIVING BACK) TITHING

According to Jewish tradition, under extreme circumstances Adonai's people can with-hold or use their tithing for themselves. If you are the poor person, you can take the tithe that is supposed to go to needy brethren orphans and widows, and redeem it for yourself. If you do so, you must add **one fifth** to it when you pay it back, as soon as possible. This is only for extreme situations and is not to be done on a regular basis. If one is always poor, he must seriously look into the curses that have caused this scenario to come upon him.

Lev. 27:30-31 "All the tenth given from the land, whether from planted seed or fruit from trees, belongs to ADONAI; it is holy to ADONAI. 31 If someone wants to redeem any of his tenth, he must add to it **one-fifth**."

WHO DISTRIBUTES THE TITHES

Neh. 13:13 *And in charge of the storehouses I appointed Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and in addition to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered reliable, and it was their task to distribute to their kinsmen".*

The tithes of the Temple were distributed by the Levites who looked after the Temple.

STEALING FROM THE ALMIGHTY



Malachi, one of the great prophets, made it clear to the people that if they are not tithing, they were stealing from Yahveh Himself, and bringing a curse upon themselves.

Mal. 3:7-8 *“From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you, “says Yahveh of hosts. “But you say, How shall we return? **Will a man rob Yahveh? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed Thee?’ 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 Adonai of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”*** Here Yahveh put a curse on people who didn’t tithe. If it was that important to Yahveh back then to tithe, isn’t it safe to say that under the grace of the Renewed Testament we should give even more than 10%. I believe that Tithing is not giving money to a church. It is giving the first 10% of your gross income (increase) to the ministry of the “BODY OF MESSIAH”. That may include for example, giving money to a spiritual teacher, church, ministry, buying Bibles, study material, videos and books for other people to learn from, or whatever helps bring glory to the kingdom of Yahveh.

A lot of people don’t seem to realize that not tithing is stealing from Yah. In our eighth commandment Yah made it abundantly clear we are not to steal, never mind steal from Him. Not giving your tithe is simply breaking a commandment. **John 14:15** *“If you love Me, you will keep my commandments”*. (John 5:46-47)

Those who break commandments on purpose will certainly never be blessed. This is one of the most common reasons for people to not receive revelation (the disclosure) of Yah’s Living Word, as per John 14:21.

John 14:21 *“He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.”* (refers to Deut. 29:29).



If you feel your local church follows the Ten Commandments in a worthy manner, and has, and still is, producing serious fruit, then obviously your tithing can be directed there. If your church doesn’t follow the commandments, or is not producing serious fruit, then you are insulting Yahveh by contributing to an unworthy organization. It is up to you to put your money where it will be used effectively to produce fruit and do the things we are to do. Do not give it to any church, organization, or ministry, that is not doing Dad’s work in earnest. Do not give it to a church that just talks, sings, and prays about doing these things. It’s Yahveh’s money; how do you think He would spend it if He were there to tell you? Ask him, He’s listening. All SUNday churches should be excluded from receiving tithes.

In the book of Genesis we see that Jacob tithed from His heart after His dream. This is the way we are supposed to tithe. **Gen. 28:22** *“And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be Yahveh’s house; and of all that Thou dost give me I will surely give a tenth to Thee.”* Tithing at this point in time was not a command it was something that Jacob just felt like doing. After the rules were introduced at Mount Sinai it became a COMMAND. **2Cor. 9:7** *“Let each one {do} just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for Yahveh loves a cheerful giver.”*

Yah has given us 10% extra so that we can tithe it. The Renewed Testament doesn’t say anything about tithing because it is a continuation of the Old Testament, minus the sacrificial law. In Luke 20:19-26 Yeshua spoke about the denarius, He said give unto Caesar what is his. This is totally separate from tithing. Giving to the government, (which is supposed to help the poor), is not tithing. Tithing is separate, regardless of how much you pay of any kind of taxes. Tithing is not an obligation. If you give unwillingly, you are sinning. Malachi, one of the great prophets, made it clear to the people that if they are not tithing, they were stealing from Yahveh Himself, and bringing a curse upon themselves. **Mal. 3:7-8** *“From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you, “says Yahveh of hosts. “But you say, How shall we return? Will a man rob Yahveh? **Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed Thee?’ 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 Adonai of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”*** Here Yahveh put a curse on people who didn’t tithe. If it was that important to Yahveh back then to tithe, isn’t it safe to say that under the grace of the Renewed Testament we should give even more than 10%. I believe that Tithing is not giving money to a church. It is giving the first 10% of your income to the ministry of the “BODY OF MESSIAH”. That may include: giving money to a ministry, buying Bibles, study material, videos and books for other people to learn from, or whatever helps bring glory to the kingdom of Yahveh.

Social security benefits, government or private pensions, are not tithable. You have already tithed on the money you gave to the government or private firms, so when it is returned you don't have to tithe on it again, assuming you tithed originally on your gross paycheque. People on welfare, unless they are young and have never paid into the system, have tithed on all money given to the government, so if they need to collect welfare, they have already tithed on their contribution. There is no need to tithe on it again. Inheritance should not be tithed on, neither receiving life insurance. You tithe on your increase, what you have laboured for, your paycheque whether it be working for someone else or working for yourself.

If a person has never tithed, scripture says you owe your tithe plus one fifth of everything you have ever earned. That is where Yeshua's grace comes in. What you did when you were ignorant is one thing, what you do when you know better is something else.

CHARITY/TZEDAKAH (1John 3:17-18, Ps. 112:9)

There are degrees of charity according to Jewish tradition:

- 1) The first and highest degree is to aide someone in want by offering him a gift or loan, by entering into partnership with him, or by providing work for him, so that he may become self-supporting, without having to ask people for anything.
- 2) The next degree is when a person who gives to a charity is unaware of the identity of the recipient, and the recipient is unaware of the identity of the giver. This includes giving to worthwhile charities, ministries, that you are 100% sure are faithful.
- 3) The third degree is when the giver knows the recipient, but the recipient does not know the giver.
- 4) The fourth degree is when the recipient knows the giver, but the giver does not know the recipient.
- 5) The fifth degree is when the giver puts the alms into the hands of the poor without being solicited.
- 6) The sixth degree is when the giver puts the money into the hands of the poor after he has been solicited.
- 7) The last degree is when the giver gives grudgingly (with pain).

NOTE: The Gentiles are supposed to not only pray for the Jewish people, but they are to help them financially.

Rom. 15:27 *"Yes, they were pleased {to do so,} and they are indebted to them. For if **the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.**"*

TITHING SUMMARY

There are two types of giving. One is a voluntary giving, and one is a commanded giving. Giving must be a sacrifice. When you give something to Yah's work it must be something you have worked for. For example: if one won the lottery Yah would not expect you to tithe on it because you did not work for it. An inheritance is also not earned, so it is not tithed on. Any money from illegal activity is never to be tithed on. This doesn't mean any money cannot be offered up as an offering, it just means it is not something to tithe on. Whatever you give must be of value to you. You must have sacrificed something, whether it be time or labor, in order of it to be worthy of a tithing to El Gibor.

The seven deadly sins of the church are: pride, greed, envy, anger, gluttony, lust, and sloth (passivity). These sins as a whole are simply "lawlessness" (1John 3:4). The church knows that it is very difficult for anyone to avoid committing these sins. They are all things which we, being human, most naturally do. After inevitably committing these sins, the Believers commonly make financial contributions/offerings to the church, in order to "pay off" Yah. They too often don't do it from their heart, but merrily to try to buy off the penalties of their lawlessness/sin.

Tithing is done on the increase in our life, regardless of what that might be. It could be livestock, wages, investments, food, etc. It is our increase that we at leasts tithe on. We must all decide what our increase is using common sense. If there is no increase, there can be no tithe. If there is no increase than one must consider why there is no increase. Tradition states that inheritance is not considered for tithing. There are times in our lives when we are learning and there are times when we are sharing, teaching, etc. Sometimes our learning times (times of testing perhaps) are without increase so that we will be blessed down the road. The tithing principal is based on our being blessed by following Yah's Word.

For example: if someone bought a Believer a lottery ticket and they won the lottery, that money was not won by sacrificing anything, it was won by a freak accident. That money would not be acceptable for tithing in Yah's eyes. It may be very helpful for many things, but it could not be accepted in a spiritual manner as a tithe. It could be presented to a ministry as a special offering, but never as a tithe.

Doesn't it seem strange that most of the SUNday type churches today insist that the "TITHING" law is still in existence but the Ten Commandments aren't, even though they are both part of the "Mosaic Law". Don't you find that convenient. I can honestly say that those giving money to most SUNday type churches will have that amount deducted from their account in Heaven.'

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