OLD TESTAMENT

TITHES & TITHING

The basic principle in tithing is that **EVERYTHING** is the Lord's and we are only stewards. We own nothing but the concept of controlling what has been entrusted to us. The tithe is a token brought to honor the Lord and to recognize Him as Lord of all and owner of all.

The concept of tithes and tithing extends way back to the days of Abraham when he gave tithes to the mysterious King of Salem who was Melchizedek of which next to nothing is known.

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all (Genesis 14:18-20).

ABRAHAM	Commenced it.
JACOB	Continued it.
MOSES	Confirmed it.
MALACHI	Commanded it.
JESUS	Commanded it.
GOD	Commissioned
PAUL	Conformed it.

Abraham and Jacob tithed 500 years **BEFORE** the Law was instituted.

Moses, Malachi, and Jesus spoke of tithing **DURING** the period of the Law.

The Apostle Paul explained tithing **AFTER** the law.

Under the **LAW** tithing was commanded. Under Grace, we do not tithe legalistically, but because we love the Lord.

According to Malachi, the tithes were to be brought into the storehouse. For the Jews, this storehouse was the Temple at Jerusalem. According to Acts, the Christian brought their tithes and offerings to the Apostles feet. According to I Corinthians, we are to lay up our giving in store. Today the storehouse for your tithe is your CHURCH. It is not God's plan for you to give your tithe wherever you decide.

God has ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Your tithes and offerings are for the support, upkeep, and ministry of your Church.

God will bless the person who tithes and that tithe is 10% of the gross.

Give God first place in your life. Honor the Lord with your first fruits before the bills are paid and bring the tithes on the Lord's day.

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine (Proverbs 3:9-10).

ABRAHAM COMMENCED IT.

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth (Genesis 14:18-20).

JACOB CONTINUED IT.

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: 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.

MOSES CONFIRMED IT.

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 27:30).

MALACHI COMMANDED IT.

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 (Malachi 3:10).

JESUS COMMANDED IT.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone (Matthew 23:23).

GOD COMMISSIONED

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel (I Corinthians 16:2).

PAUL CONFORMED IT.

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come (I Corinthians 16:2).

TITHE

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 27:30).

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 (Leviticus 27:32).

Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the **tithes** which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the **tithe (Numbers 18:26)**.

Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the **tithe** of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand (Deuteronomy 12:17).

Thou shalt truly **tithe** all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year (Deuteronomy 14:22).

And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the **tithe** of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always (Deuteronomy 14:23).

At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the **tithe** of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates (Deuteronomy 14:28).

And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the **tithe** of all things brought they in abundantly (II Chronicles 31:5).

And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the **tithe** of oxen and sheep, and the **tithe** of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid them by heaps (II Chronicles 31:6).

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, into the treasure house (Nehemiah 10:38).

Then brought all Judah the **tithe** of the corn and the new wine and the oil

unto the treasuries (Nehemiah 13:12).

TITHES

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him **tithes** of all (Genesis 14:20).

And if a man will at all redeem ought of his **tithes**, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof (Leviticus 27:31).

But the **tithes** of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance (Numbers 18:24).

Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the **tithes** which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe (Numbers 18:26).

Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your **tithes**, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD'S heave offering to Aaron the priest (Numbers 18:28).

And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your **tithes**, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks (Deuteronomy 12:6).

Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your **tithes**, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the

LORD (Deuteronomy 12:11).

When thou hast made an end of tithing all the **tithes** of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled (Deuteronomy 26:12).

And brought in the offerings and the **tithes** and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next (II Chronicles 31:12).

And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the **tithes** of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the **tithes** in all the cities of our tillage (Nehemiah 10:37).

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, into the treasure house (Nehemiah 10:38).

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 (Nehemiah 12:44).

And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the **tithes** of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests (Nehemiah 13:5).

Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your **tithes** after three years (Amos 4:4).

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).

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 (Malachi 3:10).

TITHING

When thou hast made an end of **tithing** all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of **tithing**, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled (Deuteronomy 26:12).

NEW TESTAMENT

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay **tithe** of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment *, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone (Matthew 23:23).

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 (Luke 11:42).

TITHES

I fast twice in the week, I give **tithes** of all that I possess (Luke 18:12)

And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take **tithes** of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham (Hebrews 7:5).

But he whose descent is not counted from them received **tithes** of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises (Hebrews 7:6).

And here men that die receive **tithes**; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth (Hebrews 7:8).

And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth **tithes**, payed **tithes** in Abraham (Hebrews 7:9).