



Our High Priest and Our Tithe

TITHE: LAW VS GRACE

“Tithe is not a debt you owe but a seed you sow”

- JERRY SAVELLE

The Tithe under the Law - Malachi

Chapter Malachi 1 – The people presented defiled offerings

⁶ “‘A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, **where is My honor?** And if I am a master, **where is My respect?**’ says the Lord of armies to you, **the priests** who despise My name! But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’ ⁷ *You are* presenting **defiled food upon My altar**. But you say, ‘How have we defiled You?’ In that you say, ‘The table of the Lord is to be despised.’ ⁸ And when you present a **blind *animal* for sacrifice, is it not evil?** Or when you present a **lame or sick *animal*, is it not evil?** So offer it to your governor! **Would he be pleased with you, or would he receive you kindly?**” says the Lord of armies. ¹

¹⁴ “But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows *it*, but sacrifices a blemished *animal* to the Lord, **for I am a great King,”** says the Lord of armies, “**and My name is feared among the nations.**”

These Sacrifices pointed to Jesus hence the requirement to be without blemish

Malachi 2 – Priests and Husbands

In **verse 8** He addresses the Priests for causing others to stumble instead of carrying out their priestly duty.

In **Verses 12-16**, Peoples offerings were rejected because of the way they treated their wives

¹³ And this is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping and sighing, because **He no longer gives attention to the offering or accepts *it with* favor from your hand.** ¹⁴ Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the Lord has been **a witness between you and the wife of your youth**, against whom you have **dealt treacherously**, though she is your marriage companion and your wife by covenant. – **this is similar to 1Peter 3;7**

Malachi 3 – Curse of the Law

⁸ “Would anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ *In tithes and offerings.* ⁹ **You are cursed with a curse**, for you are robbing Me, the entire nation *of you!* ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and put Me to the test now in this,” says the LORD of armies,

“if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

¹¹ Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruit of your ground; nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless to you,” says the LORD of armies.

¹² “All the nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” says the LORD of armies.

Galatians 3: ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written: “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”

Malachi 4 – The Mosaic Law

We don't we bring animals to church for sacrifice – Malachi 1

The Levitical Priesthood is not limited to the descendants of Levi – Malachi 2

We don't fly over to Jerusalem with our tithes – Malachi 3

4 “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel,
With the statutes and judgments.

Tithe Under Grace

Hebrews 5

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, “YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”; ⁶ just as He says also in another *passage*, “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

¹⁰ being designated by God as a high priest according to the **order of Melchizedek**.

¹¹ **Concerning him we have much to say**, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become **dull of hearing**. ¹² For though by this time you **ought to be teachers**, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to **need milk and not solid food**. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, **for he is an infant**.

Genesis 14

(450 years before the Law)

¹⁷ Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out **bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.** ¹⁹ He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

He gave him a tenth of all. ²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself." ²² Abram said to the king of Sodom, "**I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth,** ²³ that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, **for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.'** ²⁴ I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share."

15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, **I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.**"

There is always a heavenly response to our tithe and trust in God.

Hebrews 7 and 8

Hebrews 7:⁴ Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

⁸ In this case **mortal men** receive tithes, but in that case **one** *receives them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.

When Melchizedek brought the bread and wine it proclaimed the death of Jesus and when we respond with our tithes we proclaim He is alive. For our tithe is worship.

Hebrews 8:¹ Now the **main point** in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to **offer both gifts and sacrifices**; so it is necessary that **this *high priest*** also have something to offer.

⁶ But now He has obtained a **more excellent ministry**, by as much as He is also the mediator of a **better covenant**, which has been enacted on **better promises**.

Recap

If you base your tithe giving on Malachi 3;10 you are going for the **inferior**

You give your tithes with the understanding of **Hebrews 5, 7, 8 and Genesis 14**

Grace did not do away with tithe, it just gave us **better promises**

Tithing positions us to be more like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, than the rebellious Israelites under Moses

Under the Levitical Priesthood it was a **debt to God**

Under the *Melchizedek* Priesthood it is a **Seed**

Under the Levitical Priesthood it was done under **religious obligation**

Under the *Melchizedek* Priesthood it is done **out of Reverence**

Under the Law tithes were given to the high priest **who offers them to God**

Under grace the tithes are given to our **high priest who is God**

Gal 6 ⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man reaps what he sows.** - *Farmers do not expect a harvest if they have **not sown***