

Worship Service

December 10th, 2017

9:30 am	Welcome & Opening Prayers
10:00 am	Sunday school: Tithes & Offering
10:40 am	Praises & Worship
10:55 am	Congregational Hymns
11:00 am	Today's Message Collections In The Church
11:45 am	Offering - Ushers <i>Offering Hymn</i>
12:00 pm	Closing Prayers & Benediction

December Birthdays

Sister Maria	Dec 1 st
Sister Laurel	Dec 2 nd
Brother Ishmael	Dec 6 th
Sister Priscilla	Dec 6 th
Sister Amy	Dec 12 th
Sister Henrietta	Dec 25 th
First Lady Doris	Dec 27 th

Message: Collections In The Church

I Corinthians 16:1-2

Last week, we treated the topic “Christian Giving.” Christians give because we have the basis that God, Our Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ gave. The Old Testament believers like our father Abraham, Jacob, and Isaac gave. We saw examples during the New Testament times how the early believers also gave. Giving is sowing and anybody who sows eventually reaps whether instant or later. Giving is from the heart, and it comes in various forms of kindness or alms, whether our time, talent, gift, property, or money. We give to God, and to anybody in need including our enemies. But the Bible, both the Old and New Testament, commands us to bring our Collections which is our Tithes and Offerings to the house of God every first day of the week.

The doctrine and principle of tithing is timeless. Tithing was not only an Old Testament principle and practice. It is for everyone in every age and dispensation. It was neither instituted by the dispensation of Law nor terminated by the dispensation of grace.

I. TITHE-PAYING BEFORE THE TIME OF THE LAW

1. The First Mention of Tithing in the Bible – Gen. 14:18-20; Heb. 7:1-8; Rom. 4:12; Gal. 3:26-29. Christians are Abraham’s seed and we are to walk in the faith and steps of Abraham. Christ is our High-Priest after the order of Melchisedec.
2. Jacob’s Vow to Give God His Tithes – Gen. 28:16-22; Rom. 15:4; John 1:50,51. Jacob vowed giving tithes to God when there was no Levitical order.

II. TITHING DURING THE DISPENSATION OF THE LAW

1. Tithing in the Time of Moses – Lev. 27:30-33; Num. 18:21-24; Deut. 12:5,6.
2. Tithing during the Period of the Kings and the Prophets – 2Chron. 31:5-12; Neh. 12:44; Mal. 3:8-12.
3. A Nation under Curse! – Mal. 3:8,9; Deut. 28:15; Psalm 37:22; James 4:10.
Whether a person is poor or rich, withholding from God, that is robbing God, will not help him spiritually or materially.

III. TITHING IN JESUS' TEACHING

1. Pharisees Condemned For Hypocrisy – Matt. 6:2,5,16; 23:13-15, 23-28; Luke 9-14. The Pharisees did a number of good things hypocritically. They prayed, fasted, gave alms, witnessed, lived righteous lives, and paid tithes only to be seen of men.
2. Christ Compared Tithe-Paying with Mercy, Faith, and the Love of God – Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42. If showing mercy, manifesting faith and having the love of God are for the New Testament dispensation, then giving of the believer's tithe to God is still for today.

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IV. BLESSINGS OF TITHING

1. Meat in God's House – Malachi 3:10
2. Super-Abundant Outpouring of All Needed Blessings – Mal. 3:10
3. Rebuking of the Devourer – Mal. 3:11
4. "All Shall Call You Blessed" – Mal. 3:12.

V. COLLECTIONS TO SUPPORT THE PRIESTS, CHURCH WORKERS AND GOD'S WORK

Lev. 2:2-3; 10:12-13; Num. 5:9-10; 18:8-12,21-24; 2Kings 12:16; Matt. 10:10; 1Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6; 1Tim. 5:18

In the Old Testament Church, God had called the Tribe of Levi among the Israelites to be Priests and High Priests. Today, our Lord Jesus is Our High Priest who has called and ordained some Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers for the perfecting of the saints Eph. 4:11-12. People who take care of God's work, who watch over our souls, and will give account of our lives must be supported by the Church (Heb. 13:7,14).