

The Truth about Tithing

- *Pray for God's power to come through in this message as you work toward scriptural truth behind this subject matter.*

INTRODUCTION

Question: How many of you have heard a sermon on tithing?

Within a very short time of you going to the Sunday Building (a.k.a. "church") you are hit up for a tithe & offerings.

IF pastors and church leadership cannot justify tithing then they would be out of a job.

Scriptures are given to you such as Mal. 3:6-12. "Will a man rob God?"

Obvious smart answer is "No (of course you'd be stupid to rob God)" and the consequent solution you are told is to tithe to the building and the pastor which you are also told is the modern day "store house".

"Give unto God", "For the extension of the Kingdom", etc... but is this a correct practice, is it scriptural?

As in ALL issues, this is a non-issue if you are led by the Holy Spirit. But people seem to somewhat nutty when money is involved ... Anyway.

God never changes, TRUE. However the way that we relate to Him certainly has. E.g. because of Jesus we now have direct access to the Father and we no longer need a man to get to God. That was a large part of the curse of the law that was taken care of in Christ Jesus when He fulfilled the law and died upon the cross for our sins.

Our study: With the issue of Godly giving, HOW do we relate to giving under the new covenant?

OVERVIEW

GOAL: For the follower of Christ to know how he/she is to relate to the issue of giving and dealing with the resources God has put in their care.

PURPOSE: To scripturally clarify the issue of tithing as it relates to the New Covenant.

OUTCOMES: For the active listener to understand the foundation of the principle of tithing; the basis of the modern day practice and its implications to the true church; restoration for those in leaders in bondage to this system; a Godly system of giving.

GOVERNING HOLY SPIRIT MANIFESTATION(S):

JOY

Yah's Plan: For us to have a fulfilled life, resulting from salvation and full surrender to His will.

LONGSUFFERING

Yah's Plan: To establish His system of provision in our lives.

GOODNESS

Yah's Plan: To show forth the excellence of His will through divinely ordained design and structure.

Part 1 (try to finish in one session)

Joy? How when on Sunday you hear “... God loves a cheerful giver.” But it is drudgery and guilt and spiritual blackmail that is put on you in order to extort resources from you. In the process you are told to put a smile on your face and take it. ☺ Again, look at the *context* of the scripture:

2Co 9:6 But¹¹⁶¹ this⁵¹²⁴ *I say*, He which soweth⁴⁶⁸⁷ sparingly⁵³⁴⁰ shall reap²³²⁵ also²⁵³² sparingly;⁵³⁴⁰ and²⁵³² he which soweth⁴⁶⁸⁷ bountifully^{1909, 2129} shall reap²³²⁵ also²⁵³² bountifully.^{1909, 2129}

2Co 9:7 Every man¹⁵³⁸ according as²⁵³¹ he purposeth⁴²⁵⁵ in his heart,²⁵⁸⁸ *so let him give*; not³³⁶¹ grudgingly,^{1537, 3077} or²²²⁸ of¹⁵³⁷ necessity;³¹⁸ for¹⁰⁶³ God²³¹⁶ loveth²⁵ a cheerful²⁴³¹ giver.¹³⁹⁵

There is no joy in the system that the man made churches impose on you because that system is not of God but is rather a system of men designed to support and finance the personal agenda of the leadership; all the while rejecting truth and using Jesus as a means to their own personal ends.

We need to go through this thoroughly because you won't hear this ever in a church but only outside. Incidentally, in the last church age Jesus for the most part outside the overt structure/organization as well (Rev 3:20)

Tithe and Tithes (plural) is the same word in Hebrew.

H4643

מעשרה מעשר מעשר

ma'aśe'r ma'aśar ma'aśra'h

mah-as-ayr', mah-as-ar', mah-as-raw'

From H6240; a *tenth*; especially a *tithe*: - tenth (part), tithe (-ing).

Tithe and Tithes (plural) is the same word in Greek.

G586

αποδεκατώ

apodekatoō

ap-od-ek-at-o'-o

From G575 and G1183; to *tithe* (as debtor or creditor): - (give, pay, take) tithe.

First mention is with Abram (later Abraham)

- Gen 14:14** And when Abram⁸⁷ heard⁸⁰⁸⁵ that³⁵⁸⁸ his brother²⁵¹ was taken captive,⁷⁶¹⁷ he armed⁷³²⁴ (853) his trained²⁵⁹³ *servants*, born³²¹¹ in his own house,¹⁰⁰⁴ three⁷⁹⁶⁹ hundred³⁹⁶⁷ and eighteen,^{8083, 6240} and pursued⁷²⁹¹ *them* unto⁵⁷⁰⁴ Dan.¹⁸³⁵
- Gen 14:15** And he divided himself²⁵⁰⁵ against⁵⁹²¹ them, he¹⁹³¹ and his servants,⁵⁶⁵⁰ by night,³⁹¹⁵ and smote⁵²²¹ them, and pursued⁷²⁹¹ them unto⁵⁷⁰⁴ Hobah,²³²⁷ which⁸³⁴ *is* on the left hand^{4480, 8040} of Damascus.¹⁸³⁴
- Gen 14:16** And he brought back⁷⁷²⁵ (853) all³⁶⁰⁵ the goods,⁷³⁹⁹ and also¹⁵⁷¹ brought again⁷⁷²⁵ his brother²⁵¹ (853) Lot,³⁸⁷⁶ and his goods,⁷³⁹⁹ and (853) the women⁸⁰² also,¹⁵⁷¹ and the people.⁵⁹⁷¹
- Gen 14:17** And the king⁴⁴²⁸ of Sodom⁵⁴⁶⁷ went out³³¹⁸ to meet⁷¹²⁵ him after³¹⁰ his return⁷⁷²⁵ from the slaughter^{4480, 5221} of (853) Chedorlaomer,³⁵⁴⁰ and of the kings⁴⁴²⁸ that⁸³⁴ *were* with⁸⁵⁴ him, at⁴¹³ the valley⁶⁰¹⁰ of Shaveh,⁷⁷⁴⁰ which¹⁹³¹ *is* the king's⁴⁴²⁸ dale.⁶⁰¹⁰
- Gen 14:18** And Melchizedek⁴⁴⁴² king⁴⁴²⁸ of Salem⁸⁰⁰⁴ brought forth³³¹⁸ bread³⁸⁹⁹ and wine:³¹⁹⁶ and he¹⁹³¹ *was* the priest³⁵⁴⁸ of the most high⁵⁹⁴⁵ God.⁴¹⁰
- Gen 14:19** And he blessed¹²⁸⁸ him, and said,⁵⁵⁹ Blessed¹²⁸⁸ *be* Abram⁸⁷ of the most high⁵⁹⁴⁵ God,⁴¹⁰ possessor⁷⁰⁶⁹ of heaven⁸⁰⁶⁴ and earth:⁷⁷⁶
- Gen 14:20** And blessed¹²⁸⁸ *be* the most high⁵⁹⁴⁵ God,⁴¹⁰ which⁸³⁴ hath delivered⁴⁰⁴² thine enemies⁶⁸⁶² into thy hand.³⁰²⁷ And he gave⁵⁴¹⁴ him **tithes**⁴⁶⁴³ of all.^{4480, 3605}

NOTES:

1. Jesus would later be called the High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. (Heb 5:10; Heb 6:20)
Heb 5:8 Though²⁵³⁹ he were⁵⁶⁰⁷ a Son,⁵²⁰⁷ yet learned³¹²⁹ he obedience⁵²¹⁸ by⁵⁷⁵ the things which³⁷³⁹ he suffered;³⁹⁵⁸
Heb 5:9 And²⁵³² being made perfect,⁵⁰⁴⁸ he became¹⁰⁹⁶ the author¹⁵⁹ of eternal¹⁶⁶ salvation⁴⁹⁹¹ unto all³⁹⁵⁶ them that obey⁵²¹⁹ him;⁸⁴⁶
Heb 5:10 Called⁴³¹⁶ of⁵²⁵⁹ God²³¹⁶ a high priest⁷⁴⁹ after²⁵⁹⁶ the³⁵⁸⁸ order⁵⁰¹⁰ of Melchizedek.³¹⁹⁸
Heb 6:20 Whither³⁶⁹⁹ the forerunner⁴²⁷⁴ is for⁵²²⁸ us²²⁵⁷ entered,¹⁵²⁵ *even* Jesus,²⁴²⁴ made¹⁰⁹⁶ a high priest⁷⁴⁹ forever^{1519, 165} after²⁵⁹⁶ the³⁵⁸⁸ order⁵⁰¹⁰ of Melchizedek.³¹⁹⁸
2. Our reference and relationship to this principle only came into being after the fall of Adam. No tithing is mentioned in the garden, nor in the New Jerusalem.
3. This event took place before the institution of the Old Testament Priesthood.

Let's get something straight, God owns everything:

Psa 24:1 A Psalm⁴²¹⁰ of David.¹⁷³² The earth⁷⁷⁶ *is* the LORD's,³⁰⁶⁸ and the fullness⁴³⁹³ thereof; the world,⁸³⁹⁸ and they that dwell³⁴²⁷ therein.

HE owns it all, nothing is left over; His world, His bat, His ball. It all belongs to Him; we are simply stewards of it. Carnegie, Rockefeller, Ford, S.W.R.D. Bandaranayke, ... who took any of it with them? NOW, do you think you will?

You own nothing in this world and you take nothing with you. Remember that!
Let's continue ...

The practice of tithing to man has its basis in the rejection of God.

The authorization of the Old Testament system of tithing that emerged was based on 3 REJECTIONS of God's plan by the then people of God. God's original plan for them:

1. Of him speaking directly to them. They wanted Moses to do it and tell them what He said (Exo 20:18-19)
2. This was followed subsequently by multiple rejections of Moses' instructions (e.g. Exo 24:3) resulting in the emergence of the tribe of Levi for the Old Testament priesthood.
3. Of God's Lordship/Kingship over them and wanting a man instead so they could be like everyone else.

1 & 2. Just after the giving of the 10 commandments:

Exo 20:18 And all³⁶⁰⁵ the people⁵⁹⁷¹ saw⁷²⁰⁰ (853) the thunderings,⁶⁹⁶³ and the lightnings,³⁹⁴⁰ and the noise⁶⁹⁶³ of the trumpet,⁷⁷⁸² and the mountain²⁰²² smoking:⁶²²⁶ and when the people⁵⁹⁷¹ saw⁷²⁰⁰ *it*, they removed,⁵¹²⁸ and stood⁵⁹⁷⁵ afar off,^{4480, 7350}

Exo 20:19 And they said⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ Moses,⁴⁸⁷² Speak¹⁶⁹⁶ thou⁸⁵⁹ with⁵⁹⁷³ us, and we will hear:⁸⁰⁸⁵ but let not⁴⁰⁸ God⁴³⁰ speak¹⁶⁹⁶ with⁵⁹⁷³ us, lest⁶⁴³⁵ we die.⁴¹⁹¹

What would follow later when Moses was off talking to God on behalf of the people was a great falling away with the golden calf:

Exo 32:19 And it came to pass,¹⁹⁶¹ as soon as⁸³⁴ he came nigh⁷¹²⁶ unto⁴¹³ the camp,⁴²⁶⁴ that he saw⁷²⁰⁰ (853) the calf,⁵⁶⁹⁵ and the dancing:⁴²⁴⁶ and Moses'⁴⁸⁷² anger⁶³⁹ waxed hot,²⁷³⁴ and he cast⁷⁹⁹³ (853) the tables³⁸⁷¹ out of his hands,^{4480, 3027} and broke⁷⁶⁶⁵ them beneath⁸⁴⁷⁸ the mount.²⁰²²

Exo 32:20 And he took³⁹⁴⁷ (853) the calf⁵⁶⁹⁵ which⁸³⁴ they had made,⁶²¹³ and burnt⁸³¹³ *it* in the fire,⁷⁸⁴ and ground²⁹¹² *it* to⁵⁷⁰⁴ powder,^{834, 1854} and strewed²²¹⁹ *it* upon^{5921, 6440} the water,⁴³²⁵ and made (853) the children¹¹²¹ of Israel³⁴⁷⁸ drink⁸²⁴⁸ *of it*.

Exo 32:21 And Moses⁴⁸⁷² said⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ Aaron,¹⁷⁵ What⁴¹⁰⁰ did⁶²¹³ this²⁰⁸⁸ people⁵⁹⁷¹ unto thee, that³⁵⁸⁸ thou hast brought⁹³⁵ so great¹⁴¹⁹ a sin²⁴⁰¹ upon⁵⁹²¹ them?

Exo 32:22 And Aaron¹⁷⁵ said,⁵⁵⁹ Let not⁴⁰⁸ the anger⁶³⁹ of my lord¹¹³ wax hot:²⁷³⁴ thou⁸⁵⁹ knowest³⁰⁴⁵ (853) the people,⁵⁹⁷¹ that³⁵⁸⁸ they¹⁹³¹ *are set* on mischief.⁷⁴⁵¹

Exo 32:23 For they said⁵⁵⁹ unto me, Make⁶²¹³ us gods,⁴³⁰ which⁸³⁴ shall go¹⁹⁸⁰ before⁶⁴⁴⁰ us: for³⁵⁸⁸ *as for* this²⁰⁸⁸ Moses,⁴⁸⁷² the man³⁷⁶ that⁸³⁴ brought us up⁵⁹²⁷ out of the land^{4480, 776} of Egypt,⁴⁷¹⁴ we know³⁰⁴⁵ not³⁸⁰⁸ what⁴¹⁰⁰ is become¹⁹⁶¹ of him.

Exo 32:24 And I said⁵⁵⁹ unto them, Whosoever⁴³¹⁰ hath any gold,²⁰⁹¹ let them break *it* off.⁶⁵⁶¹ So they gave⁵⁴¹⁴ *it* me: then I cast⁷⁹⁹³ it into the fire,⁷⁸⁴ and there came out³³¹⁸ this²⁰⁸⁸ calf.⁵⁶⁹⁵

Exo 32:25 And when Moses⁴⁸⁷² saw⁷²⁰⁰ that³⁵⁸⁸ (853) the people⁵⁹⁷¹ *were* naked;⁶⁵⁴⁴ (for³⁵⁸⁸ Aaron¹⁷⁵ had made them naked⁶⁵⁴⁴ unto *their* shame⁸¹⁰³ among their enemies:)⁶⁹⁶⁵

Exo 32:26 Then Moses⁴⁸⁷² stood⁵⁹⁷⁵ in the gate⁸¹⁷⁹ of the camp,⁴²⁶⁴ and said,⁵⁵⁹ Who⁴³¹⁰ *is* on the LORD's³⁰⁶⁸ side? *let him come* unto⁴¹³ me. And all³⁶⁰⁵ the sons¹¹²¹ of Levi³⁸⁷⁸ gathered themselves together⁶²² unto⁴¹³ him.

Exo 32:27 And he said⁵⁵⁹ unto them, Thus³⁵⁴¹ saith⁵⁵⁹ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ God⁴³⁰ of Israel,³⁴⁷⁸ Put⁷⁷⁶⁰ every man³⁷⁶ his sword²⁷¹⁹ by⁵⁹²¹ his side,³⁴⁰⁹ *and* go in⁵⁶⁷⁴ and out⁷⁷²⁵ from gate^{4480, 8179} to gate⁸¹⁷⁹ throughout the camp,⁴²⁶⁴ and slay²⁰²⁶ every man³⁷⁶ (853) his brother,²⁵¹ and every man³⁷⁶ (853) his companion,⁷⁴⁵³ and every man³⁷⁶ (853) his neighbor.⁷¹³⁸

Exo 32:28 And the children¹¹²¹ of Levi³⁸⁷⁸ did⁶²¹³ according to the word¹⁶⁹⁷ of Moses:⁴⁸⁷² and there fell⁵³⁰⁷ of⁴⁴⁸⁰ the people⁵⁹⁷¹ that¹⁹³¹ day³¹¹⁷ about three⁷⁹⁶⁹ thousand⁵⁰⁵ men.³⁷⁶

Exo 32:29 For Moses⁴⁸⁷² had said,⁵⁵⁹ Consecrate^{4390, 3027} yourselves today³¹¹⁷ to the LORD,³⁰⁶⁸ even³⁵⁸⁸ every man³⁷⁶ upon his son,¹¹²¹ and upon his brother,²⁵¹ that he may bestow⁵⁴¹⁴ upon⁵⁹²¹ you a blessing¹²⁹³ this day.³¹¹⁷

Exo 32:30 And it came to pass¹⁹⁶¹ on the morrow,^{4480, 4283} that Moses⁴⁸⁷² said⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ the people,⁵⁹⁷¹ Ye⁸⁵⁹ have sinned²³⁹⁸ a great¹⁴¹⁹ sin:²⁴⁰¹ and now⁶²⁵⁸ I will go up⁵⁹²⁷ unto⁴¹³ the LORD;³⁰⁶⁸ peradventure¹⁹⁴ I shall make an atonement³⁷²² for¹¹⁵⁷ your sin.²⁴⁰³

This is the beginning of the priesthood of the Levi Priesthood. The Old Testament priesthood is instructed directly to extract tithes of the people.

Heb 7:5 And²⁵³² verily³³⁰³ they³⁵⁸⁸ that are of¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ sons⁵²⁰⁷ of Levi,³⁰¹⁷ who receive²⁹⁸³ the³⁵⁸⁸ office of the priesthood,²⁴⁰⁵ have²¹⁹² a commandment¹⁷⁸⁵ to take **tithes**⁵⁸⁶ of the³⁵⁸⁸ people²⁹⁹² according²⁵⁹⁶ to the³⁵⁸⁸ law,³⁵⁵¹ that is,⁵¹²³ of their⁸⁴⁸ brethren,⁸⁰ though²⁵³⁹ they come¹⁸³¹ out of¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ loins³⁷⁵¹ of Abraham:¹¹

3. The other was in regards to the request for a King:

1Sa 8:5 And said⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ him, Behold,²⁰⁰⁹ thou⁸⁵⁹ art old,²²⁰⁴ and thy sons¹¹²¹ walk¹⁹⁸⁰ not³⁸⁰⁸ in thy ways:¹⁸⁷⁰ now⁶²⁵⁸ make⁷⁷⁶⁰ us a king⁴⁴²⁸ to judge⁸¹⁹⁹ us like all³⁶⁰⁵ the nations.¹⁴⁷¹

1Sa 8:6 But the thing¹⁶⁹⁷ displeased^{3415, 5869} Samuel,⁸⁰⁵⁰ when⁸³⁴ they said,⁵⁵⁹ Give⁵⁴¹⁴ us a king⁴⁴²⁸ to judge⁸¹⁹⁹ us. And Samuel⁸⁰⁵⁰ prayed⁶⁴¹⁹ unto⁴¹³ the LORD.³⁰⁶⁸

1Sa 8:7 And the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ said⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ Samuel,⁸⁰⁵⁰ Hearken⁸⁰⁸⁵ unto the voice⁶⁹⁶³ of the people⁵⁹⁷¹ in all³⁶⁰⁵ that⁸³⁴ they say⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ thee: for³⁵⁸⁸ they have not³⁸⁰⁸ rejected³⁹⁸⁸ thee, but³⁵⁸⁸ they have rejected³⁹⁸⁸ me, that I should not reign^{4480, 4427} over⁵⁹²¹ them.

1Sa 8:8 According to all³⁶⁰⁵ the works⁴⁶³⁹ which⁸³⁴ they have done⁶²¹³ since the day^{4480, 3117} that I brought them up^{5927, (853)} out of Egypt^{4480, 4714} even unto⁵⁷⁰⁴ this²⁰⁸⁸ day,³¹¹⁷ wherewith they have forsaken⁵⁸⁰⁰ me, and served⁵⁶⁴⁷ other³¹² gods,⁴³⁰ so³⁶⁵¹ do⁶²¹³ they¹⁹⁹² also¹⁵⁷¹ unto thee.

1Sa 8:9 Now⁶²⁵⁸ therefore hearken⁸⁰⁸⁵ unto their voice:⁶⁹⁶³ howbeit³⁸⁹ yet³⁵⁸⁸ protest solemnly^{5749, 5749} unto them, and show⁵⁰⁴⁶ them the manner⁴⁹⁴¹ of the king⁴⁴²⁸ that⁸³⁴ shall reign⁴⁴²⁷ over⁵⁹²¹ them.

1Sa 8:10 And Samuel⁸⁰⁵⁰ told⁵⁵⁹ all³⁶⁰⁵ the words¹⁶⁹⁷ of the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ unto⁴¹³ the people⁵⁹⁷¹ that asked⁷⁵⁹² of^{4480, 854} him a king.⁴⁴²⁸

1Sa 8:11 And he said,⁵⁵⁹ This²⁰⁸⁸ will be¹⁹⁶¹ the manner⁴⁹⁴¹ of the king⁴⁴²⁸ that⁸³⁴ shall reign⁴⁴²⁷ over⁵⁹²¹ you: He will take³⁹⁴⁷ (853) your sons,¹¹²¹ and appoint⁷⁷⁶⁰ *them* for himself, for his chariots,⁴⁸¹⁸ and *to be* his horsemen;⁶⁵⁷¹ and *some* shall run⁷³²³ before⁶⁴⁴⁰ his chariots.⁴⁸¹⁸

1Sa 8:12 And he will appoint⁷⁷⁶⁰ him captains⁸²⁶⁹ over thousands,⁵⁰⁵ and captains⁸²⁶⁹ over fifties;²⁵⁷² and *will set them* to ear²⁷⁹⁰ his ground,²⁷⁵⁸ and to reap⁷¹¹⁴ his harvest,⁷¹⁰⁵ and to make⁶²¹³ his instruments³⁶²⁷ of war,⁴⁴²¹ and instruments³⁶²⁷ of his chariots.⁷³⁹³

1Sa 8:13 And he will take³⁹⁴⁷ your daughters¹³²³ *to be* confectionaries,⁷⁵⁴⁸ and *to be* cooks,²⁸⁷⁹ and *to be* bakers.⁶⁴⁴

1Sa 8:14 And he will take³⁹⁴⁷ your fields,⁷⁷⁰⁴ and your vineyards,³⁷⁵⁴ and your oliveyards,²¹³² *even* the best²⁸⁹⁶ *of them*, and give⁵⁴¹⁴ *them* to his servants.⁵⁶⁵⁰

1Sa 8:15 And he will take the **tenth**⁶²³⁷ of your seed,²²³³ and of your vineyards,³⁷⁵⁴ and give⁵⁴¹⁴ to his officers,⁵⁶³¹ and to his servants.⁵⁶⁵⁰

1Sa 8:16 And he will take³⁹⁴⁷ your menservants,⁵⁶⁵⁰ and your maidservants,⁸¹⁹⁸ and your goodliest²⁸⁹⁶ young men,⁹⁷⁰ and your asses,²⁵⁴³ and put⁶²¹³ *them* to his work.⁴³⁹⁹

1Sa 8:17 He will take the **tenth**⁶²³⁷ of your sheep:⁶⁶²⁹ and ye⁸⁵⁹ shall be¹⁹⁶¹ his servants.⁵⁶⁵⁰

1Sa 8:18 And ye shall cry out²¹⁹⁹ in that¹⁹³¹ day³¹¹⁷ because^{4480, 6440} of your king⁴⁴²⁸ which⁸³⁴ ye shall have chosen⁹⁷⁷ you; and the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ will not³⁸⁰⁸ hear⁶⁰³⁰ you in that¹⁹³¹ day.³¹¹⁷

1Sa 8:19 Nevertheless the people⁵⁹⁷¹ refused³⁹⁸⁵ to obey⁸⁰⁸⁵ the voice⁶⁹⁶³ of Samuel;⁸⁰⁵⁰ and they said,⁵⁵⁹ Nay;³⁸⁰⁸ but^{3588, 518} we will have¹⁹⁶¹ a king⁴⁴²⁸ over⁵⁹²¹ us;

In the rejection of God's direct communication with them and His direct reign over them as a people, the tithe being something that was to be set aside unto God (Lev. 27:30-32) was utilized primarily as a resource to sustain a faulted OLD covenant (Heb 8:7-8)

INTERESTING FACTS:

Deu 14:22 Thou shalt truly tithe^{6237, 6237 (853)} all³⁶⁰⁵ the increase⁸³⁹³ of thy seed,²²³³ that the field⁷⁷⁰⁴ bringeth forth³³¹⁸ year⁸¹⁴¹ by year.⁸¹⁴¹

Deu 14:23 And thou shalt eat³⁹⁸ before⁶⁴⁴⁰ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God,⁴³⁰ in the place⁴⁷²⁵ which⁸³⁴ he shall choose⁹⁷⁷ to place⁷⁹³¹ his name⁸⁰³⁴ there,⁸⁰³³ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of thy corn,¹⁷¹⁵ of thy wine,⁸⁴⁹² and of thine oil,³³²³ and the firstlings¹⁰⁶² of thy herds¹²⁴¹ and of thy flocks;⁶⁶²⁹ that⁴⁶¹⁶ thou mayest learn³⁹²⁵ to fear^{3372 (853)} the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ always.^{3605, 3117}

Deu 14:24 And if³⁵⁸⁸ the way¹⁸⁷⁰ be too long⁷²³⁵ for⁴⁴⁸⁰ thee, so that³⁵⁸⁸ thou art not able^{3201, 3808} to carry⁵³⁷⁵ it; *or* if³⁵⁸⁸ the place⁴⁷²⁵ be too far⁷³⁶⁸ from⁴⁴⁸⁰ thee, which⁸³⁴ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ shall choose⁹⁷⁷ to set⁷⁷⁶⁰ his name⁸⁰³⁴ there,⁸⁰³³ when³⁵⁸⁸ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ hath blessed¹²⁸⁸ thee:

Deu 14:25 Then shalt thou turn⁵⁴¹⁴ *it* into money,³⁷⁰¹ and bind up⁶⁶⁹⁶ the money³⁷⁰¹ in thine hand,³⁰²⁷ and shalt go¹⁹⁸⁰ unto⁴¹³ the place⁴⁷²⁵ which⁸³⁴ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ shall choose:⁹⁷⁷

Deu 14:26 And thou shalt bestow⁵⁴¹⁴ that money³⁷⁰¹ for whatsoever^{3605, 834} thy soul⁵³¹⁵ lusteth after,¹⁸³ for oxen,¹²⁴¹ or for sheep,⁶⁶²⁹ or for wine,³¹⁹⁶ or for strong drink,⁷⁹⁴¹ or for whatsoever^{3605, 834} thy soul⁵³¹⁵ desireth:⁷⁵⁹² and thou shalt eat³⁹⁸ there⁸⁰³³ before⁶⁴⁴⁰ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God,⁴³⁰ and thou shalt rejoice,⁸⁰⁵⁵ thou,⁸⁵⁹ and thine household.¹⁰⁰⁴

Deu 14:27 And the Levite³⁸⁸¹ that⁸³⁴ *is* within thy gates;⁸¹⁷⁹ thou shalt not³⁸⁰⁸ forsake⁵⁸⁰⁰ him; for³⁵⁸⁸ he hath no³⁶⁹ part²⁵⁰⁶ nor inheritance⁵¹⁵⁹ with⁵⁹⁷³ thee.

Deu 14:28 At the end^{4480, 7097} of three⁷⁹⁶⁹ years⁸¹⁴¹ thou shalt bring forth^{3318 (853)} all³⁶⁰⁵ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of thine increase⁸³⁹³ the same¹⁹³¹ year,⁸¹⁴¹ and shalt lay *it* up⁵¹¹⁷ within thy gates:⁸¹⁷⁹

Deu 14:29 And the Levite,³⁸⁸¹ (because³⁵⁸⁸ he hath no³⁶⁹ part²⁵⁰⁶ nor inheritance⁵¹⁵⁹ with⁵⁹⁷³ thee,) **and** the stranger,¹⁶¹⁶ and the fatherless,³⁴⁹⁰ and the widow,⁴⁹⁰ which⁸³⁴ *are* within thy gates,⁸¹⁷⁹ shall come,⁹³⁵ and shall eat³⁹⁸ and be satisfied;⁷⁶⁴⁶ that⁴⁶¹⁶ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ may bless¹²⁸⁸ thee in all³⁶⁰⁵ the work⁴⁶³⁹ of thine hand³⁰²⁷ which⁸³⁴ thou doest.⁶²¹³

NOTE:

- With this tithe you only convert it to money if it's too far to travel with livestock/goods (John 4:20-24). Today's pastors don't seem to be interested in you giving them goats or cows.
- You could use it to BUY ALCOHOL!!! ☺
- In remembering the Levite without inheritance many others were to partake as well that were struggling. It did NOT get stuck with them.

Even the Levites tithed under the Old Covenant:

(Num 18:26) Thus speak¹⁶⁹⁶ unto⁴¹³ the Levites,³⁸⁸¹ and say⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ them, When³⁵⁸⁸ ye take³⁹⁴⁷ of^{4480, 854} the children¹¹²¹ of Israel³⁴⁷⁸ (853) the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ which⁸³⁴ I have given⁵⁴¹⁴ you from^{4480, 854} them for your inheritance,⁵¹⁵⁹ then ye shall offer up⁷³¹¹ a heave offering⁸⁶⁴¹ of⁴⁴⁸⁰ it for the LORD,³⁰⁶⁸ *even* a tenth⁴⁶⁴³ *part* of⁴⁴⁸⁰ the tithe.⁴⁶⁴³

Num 18:31 And ye shall eat³⁹⁸ it in every³⁶⁰⁵ place,⁴⁷²⁵ ye⁸⁵⁹ and your households:¹⁰⁰⁴ for³⁵⁸⁸ it¹⁹³¹ *is* your reward⁷⁹³⁹ for²⁵⁰⁰ your service⁵⁶⁵⁶ **in the tabernacle¹⁶⁸** of the congregation.⁴¹⁵⁰

Num 18:32 And ye shall bear⁵³⁷⁵ no³⁸⁰⁸ sin²³⁹⁹ by reason of⁵⁹²¹ it, when ye have heaved⁷³¹¹ from it (853) the best²⁴⁵⁹ of⁴⁴⁸⁰ it: neither³⁸⁰⁸ shall ye pollute²⁴⁹⁰ the holy things⁶⁹⁴⁴ of the children¹¹²¹ of Israel,³⁴⁷⁸ lest³⁸⁰⁸ ye die.⁴¹⁹¹

Function under the Old Covenant as a means of support for the Leviticus priesthood and the OLD TESTAMENT tabernacle worship so that they could in turn facilitate the OLD covenant and as an assigned priesthood. It also supported the king that they people requested to lord over them. The OT priesthood and the tabernacle were shadows of things to come (Heb. 8:1-5; 1 Pet 2:5,9).

NOW BRING ALL THIS into the context of Malachi 3:

Mal 3:6 For³⁵⁸⁸ I⁵⁸⁹ *am* the LORD,³⁰⁶⁸ I change⁸¹³⁸ not;³⁸⁰⁸ therefore ye⁸⁵⁹ sons¹¹²¹ of Jacob³²⁹⁰ are not³⁸⁰⁸ consumed.³⁶¹⁵

Mal 3:7 Even from the days^{4480, 3117} of your fathers¹ ye are gone away⁵⁴⁹³ from mine ordinances,^{4480, 2706} and have not³⁸⁰⁸ kept⁸¹⁰⁴ *them*. Return⁷⁷²⁵ unto⁴¹³ me, and I will return⁷⁷²⁵ unto⁴¹³ you, saith⁵⁵⁹ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ of hosts.⁶⁶³⁵ But ye said,⁵⁵⁹ Wherein⁴¹⁰⁰ shall we return?⁷⁷²⁵

Mal 3:8 Will a man¹²⁰ rob⁶⁹⁰⁶ God?⁴³⁰ Yet³⁵⁸⁸ ye⁸⁵⁹ have robbed⁶⁹⁰⁶ me. But ye say,⁵⁵⁹ Wherein⁴¹⁰⁰ have we robbed⁶⁹⁰⁶ thee? In tithes⁴⁶⁴³ and offerings.⁸⁶⁴¹

Mal 3:9 Ye⁸⁵⁹ *are* cursed⁷⁷⁹ with a curse:³⁹⁹⁴ for ye⁸⁵⁹ have robbed⁶⁹⁰⁶ me, *even* this whole³⁶⁰⁵ nation.¹⁴⁷¹

Mal 3:10 Bring⁹³⁵ ye (853) all³⁶⁰⁵ the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ into⁴¹³ the storehouse,^{1004, 214} that there may be¹⁹⁶¹ meat²⁹⁶⁴ in mine house,¹⁰⁰⁴ and prove⁹⁷⁴ me now⁴⁹⁹⁴ herewith,²⁰⁶³ saith⁵⁵⁹ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ of hosts,⁶⁶³⁵ if⁵¹⁸ I will not³⁸⁰⁸ open⁶⁶⁰⁵ you (853) the windows⁶⁹⁹ of heaven,⁸⁰⁶⁴ and pour you out⁷³²⁴ a blessing,¹²⁹³ that⁵⁷⁰⁴ *there shall not¹⁰⁹⁷ be room enough¹⁷⁶⁷ to receive it.*

Mal 3:11 And I will rebuke¹⁶⁰⁵ the devourer³⁹⁸ for your sakes, and he shall not³⁸⁰⁸ destroy⁷⁸⁴³ (853) the fruits⁶⁵²⁹ of your ground;¹²⁷ neither³⁸⁰⁸ shall your vine¹⁶¹² cast her fruit before the time⁷⁹²¹ in the field,⁷⁷⁰⁴ saith⁵⁵⁹ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ of hosts.⁶⁶³⁵

Mal 3:12 And all³⁶⁰⁵ nations¹⁴⁷¹ shall call you blessed:^{833, (853)} for³⁵⁸⁸ ye⁸⁵⁹ shall be¹⁹⁶¹ a delightful²⁶⁵⁶ land,⁷⁷⁶ saith⁵⁵⁹ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ of hosts.⁶⁶³⁵

NOTE:

- A rebuke for not supporting the system God had allowed for based on their choice and rejection of His original plan for them.
- There is no money in heaven.
- The blessing that he would pour even then could not be contained (and my bank account can handle as many zeros as I would put in there).

- This scripture is Old Covenant requiring a parallel bridge into the New Covenant in order for it to be sustained as a practice.

Jesus when walking the earth operating under the Old Covenant in the process of fulfilling the law affirms the practices before the cross but shows how the priorities EVEN THEN were out of place:

(Mat 23:23) Woe³⁷⁵⁹ unto you,⁵²¹³ scribes¹¹²² and²⁵³² Pharisees,⁵³³⁰ hypocrites!⁵²⁷³ for¹⁰⁶³ ye pay tithe⁵⁸⁶ of mint²²³⁸ and²⁵³² anise⁴³² and²⁵³² cummin,²⁹⁵¹ and²⁵³² have omitted⁸⁶³ the³⁵⁸⁸ weightier⁹²⁶ matters of the³⁵⁸⁸ law,³⁵⁵¹ judgment,^{2920, (2532)} mercy,¹⁶⁵⁶ and²⁵³² faith:⁴¹⁰² these⁵⁰²³ ought¹¹⁶³ ye to have done,⁴¹⁶⁰ and not³³⁶¹ to leave⁸⁶³ the other²⁵⁴⁸ undone.⁸⁶³

(Luk 11:42) But²³⁵ woe³⁷⁵⁹ unto you,⁵²¹³ Pharisees!⁵³³⁰ for³⁷⁵⁴ ye tithe⁵⁸⁶ mint²²³⁸ and²⁵³² rue⁴⁰⁷⁶ and²⁵³² all manner³⁹⁵⁶ of herbs,³⁰⁰¹ and²⁵³² pass over³⁹²⁸ judgment²⁹²⁰ and²⁵³² the³⁵⁸⁸ love²⁶ of God:²³¹⁶ these⁵⁰²³ ought¹¹⁶³ ye to have done,⁴¹⁶⁰ and not to leave the other undone.^{2548, 3361, 863}

A LOT of things were finished when Jesus said “It is finished” before he died on the cross (Joh. 19:30). The righteous requirement of the law was fulfilled and the veil of separation was rent in two in the temple and we were granted access to God through the blood of Jesus Christ. In the Spirit it is a new paradigm with Jesus.

DETOUR:

A quick church history quiz:

Where did the early church meet?

Act 2:42 And¹¹⁶¹ they continued steadfastly^{2258, 4342} in the³⁵⁸⁸ apostles'⁶⁵² doctrine¹³²² and²⁵³² fellowship,²⁸⁴² and²⁵³² in breaking²⁸⁰⁰ of bread,⁷⁴⁰ and²⁵³² in prayers.⁴³³⁵

Act 2:43 And¹¹⁶¹ fear⁵⁴⁰¹ came¹⁰⁹⁶ upon every³⁹⁵⁶ soul:⁵⁵⁹⁰ and⁵⁰³⁷ many⁴¹⁸³ wonders⁵⁰⁵⁹ and²⁵³² signs⁴⁵⁹² were done¹⁰⁹⁶ by¹²²³ the³⁵⁸⁸ apostles.⁶⁵²

Act 2:44 And¹¹⁶¹ all³⁹⁵⁶ that believed⁴¹⁰⁰ were²²⁵⁸ together,^{1909, 846} and²⁵³² had²¹⁹² all things⁵³⁷ common;²⁸³⁹

Act 2:45 And²⁵³² sold⁴⁰⁹⁷ their possessions²⁹³³ and²⁵³² goods,⁵²²³ and²⁵³² parted¹²⁶⁶ them⁸⁴⁶ to all³⁹⁵⁶ men, as²⁵³⁰ every man^{5100, 302} had²¹⁹² need.⁵⁵³²

Act 2:46 And⁵⁰³⁷ they, continuing⁴³⁴² daily^{2596, 2250} with one accord³⁶⁶¹ in¹⁷²² the³⁵⁸⁸ temple,²⁴¹¹ and⁵⁰³⁷ breaking²⁸⁰⁶ bread⁷⁴⁰ from house to house,^{2596, 3624} did eat³³³⁵ their meat⁵¹⁶⁰ with¹⁷²² gladness²⁰ and²⁵³² singleness⁸⁵⁸ of heart,²⁵⁸⁸

Act 2:47 Praising¹³⁴ God,²³¹⁶ and²⁵³² having²¹⁹² favor⁵⁴⁸⁵ with⁴³¹⁴ all³⁶⁵⁰ the³⁵⁸⁸ people.²⁹⁹² And¹¹⁶¹ the³⁵⁸⁸ Lord²⁹⁶² added⁴³⁶⁹ to the³⁵⁸⁸ church¹⁵⁷⁷ daily^{2596, 2250} such as should be saved.⁴⁹⁸²

AND

Joh 16:1 These things⁵⁰²³ have I spoken²⁹⁸⁰ unto you,⁵²¹³ that²⁴⁴³ ye should not³³⁶¹ be offended.⁴⁶²⁴

Joh 16:2 They shall put⁴¹⁶⁰ you⁵²⁰⁹ out of the synagogues:⁶⁵⁶ yea,²³⁵ the time⁵⁶¹⁰ cometh,²⁰⁶⁴ that²⁴⁴³ whosoever³⁹⁵⁶ killeth⁶¹⁵ you⁵²⁰⁹ will think¹³⁸⁰ that he doeth⁴³⁷⁴ God²³¹⁶ service.²⁹⁹⁹

Joh 16:3 And²⁵³² these things⁵⁰²³ will they do⁴¹⁶⁰ unto you,⁵²¹³ because³⁷⁵⁴ they have not³⁷⁵⁶ known¹⁰⁹⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ Father,³⁹⁶² nor³⁷⁶¹ me.¹⁶⁹¹

Joh 16:4 But²³⁵ these things⁵⁰²³ have I told²⁹⁸⁰ you,⁵²¹³ that²⁴⁴³ when³⁷⁵² the³⁵⁸⁸ time⁵⁶¹⁰ shall come,²⁰⁶⁴ ye may remember³⁴²¹ that³⁷⁵⁴ I¹⁴⁷³ told²⁰³⁶ you⁵²¹³ of them.⁸⁴⁶ And¹¹⁶¹ these things⁵⁰²³ I said²⁰³⁶ not³⁷⁵⁶ unto you⁵²¹³ at¹⁵³⁷ the beginning,⁷⁴⁶ because³⁷⁵⁴ I was²²⁵² with³³²⁶ you.⁵²¹⁶

By in large for the first 300 years of the early church they had NO church buildings. The church was who they were, not where they went. They fellowshiped where they had the opportunity to, and this was many times in homes. When persecution came they went not to buildings to find the church but to their homes.

Act 8:3 As for⁽¹¹⁶¹⁾ Saul,⁴⁵⁶⁹ he made havoc³⁰⁷⁵ of the³⁵⁸⁸ church,¹⁵⁷⁷ entering into¹⁵³¹ every house,^{2596, 3624} and⁵⁰³⁷ haling⁴⁹⁵¹ men⁴³⁵ and²⁵³² women¹¹³⁵ committed³⁸⁶⁰ them to¹⁵¹⁹ prison.⁵⁴³⁸

It was not until Constantine in 313 AD adopted Christianity as the official religions of Rome, fusing the new state religion with pagan idolatry to make it acceptable that shortly afterwards you have the emergence of the whole church building craze.

This DISPUTE both the Old and New Testament stating that:

Isa 66:1 Thus³⁵⁴¹ saith⁵⁵⁹ the LORD,³⁰⁶⁸ The heaven⁸⁰⁶⁴ is my throne,³⁶⁷⁸ and the earth⁷⁷⁶ is my footstool.^{1916, 7272} where³³⁵ is the house¹⁰⁰⁴ that⁸³⁴ ye build¹¹²⁹ unto me? and where³³⁵ is the²⁰⁸⁸ place⁴⁷²⁵ of my rest?⁴⁴⁹⁶

Isa 66:2 For all³⁶⁰⁵ those⁴²⁸ things^{hath} mine hand³⁰²⁷ made,⁶²¹³ and all³⁶⁰⁵ those⁴²⁸ things^{have} been,¹⁹⁶¹ saith⁵⁰⁰² the LORD:³⁰⁶⁸ but to⁴¹³ this²⁰⁸⁸ man^{will} I look,⁵⁰²⁷ even to⁴¹³ him that is poor⁶⁰⁴¹ and of a contrite⁵²²³ spirit,⁷³⁰⁷ and trembleth²⁷³⁰ at⁵⁹²¹ my word.¹⁶⁹⁷

Act 7:48 Howbeit²³⁵ the³⁵⁸⁸ most High⁵³¹⁰ dwelleth²⁷³⁰ not³⁷⁵⁶ in¹⁷²² temples³⁴⁸⁵ made with hands;⁵⁴⁹⁹ as²⁵³¹ saith³⁰⁰⁴ the³⁵⁸⁸ prophet,⁴³⁹⁶

Act 7:49 Heaven³⁷⁷² is my³⁴²⁷ throne,²³⁶² and¹¹⁶¹ earth¹⁰⁹³ is my³⁴⁵⁰ footstool:^{5286, 4228} what⁴¹⁶⁹ house³⁶²⁴ will ye build³⁶¹⁸ me?³⁴²⁷ saith³⁰⁰⁴ the Lord:²⁹⁶² or²²²⁸ what⁵¹⁰¹ is the place⁵¹¹⁷ of my³⁴⁵⁰ rest?²⁶⁶³

Act 7:50 Hath not³⁷⁸⁰ my³⁴⁵⁰ hand⁵⁴⁹⁵ made⁴¹⁶⁰ all³⁹⁵⁶ these things?⁵⁰²³

Act 17:23 For¹⁰⁶³ as I passed by,¹³³⁰ and²⁵³² beheld³³³ your⁵²¹⁶ devotions,⁴⁵⁷⁴ I found²¹⁴⁷ an⁽²⁵³²⁾ altar¹⁰⁴¹ with this inscription,^{1722, 3739, 1924} TO THE UNKNOWN⁵⁷ GOD.²³¹⁶ Whom³⁷³⁹ therefore³⁷⁶⁷ ye ignorantly⁵⁰ worship,²¹⁵¹ him⁵¹²⁶ declare²⁶⁰⁵ I¹⁴⁷³ unto you.⁵²¹³

Act 17:24 God²³¹⁶ that made⁴¹⁶⁰ the³⁵⁸⁸ world²⁸⁸⁹ and²⁵³² all things³⁹⁵⁶ therein,^{1722, 846} seeing that he³⁷⁷⁸ is⁵²²⁵ Lord²⁹⁶² of heaven³⁷⁷² and²⁵³² earth,¹⁰⁹³ dwelleth²⁷³⁰ not³⁷⁵⁶ in¹⁷²² temples³⁴⁸⁵ made with hands;⁵⁴⁹⁹

Act 17:25 Neither³⁷⁶¹ is worshiped²³²³ with⁵²⁵⁹ men's⁴⁴⁴ hands,⁵⁴⁹⁵ as though he needed⁴³²⁶ any thing,⁵¹⁰⁰ seeing he⁸⁴⁶ giveth¹³²⁵ to all³⁹⁵⁶ life,²²²² and²⁵³² breath,⁴¹⁵⁷ and all things;^{2596, 3956}

In pushing buildings there are also assure the running costs. All the more a reason why it is necessary to convince laypeople to approve the modern day practice of a paid salaried

priesthood and the practice of extracting tithes from the people. The building push for mega churches is primarily fueled by the egos of men who do not know God or fail to understand the new covenant. They want to be a success in the eyes of the world and refuse to end their lives in the same manner as Jesus.

Because the modern day practice is even a violation of the OLD covenant practice (Deut 14:29) you'll often see a "benevolence offering" once a month an attempted blanket cover to show that they indeed do take care of overt areas spoken of in scripture. But in reality these are only the left over scraps.

DO THEY BELIEVE IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS SCRIPTURAL?

No, it is a matter of what is expedient for their personal agendas.

For the sake of argument; IF there was a legitimate case under the new covenant for a select liturgical group that would extract tithes from the people based on Ephesians 4:

Eph 4:11 And²⁵³² he⁸⁴⁶ gave¹³²⁵ some,^{3588, 3303} apostles;⁶⁵² and¹¹⁶¹ some,³⁵⁸⁸ prophets;⁴³⁹⁶ and¹¹⁶¹ some,³⁵⁸⁸ evangelists;²⁰⁹⁹ and¹¹⁶¹ some,³⁵⁸⁸ pastors⁴¹⁶⁶ and²⁵³² teachers;¹³²⁰

And this was the case rather than the royal priesthood mentioned in 1 Peter 2:

1Pe 2:5 Ye⁸⁴⁶ also,²⁵³² as⁵⁶¹³ lively²¹⁹⁸ stones,³⁰³⁷ are built up³⁶¹⁸ a spiritual⁴¹⁵² house,³⁶²⁴ **an holy⁴⁰ priesthood,**²⁴⁰⁶ to offer up³⁹⁹ spiritual⁴¹⁵² sacrifices,²³⁷⁸ acceptable²¹⁴⁴ to God²³¹⁶ by¹²²³ Jesus²⁴²⁴ Christ.⁵⁵⁴⁷

1Pe 2:9 But¹¹⁶¹ ye⁵²¹⁰ are a chosen¹⁵⁸⁸ generation,¹⁰⁸⁵ **a royal⁹³⁴ priesthood,**²⁴⁰⁶ a holy⁴⁰ nation,¹⁴⁸⁴ a peculiar^{1519, 4047} people;²⁹⁹² that³⁷⁰⁴ ye should show forth¹⁸⁰⁴ the³⁵⁸⁸ praises⁷⁰³ of him³⁵⁸⁸ who hath called²⁵⁶⁴ you⁵²⁰⁹ out of¹⁵³⁷ darkness⁴⁶⁵⁵ into¹⁵¹⁹ his⁸⁴⁶ marvelous²²⁹⁸ light:⁵⁴⁵⁷

IF there was a select superstar group legitimized to extract tithes from the people based on the Ephesians 4 list and leadership in fact believed it, THEN those in charge of the collection would also insure a 5 way split of resources among those offices, with the office of the Pastor taking a maximum receipt of 20% from what came in for his/her ministry. Does this happen? No. Furthermore, Pastors have the LEAST grounds scripturally for asserting a claim to tithes from the people, even if legitimacy for their right to extract them was accepted. The scriptural role and authority of other "offices" of leadership are highlighted far more throughout the New Testament in the proper functioning and correct administration the true church¹: Apostles (78 times), Prophets (159 times), Teachers (15 times), and Evangelists (3 times). Pastors are only mentioned ONCE in the entire New Testament (Ephesians 4:11).

What you see today is an unscriptural practice. Under the New Covenant, no man is authorized to extract a tithe from anyone else. The resources of the believer belong to the God the Father to do with and direct as He would in the life of each and every believer at an individual level. It is part of each individual believer's dynamic and personal

¹ Noted occurrences have not subtracted the number of occasions noting false workers. E.g. Acts 13:6

relationship with the Holy Spirit where He leads and guides them, impressing upon them the specific needs in the Body of Christ.

Eph 4:16 From¹⁵³⁷ whom³⁷³⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ whole³⁹⁵⁶ body⁴⁹⁸³ fitly joined together⁴⁸⁸³ and²⁵³² compacted⁴⁸²² by¹²²³ that which every³⁹⁵⁶ joint⁸⁶⁰ supplieth,²⁰²⁴ according²⁵⁹⁶ to the effectual working¹⁷⁵³ in¹⁷²² the measure³³⁵⁸ of every^{1538, 1520} part,³³¹³ maketh⁴¹⁶⁰ increase⁸³⁸ of the³⁵⁸⁸ body⁴⁹⁸³ unto¹⁵¹⁹ the edifying³⁶¹⁹ of itself¹⁴³⁸ in¹⁷²² love.²⁶

Eph 4:27 Neither³³⁸³ give¹³²⁵ place⁵¹¹⁷ to the³⁵⁸⁸ devil.¹²²⁸

Eph 4:28 Let him that stole²⁸¹³ steal²⁸¹³ no more;³³⁷¹ but¹¹⁶¹ rather³¹²³ let him labor,²⁸⁷² working²⁰³⁸ with *his* hands⁵⁴⁹⁵ the thing which is good,¹⁸ that²⁴⁴³ he may have²¹⁹² to give³³³⁰ to him that needeth.^{2192, 5532}

A CLOSER Examination giving Place to the Devil:

Joh 12:3 Then³⁷⁶⁷ took²⁹⁸³ Mary³¹³⁷ a pound³⁰⁴⁶ of ointment³⁴⁶⁴ of spikenard,^{4101, 3487} very costly,⁴¹⁸⁶ and anointed²¹⁸ the³⁵⁸⁸ feet⁴²²⁸ of Jesus,²⁴²⁴ and²⁵³² wiped¹⁵⁹¹ his⁸⁴⁶ feet⁴²²⁸ with her⁸⁴⁸ hair:²³⁵⁹ and¹¹⁶¹ the³⁵⁸⁸ house³⁶¹⁴ was filled⁴¹³⁷ with¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ odor³⁷⁴⁴ of the³⁵⁸⁸ ointment.³⁴⁶⁴

Joh 12:4 Then³⁷⁶⁷ saith³⁰⁰⁴ one¹⁵²⁰ of¹⁵³⁷ his⁸⁴⁶ disciples,³¹⁰¹ Judas²⁴⁵⁵ Iscariot,²⁴⁶⁹ Simon's⁴⁶¹³ *son*, which should³¹⁹⁵ betray³⁸⁶⁰ him,⁸⁴⁶

Joh 12:5 Why¹³⁰² was not³⁷⁵⁶ this⁵¹²⁴ ointment³⁴⁶⁴ sold⁴⁰⁹⁷ for three hundred⁵¹⁴⁵ pence,¹²²⁰ and²⁵³² given¹³²⁵ to the poor?⁴⁴³⁴

Joh 12:6 ⁽¹¹⁶¹⁾ This⁵¹²⁴ he said,²⁰³⁶ not³⁷⁵⁶ that³⁷⁵⁴ he⁸⁴⁶ cared³¹⁹⁹ for⁴⁰¹² the³⁵⁸⁸ poor;⁴⁴³⁴ but²³⁵ because³⁷⁵⁴ he was²²⁵⁸ a thief,²⁸¹² and²⁵³² had²¹⁹² the³⁵⁸⁸ bag,¹¹⁰¹ and²⁵³² bare⁹⁴¹ what was put⁹⁰⁶ therein.

Joh 12:7 Then³⁷⁶⁷ said²⁰³⁶ Jesus,²⁴²⁴ **Let her alone:**^{863, 846} **against**¹⁵¹⁹ **the**³⁵⁸⁸ **day**²²⁵⁰ **of my**³⁴⁵⁰ **burying**¹⁷⁸⁰ **hath she kept**⁵⁰⁸³ **this.**⁸⁴⁶

Joh 12:8 **For**¹⁰⁶³ **the**³⁵⁸⁸ **poor**⁴⁴³⁴ **always**³⁸⁴² **ye have**²¹⁹² **with**³³²⁶ **you;**¹⁴³⁸ **but**¹¹⁶¹ **me**¹⁶⁹¹ **ye have**²¹⁹² **not**³⁷⁵⁶ **always.**³⁸⁴²

HIS intension was when he saw something of potential gain to himself, for the sake of a good cause (the poor), sell it. And in the process he now has access to what he did not before (as keeper of the bag).

2Co 11:7 ⁽²²²⁸⁾ Have I committed⁴¹⁶⁰ an offense²⁶⁶ in abasing⁵⁰¹³ myself¹⁶⁸³ that²⁴⁴³ ye⁵²¹⁰ might be exalted,⁵³¹² because³⁷⁵⁴ I have preached²⁰⁹⁷ to you⁵²¹³ the³⁵⁸⁸ gospel²⁰⁹⁸ of God²³¹⁶ freely?¹⁴³²

2Co 11:8 I robbed⁴⁸¹³ other²⁴³ churches,¹⁵⁷⁷ taking²⁹⁸³ wages³⁸⁰⁰ *of them*, to⁴³¹⁴ do you⁵²¹⁶ service.¹²⁴⁸

2Co 11:9 And²⁵³² when I was present³⁹¹⁸ with⁴³¹⁴ you,⁵²⁰⁹ and²⁵³² wanted,⁵³⁰² I⁽³⁷⁵⁶⁾ was chargable²⁶⁵⁵ to no man;³⁷⁶² for¹⁰⁶³ that which was lacking⁵³⁰³ to me³⁴⁵⁰ the³⁵⁸⁸ brethren⁸⁰ which came²⁰⁶⁴ from⁵⁷⁵ Macedonia³¹⁰⁹ supplied:⁴³²² and²⁵³² in¹⁷²² all³⁹⁵⁶ *things* I have kept⁵⁰⁸³ myself¹⁶⁸³ from being burdensome⁴ unto you,⁵²¹³ and²⁵³² *so* will I keep⁵⁰⁸³ *myself*.

2Co 11:10 As the truth²²⁵ of Christ⁵⁵⁴⁷ is²⁰⁷⁶ in¹⁷²² me,¹⁶⁹⁸ no man^(3754, 3756) shall stop⁴⁹⁷², ⁽¹⁵¹⁹⁾ me¹⁶⁹¹ of this³⁷⁷⁸ boasting²⁷⁴⁶ in¹⁷²² the³⁵⁸⁸ regions²⁸²⁴ of Achaia.⁸⁸²

2Co 11:11 Wherefore?¹³⁰² because³⁷⁵⁴ I love²⁵ you⁵²⁰⁹ not?³⁷⁵⁶ God²³¹⁶ knoweth.¹⁴⁹²

2Co 11:12 But¹¹⁶¹ what³⁷³⁹ I do,⁴¹⁶⁰ that I⁽²⁵³²⁾ will do,⁴¹⁶⁰ that²⁴⁴³ I may cut off¹⁵⁸¹ occasion⁸⁷⁴ from them which desire²³⁰⁹ occasion;⁸⁷⁴ that²⁴⁴³ wherein^{1722, 3739} they glory,²⁷⁴⁴ they may be found²¹⁴⁷ even²⁵³² as²⁵³¹ we.²²⁴⁹

2Co 11:13 For¹⁰⁶³ such⁵¹⁰⁸ *are* false apostles,⁵⁵⁷⁰ deceitful¹³⁸⁶ workers,²⁰⁴⁰ transforming themselves³³⁴⁵ into¹⁵¹⁹ the apostles⁶⁵² of Christ.⁵⁵⁴⁷

2Co 11:14 And²⁵³² no³⁷⁵⁶ marvel;²²⁹⁸ for¹⁰⁶³ Satan⁴⁵⁶⁷ himself⁸⁴⁶ is transformed³³⁴⁵ into¹⁵¹⁹ an angel³² of light.⁵⁴⁵⁷

2Co 11:15 Therefore³⁷⁶⁷ *it is* no³⁷⁵⁶ great thing³¹⁷³ if¹⁴⁹⁹ his⁸⁴⁶ ministers¹²⁴⁹ also be transformed³³⁴⁵ as⁵⁶¹³ the ministers¹²⁴⁹ of righteousness;¹³⁴³ whose³⁷³⁹ end⁵⁰⁵⁶ shall be²⁰⁷¹ according²⁵⁹⁶ to their⁸⁴⁶ works.²⁰⁴¹

2Co 11:16 I say³⁰⁰⁴ again,³⁸²⁵ Let no³³⁶¹ man⁵¹⁰⁰ think¹³⁸⁰ me³¹⁶⁵ a⁽¹⁵¹¹⁾ fool;⁸⁷⁸ if otherwise,^{1490, 1490} yet⁽²⁵⁷⁹⁾ as⁵⁶¹³ a fool⁸⁷⁸ receive¹²⁰⁹ me,³¹⁶⁵ that²⁴⁴³ I²⁵⁰⁴ may boast²⁷⁴⁴ myself a little.^{3397, 5100}

When a minister *extracts tithes* from anyone it is both unscriptural and dangerous. Though we do not know Judas' full story we do know that he had a problem with money. We also know that at one point Satan himself entered into him in the betrayal of Jesus. Beware of those who get trained by Satan as one of his ministers due to their rejection of absolute and scriptural truth; Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6).

Luk 22:1 Now¹¹⁶¹ the³⁵⁸⁸ feast¹⁸⁵⁹ of unleavened bread¹⁰⁶ drew nigh,¹⁴⁴⁸ which is called³⁰⁰⁴ the Passover.³⁹⁵⁷

Luk 22:2 And²⁵³² the³⁵⁸⁸ chief priests⁷⁴⁹ and²⁵³² scribes¹¹²² sought²²¹² how⁴⁴⁵⁹ they might kill³³⁷ him;⁸⁴⁶ for¹⁰⁶³ they feared⁵³⁹⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ people.²⁹⁹²

Luk 22:3 Then¹¹⁶¹ entered¹⁵²⁵ Satan⁴⁵⁶⁷ into¹⁵¹⁹ Judas²⁴⁵⁵ surnamed¹⁹⁴¹ Iscariot,²⁴⁶⁹ being⁵⁶⁰⁷ of¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ number⁷⁰⁶ of the³⁵⁸⁸ twelve.¹⁴²⁷

Luk 22:4 And²⁵³² he went his way,⁵⁶⁵ and communed with⁴⁸¹⁴ the³⁵⁸⁸ chief priests⁷⁴⁹ and²⁵³² captains,⁴⁷⁵⁵ how⁴⁴⁵⁹ he might betray³⁸⁶⁰ him⁸⁴⁶ unto them.⁸⁴⁶

Luk 22:5 And²⁵³² they were glad,⁵⁴⁶³ and²⁵³² covenanted⁴⁹³⁴ to give¹³²⁵ him⁸⁴⁶ money.⁶⁹⁴

Luk 22:6 And²⁵³² he promised,¹⁸⁴³ and²⁵³² sought²²¹² opportunity²¹²⁰ to betray³⁸⁶⁰ him⁸⁴⁶ unto them⁸⁴⁶ in the absence of⁸¹⁷ the multitude.³⁷⁹³

IN CLOSING

1. WHAT IS O.K. For Ministers of the Gospel to do?

- They are entitled to support. YES they are. To allow for people to bless their work and ministry as the Holy Spirit would lead them. But nothing is under compulsion or of obligation.

Luk 10:7 And¹¹⁶¹ in¹⁷²² the³⁵⁸⁸ same⁸⁴⁶ house³⁶¹⁴ remain,³³⁰⁶ eating²⁰⁶⁸ and²⁵³² drinking⁴⁰⁹⁵ such things as they give;^{3588, 3844, 846} for¹⁰⁶³ the³⁵⁸⁸ laborer²⁰⁴⁰ is²⁰⁷⁶ worthy⁵¹⁴ of his⁸⁴⁸ hire.³⁴⁰⁸ Go³³²⁷ not³³⁶¹ from¹⁵³⁷ house³⁶¹⁴ to¹⁵¹⁹ house.³⁶¹⁴

The workman is worth of his wages doesn't have anything to do with salaries or the collection of tithes under the New Covenant in Christ. Under the Old Covenant the Levities were instructed to collect tithes of the people under a system of tabernacle worship that was a shadow of reality (Heb 8).

Under the New Covenant a workman being worthy of his wages simple means that God's truly sent ones will be provided for and God will put a burden on the hearts of His other true people to provide for them and help them. The support that they get they are worthy of receiving.

It is part of the fun and the adventure of walking with God in every area of life, including giving and receiving where freely we have received and freely we give. There is a massive difference between giving God's way when He puts a burden on your heart vs. giving to a satanic structure that dishonors God and the New Covenant in Christ.

The modern day practice of tithing to a building/self-proclaimed spiritual leader who is making merchandise of them cuts people off from even hearing God's voice with regards to giving.

2. PRACTICAL PRACTICE FOR EVERYONE:

Pro 3:9 Honor^{3513 (853)} the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ with thy substance,^{4480, 1952} and with the firstfruits^{4480, 7225} of all³⁶⁰⁵ thine increase:⁸³⁹³

Pro 3:10 So shall thy barns⁶¹⁸ be filled⁴³⁹⁰ with plenty,⁷⁶⁴⁷ and thy presses³³⁴² shall burst out⁶⁵⁵⁵ with new wine.⁸⁴⁹²

It dishonors God to give to something that furthers a satanic system (E.g. Churches that push for war in Iraq). In those cases it is not God that blesses their resources but rather it is Satan. When you give to something that calls wrong right and darkness light because of the outward appearance you do spiritual damage to yourself. Should God bless what is given if it supports Satan's kingdom ... Yes/No? Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 Jon. 3:8)

Which of these please God the most?

- Someone gives Rs. 10,000 to a suit wearing global healing evangelist with a gold pinky ring?
- Someone gives Rs. 10,000 to help by a new sound equipment and lighting or contribute to the building fund/church budget?
- Someone gives a Rs. 10,000 tithe to a 40 lbs. overweight pastor of a mega church?
- Someone gives Rs. 10,000 to a poor family that is in need and is struggling to eat?

3. THE CONCLUSIONS I'VE COME TO:

- What I do at this point: I DO set aside a tenth part of my income/increase and ask God directly where he would want it to go. (Examples: Roofs, poor, ministry, misc., all sorts of things and whatever the Spirit would give me peace on).
- There IS DEFINITELY a place for supporting the servants of God, but it is as the Spirit leads and not under compulsion. God knows what they need and if you are listening to Him and obedient he will use you at the right time to help them in the mission that they are sent on by God.
- The new covenant it is not a tenth, but total. We belong entirely unto the Father, we are bought and paid for in full and our lives are not our own. "Freely you

have received, freely give.” (Mat. 10:8). What you do or give is without personal agenda and no personal kingdom building. You are instructed to come out of that as it is the way of the world.

- As far as ministers go, leave those who try to sell the truth to you. Don’t expect financial gain out of this (Phi 3:8). Be willing to suffer the loss of all things and be above reproach.
- Work hard and help the weak (Acts 20:33-35). Be deliberately generous (2 Co 9)
- Don’t be fooled ever again by those who would make merchandise of you. Their Sunday morning performances are not that good. If you are going to pay for a show, go see one you really want to see ☺

God Bless You

Appendix A

Full References for TITHES

(Lev 27:30) And all³⁶⁰⁵ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of the land,⁷⁷⁶ *whether* of the seed^{4480, 2233} of the land,⁷⁷⁶ *or* of the fruit^{4480, 6529} of the tree,⁶⁰⁸⁶ *is* the LORD's;³⁰⁶⁸ *it is* holy⁶⁹⁴⁴ unto the LORD.³⁰⁶⁸

(Lev 27:32) And concerning³⁶⁰⁵ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of the herd,¹²⁴¹ *or* of the flock,⁶⁶²⁹ *even* of whatsoever^{3605, 834} passeth⁵⁶⁷⁴ under⁸⁴⁷⁸ the rod,⁷⁶²⁶ the tenth⁶²²⁴ shall be¹⁹⁶¹ holy⁶⁹⁴⁴ unto the LORD.³⁰⁶⁸

(Num 18:26) Thus speak¹⁶⁹⁶ unto⁴¹³ the Levites,³⁸⁸¹ and say⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ them, When³⁵⁸⁸ ye take³⁹⁴⁷ of^{4480, 854} the children¹¹²¹ of Israel³⁴⁷⁸ (853) the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ which⁸³⁴ I have given⁵⁴¹⁴ you from^{4480, 854} them for your inheritance,⁵¹⁵⁹ then ye shall offer up⁷³¹¹ a heave offering⁸⁶⁴¹ of⁴⁴⁸⁰ it for the LORD,³⁰⁶⁸ *even* a tenth⁴⁶⁴³ *part* of⁴⁴⁸⁰ the tithe.⁴⁶⁴³

(Deu 12:17) Thou mayest³²⁰¹ not³⁸⁰⁸ eat³⁹⁸ within thy gates⁸¹⁷⁹ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of thy corn,¹⁷¹⁵ *or* of thy wine,⁸⁴⁹² *or* of thy oil,³³²³ *or* the firstlings¹⁰⁶² of thy herds¹²⁴¹ *or* of thy flock,⁶⁶²⁹ nor any³⁶⁰⁵ of thy vows⁵⁰⁸⁸ which⁸³⁴ thou vowest,⁵⁰⁸⁷ nor thy freewill offerings,⁵⁰⁷¹ *or* heave offering⁸⁶⁴¹ of thine hand:³⁰²⁷

Deu 14:22 Thou shalt truly tithe^{6237, 6237} (853) all³⁶⁰⁵ the increase⁸³⁹³ of thy seed,²²³³ that the field⁷⁷⁰⁴ bringeth forth³³¹⁸ year⁸¹⁴¹ by year.⁸¹⁴¹

Deu 14:23 And thou shalt eat³⁹⁸ before⁶⁴⁴⁰ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God,⁴³⁰ in the place⁴⁷²⁵ which⁸³⁴ he shall choose⁹⁷⁷ to place⁷⁹³¹ his name⁸⁰³⁴ there,⁸⁰³³ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of thy corn,¹⁷¹⁵ of thy wine,⁸⁴⁹² and of thine oil,³³²³ and the firstlings¹⁰⁶² of thy herds¹²⁴¹ and of thy flocks,⁶⁶²⁹ that⁴⁶¹⁶ thou mayest learn³⁹²⁵ to fear³³⁷² (853) the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ always.^{3605, 3117}

Deu 14:24 And if³⁵⁸⁸ the way¹⁸⁷⁰ be too long⁷²³⁵ for⁴⁴⁸⁰ thee, so that³⁵⁸⁸ thou art not able^{3201, 3808} to carry⁵³⁷⁵ it; *or* if³⁵⁸⁸ the place⁴⁷²⁵ be too far⁷³⁶⁸ from⁴⁴⁸⁰ thee, which⁸³⁴ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ shall choose⁹⁷⁷ to set⁷⁷⁶⁰ his name⁸⁰³⁴ there,⁸⁰³³ when³⁵⁸⁸ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ hath blessed¹²⁸⁸ thee:

Deu 14:25 Then shalt thou turn⁵⁴¹⁴ *it* into money,³⁷⁰¹ and bind up⁶⁶⁹⁶ the money³⁷⁰¹ in thine hand,³⁰²⁷ and shalt go¹⁹⁸⁰ unto⁴¹³ the place⁴⁷²⁵ which⁸³⁴ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ shall choose:⁹⁷⁷

Deu 14:26 And thou shalt bestow⁵⁴¹⁴ that money³⁷⁰¹ for whatsoever^{3605, 834} thy soul⁵³¹⁵ lusteth after,¹⁸³ for oxen,¹²⁴¹ *or* for sheep,⁶⁶²⁹ *or* for wine,³¹⁹⁶ *or* for strong drink,⁷⁹⁴¹ *or* for whatsoever^{3605, 834} thy soul⁵³¹⁵ desireth:⁷⁵⁹² and thou shalt eat³⁹⁸ there⁸⁰³³ before⁶⁴⁴⁰ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God,⁴³⁰ and thou shalt rejoice,⁸⁰⁵⁵ thou,⁸⁵⁹ and thine household,¹⁰⁰⁴

Deu 14:27 And the Levite³⁸⁸¹ that⁸³⁴ *is* within thy gates;⁸¹⁷⁹ thou shalt not³⁸⁰⁸ forsake⁵⁸⁰⁰ him; for³⁵⁸⁸ he hath no³⁶⁹ part²⁵⁰⁶ nor inheritance⁵¹⁵⁹ with⁵⁹⁷³ thee.

Deu 14:28 At the end^{4480, 7097} of three⁷⁹⁶⁹ years⁸¹⁴¹ thou shalt bring forth³³¹⁸ (853) all³⁶⁰⁵ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of thine increase⁸³⁹³ the same¹⁹³¹ year,⁸¹⁴¹ and shalt lay *it* up⁵¹¹⁷ within thy gates:⁸¹⁷⁹

Deu 14:29 And the Levite,³⁸⁸¹ (because³⁵⁸⁸ he hath no³⁶⁹ part²⁵⁰⁶ nor inheritance⁵¹⁵⁹ with⁵⁹⁷³ thee,) and the stranger,¹⁶¹⁶ and the fatherless,³⁴⁹⁰ and the widow,⁴⁹⁰ which⁸³⁴ *are* within thy gates,⁸¹⁷⁹ shall come,⁹³⁵ and shall eat³⁹⁸ and be satisfied;⁷⁶⁴⁶ that⁴⁶¹⁶ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ thy God⁴³⁰ may bless¹²⁸⁸ thee in all³⁶⁰⁵ the work⁴⁶³⁹ of thine hand³⁰²⁷ which⁸³⁴ thou doest.⁶²¹³

(2Ch 31:5) And as soon as the commandment¹⁶⁹⁷ came abroad,⁶⁵⁵⁵ the children¹¹²¹ of Israel³⁴⁷⁸ brought in abundance⁷²³⁵ the firstfruits⁷²²⁵ of corn,¹⁷¹⁵ wine,⁸⁴⁹² and oil,³³²³ and honey,¹⁷⁰⁶ and of all³⁶⁰⁵ the increase⁸³⁹³ of the field;⁷⁷⁰⁴ and the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of all³⁶⁰⁵ *things* brought they in⁹³⁵ abundantly.⁷²³⁰

(2Ch 31:6) And *concerning* the children¹¹²¹ of Israel³⁴⁷⁸ and Judah,³⁰⁶³ that dwelt³⁴²⁷ in the cities⁵⁸⁹² of Judah,³⁰⁶³ they¹⁹⁹² also¹⁵⁷¹ brought in⁹³⁵ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of oxen¹²⁴¹ and sheep,⁶⁶²⁹ and the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of holy things⁶⁹⁴⁴ which were consecrated⁶⁹⁴² unto the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ their God,⁴³⁰ and laid⁵⁴¹⁴ *them* by heaps.^{6194, 6194}

(Neh 10:38) And the priest³⁵⁴⁸ the son¹¹²¹ of Aaron¹⁷⁵ shall be¹⁹⁶¹ with⁵⁹⁷³ the Levites,³⁸⁸¹ when the Levites³⁸⁸¹ take tithes:⁶²³⁷ and the Levites³⁸⁸¹ shall bring up⁵⁹²⁷ (853) the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ unto the house¹⁰⁰⁴ of our God,⁴³⁰ to⁴¹³ the chambers,³⁹⁵⁷ into the treasure²¹⁴ house.¹⁰⁰⁴

(Neh 13:12) Then brought⁹³⁵ all³⁶⁰⁵ Judah³⁰⁶³ the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of the corn¹⁷¹⁵ and the new wine⁸⁴⁹² and the oil³³²³ unto the treasuries.²¹⁴

(Mat 23:23) Woe³⁷⁵⁹ unto you,⁵²¹³ scribes¹¹²² and²⁵³² Pharisees,⁵³³⁰ hypocrites!⁵²⁷³ for¹⁰⁶³ ye pay tithe⁵⁸⁶ of mint²²³⁸ and²⁵³² anise⁴³² and²⁵³² cummin,²⁹⁵¹ and²⁵³² have omitted⁸⁶³ the³⁵⁸⁸ weightier⁹²⁶ matters of the³⁵⁸⁸ law,³⁵⁵¹ judgment,^{2920,} (2532) mercy,¹⁶⁵⁶ and²⁵³² faith:⁴¹⁰² these⁵⁰²³ ought¹¹⁶³ ye to have done,⁴¹⁶⁰ and not³³⁶¹ to leave⁸⁶³ the other²⁵⁴⁸ undone.⁸⁶³

(Luk 11:42) But²³⁵ woe³⁷⁵⁹ unto you,⁵²¹³ Pharisees!⁵³³⁰ for³⁷⁵⁴ ye tithe⁵⁸⁶ mint²²³⁸ and²⁵³² rue⁴⁰⁷⁶ and²⁵³² all manner³⁹⁵⁶ of herbs,³⁰⁰¹ and²⁵³² pass over³⁹²⁸ judgment²⁹²⁰ and²⁵³² the³⁵⁸⁸ love²⁶ of God:²³¹⁶ these⁵⁰²³ ought¹¹⁶³ ye to have done,⁴¹⁶⁰ and not to leave the other undone.^{2548,} 3361, 863

Full References for TITHES (English Plural)

(Gen 14:20) And blessed¹²⁸⁸ be the most high⁵⁹⁴⁵ God,⁴¹⁰ which⁸³⁴ hath delivered⁴⁰⁴² thine enemies⁶⁸⁶² into thy hand.³⁰²⁷ And he gave⁵⁴¹⁴ him tithes⁴⁶⁴³ of all.^{4480,} 3605

(Lev 27:31) And if⁵¹⁸ a man³⁷⁶ will at all redeem^{1350,} 1350 *ought* of his tithes,^{4480,} 4643 he shall add³²⁵⁴ thereto⁵⁹²¹ the fifth²⁵⁴⁹ *part* thereof.

(Num 18:24) But³⁵⁸⁸ (853) the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ of the children¹¹²¹ of Israel,³⁴⁷⁸ which⁸³⁴ they offer⁷³¹¹ *as* a heave offering⁸⁶⁴¹ unto the LORD,³⁰⁶⁸ I have given⁵⁴¹⁴ to the Levites³⁸⁸¹ to inherit;⁵¹⁵⁹ therefore^{5921,} 3651 I have said⁵⁵⁹ unto them, Among⁸⁴³² the children¹¹²¹ of Israel³⁴⁷⁸ they shall have⁵¹⁵⁷ no³⁸⁰⁸ inheritance.⁵¹⁵⁹

(Num 18:26) Thus speak¹⁶⁹⁶ unto⁴¹³ the Levites,³⁸⁸¹ and say⁵⁵⁹ unto⁴¹³ them, When³⁵⁸⁸ ye take³⁹⁴⁷ of^{4480,} 854 the children¹¹²¹ of Israel³⁴⁷⁸ (853) the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ which⁸³⁴ I have given⁵⁴¹⁴ you from^{4480,} 854 them for your inheritance,⁵¹⁵⁹ then ye shall offer up⁷³¹¹ a heave offering⁸⁶⁴¹ of⁴⁴⁸⁰ it for the LORD,³⁰⁶⁸ *even* a tenth⁴⁶⁴³ *part* of⁴⁴⁸⁰ the tithe.⁴⁶⁴³

(Num 18:28) Thus³⁶⁵¹ ye⁸⁵⁹ also¹⁵⁷¹ shall offer⁷³¹¹ a heave offering⁸⁶⁴¹ unto the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ of all^{4480,} 3605 your tithes,⁴⁶⁴³ which⁸³⁴ ye receive³⁹⁴⁷ of^{4480,} 854 the children¹¹²¹ of Israel;³⁴⁷⁸ and ye shall give⁵⁴¹⁴ thereof⁴⁴⁸⁰ (853) the LORD's³⁰⁶⁸ heave offering⁸⁶⁴¹ to Aaron¹⁷⁵ the priest.³⁵⁴⁸

(Deu 12:6) And thither⁸⁰³³ ye shall bring⁹³⁵ your burnt offerings,⁵⁹³⁰ and your sacrifices,²⁰⁷⁷ and your tithes,⁴⁶⁴³ and (853) heave offerings⁸⁶⁴¹ of your hand,³⁰²⁷ and your vows,⁵⁰⁸⁸ and your freewill offerings,⁵⁰⁷¹ and the firstlings¹⁰⁶² of your herds¹²⁴¹ and of your flocks:⁶⁶²⁹

(Deu 12:11) Then there shall be¹⁹⁶¹ a place⁴⁷²⁵ which⁸³⁴ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ your God⁴³⁰ shall choose⁹⁷⁷ to cause his name⁸⁰³⁴ to dwell⁷⁹³¹ there;⁸⁰³³ thither⁸⁰³³ shall ye bring⁹³⁵ (853) all³⁶⁰⁵ that⁸³⁴ I⁵⁹⁵ command⁶⁶⁸⁰ you; your burnt offerings,⁵⁹³⁰ and your sacrifices,²⁰⁷⁷ your tithes,⁴⁶⁴³ and the heave offering⁸⁶⁴¹ of your hand,³⁰²⁷ and all³⁶⁰⁵ your choice⁴⁰⁰⁵ vows⁵⁰⁸⁸ which⁸³⁴ ye vow⁵⁰⁸⁷ unto the LORD:³⁰⁶⁸

(Deu 26:12) When³⁵⁸⁸ thou hast made an end³⁶¹⁵ of tithing⁶²³⁷ (853) all³⁶⁰⁵ the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ of thine increase⁸³⁹³ the third⁷⁹⁹² year,⁸¹⁴¹ *which is* the year⁸¹⁴¹ of tithing,⁴⁶⁴³ and hast given⁵⁴¹⁴ *it* unto the Levite,³⁸⁸¹ the stranger,¹⁶¹⁶ the fatherless,³⁴⁹⁰ and the widow,⁴⁹⁰ that they may eat³⁹⁸ within thy gates,⁸¹⁷⁹ and be filled;⁷⁶⁴⁶

(2Ch 31:12) And brought in⁹³⁵ (853) the offerings⁸⁶⁴¹ and the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ and the dedicated⁶⁹⁴⁴ *things* faithfully:⁵³⁰ over⁵⁹²¹ which Cononiah³⁵⁶² the Levite³⁸⁷⁸ *was* ruler,⁵⁰⁵⁷ and Shimei⁸⁰⁹⁶ his brother²⁵¹ *was* the next.⁴⁹³²

(Neh 10:37) And *that* we should bring⁹³⁵ the firstfruits⁷²²⁵ of our dough,⁶¹⁸² and our offerings,⁸⁶⁴¹ and the fruit⁶⁵²⁹ of all³⁶⁰⁵ manner of trees,⁶⁰⁸⁶ of wine⁸⁴⁹² and of oil,³³²³ unto the priests,³⁵⁴⁸ to⁴¹³ the chambers³⁹⁵⁷ of the house¹⁰⁰⁴ of our God;⁴³⁰ and the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ of our ground¹²⁷ unto the Levites,³⁸⁸¹ that the same¹⁹⁹² Levites³⁸⁸¹ might have the tithes⁶²³⁷ in all³⁶⁰⁵ the cities⁵⁸⁹² of our tillage.⁵⁶⁵⁶

(Neh 10:38) And the priest³⁵⁴⁸ the son¹¹²¹ of Aaron¹⁷⁵ shall be¹⁹⁶¹ with⁵⁹⁷³ the Levites,³⁸⁸¹ when the Levites³⁸⁸¹ take tithes:⁶²³⁷ and the Levites³⁸⁸¹ shall bring up⁵⁹²⁷ (853) the tithe⁴⁶⁴³ of the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ unto the house¹⁰⁰⁴ of our God,⁴³⁰ to⁴¹³ the chambers,³⁹⁵⁷ into the treasure²¹⁴ house.¹⁰⁰⁴

(Neh 12:44) And at that¹⁹³¹ time³¹¹⁷ were some³⁷⁶ appointed⁶⁴⁸⁵ over⁵⁹²¹ the chambers⁵³⁹³ for the treasures,²¹⁴ for the offerings,⁸⁶⁴¹ for the firstfruits,⁷²²⁵ and for the tithes,⁴⁶⁴³ to gather³⁶⁶⁴ into them out of the fields⁷⁷⁰⁴ of the cities⁵⁸⁹² the portions⁴⁵²¹ of the law⁸⁴⁵¹ for the priests³⁵⁴⁸ and Levites:³⁸⁸¹ for³⁵⁸⁸ Judah³⁰⁶³ rejoiced⁸⁰⁵⁷ for⁵⁹²¹ the priests³⁵⁴⁸ and for⁵⁹²¹ the Levites³⁸⁸¹ that waited.⁵⁹⁷⁵

(Neh 13:5) And he had prepared⁶²¹³ for him a great¹⁴¹⁹ chamber,³⁹⁵⁷ where⁸⁰³³ formerly⁶⁴⁴⁰,¹⁹⁶¹ they laid⁵⁴¹⁴ (853) the meat offerings,⁴⁵⁰³ the frankincense,³⁸²⁸ and the vessels,³⁶²⁷ and the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ of the corn,¹⁷¹⁵ the new wine,⁸⁴⁹² and the oil,³³²³ which was commanded⁴⁶⁸⁷ *to be given* to the Levites,³⁸⁸¹ and the singers,⁷⁸⁹¹ and the porters;⁷⁷⁷⁸ and the offerings⁸⁶⁴¹ of the priests.³⁵⁴⁸

(Amo 4:4) Come⁹³⁵ to Bethel,¹⁰⁰⁸ and transgress;⁶⁵⁸⁶ at Gilgal¹⁵³⁷ multiply⁷²³⁵ transgression;⁶⁵⁸⁶ and bring⁹³⁵ your sacrifices²⁰⁷⁷ every morning,¹²⁴² *and* your tithes⁴⁶⁴³ after three⁷⁹⁶⁹ years:³¹¹⁷

(Mal 3:8) Will a man¹²⁰ rob⁶⁹⁰⁶ God?⁴³⁰ Yet³⁵⁸⁸ ye⁸⁵⁹ have robbed⁶⁹⁰⁶ me. But ye say,⁵⁵⁹ Wherein⁴¹⁰⁰ have we robbed⁶⁹⁰⁶ thee? In tithes⁴⁶⁴³ and offerings.⁸⁶⁴¹

(Mal 3:10) Bring⁹³⁵ ye (853) all³⁶⁰⁵ the tithes⁴⁶⁴³ into⁴¹³ the storehouse,¹⁰⁰⁴,²¹⁴ that there may be¹⁹⁶¹ meat²⁹⁶⁴ in mine house,¹⁰⁰⁴ and prove⁹⁷⁴ me now⁴⁹⁹⁴ herewith,²⁰⁶³ saith⁵⁵⁹ the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ of hosts,⁶⁶³⁵ if⁵¹⁸ I will not³⁸⁰⁸ open⁶⁶⁰⁵ you (853) the windows⁶⁹⁹ of heaven,⁸⁰⁶⁴ and pour you out⁷³²⁴ a blessing,¹²⁹³ that⁵⁷⁰⁴ *there shall not*¹⁰⁹⁷ *be room*¹⁷⁶⁷ enough *to receive it*.

(Luk 18:12) *I fast*³⁵²² *twice*¹³⁶⁴ *in the*³⁵⁸⁸ *week*,⁴⁵²¹ *I give tithes*⁵⁸⁶ *of all*³⁹⁵⁶ *that*³⁷⁴⁵ *I possess*.²⁹³²

(Heb 7:5) And²⁵³² verily³³⁰³ they³⁵⁸⁸ that are of¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ sons⁵²⁰⁷ of Levi,³⁰¹⁷ who receive²⁹⁸³ the³⁵⁸⁸ office of the priesthood,²⁴⁰⁵ have²¹⁹² a commandment¹⁷⁸⁵ to take tithes⁵⁸⁶ of the³⁵⁸⁸ people²⁹⁹² according²⁵⁹⁶ to the³⁵⁸⁸ law,³⁵⁵¹ that is,⁵¹²³ of their⁸⁴⁸ brethren,⁸⁰ though²⁵³⁹ they come¹⁸³¹ out of¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ loins³⁷⁵¹ of Abraham:¹¹

(Heb 7:6) But¹¹⁶¹ he whose descent is not counted¹⁰⁷⁵,³³⁶¹ from¹⁵³⁷ them⁸⁴⁶ received tithes¹¹⁸³ of Abraham,¹¹ and²⁵³² blessed²¹²⁷ him that had²¹⁹² the³⁵⁸⁸ promises.¹⁸⁶⁰

(Heb 7:8) And²⁵³² here⁵⁶⁰²,³³⁰³ men⁴⁴⁴ that die⁵⁹⁹ receive²⁹⁸³ tithes;¹¹⁸¹ but¹¹⁶¹ there¹⁵⁶³ he *receiveth them*, of whom it is witnessed³¹⁴⁰ that³⁷⁵⁴ he liveth.²¹⁹⁸

(Heb 7:9) And²⁵³² as I may so say,⁵⁶¹³,²⁰³¹,²⁰³⁶ Levi³⁰¹⁷ also,²⁵³² who receiveth²⁹⁸³ tithes,¹¹⁸¹ paid tithes¹¹⁸³ in¹²²³ Abraham.¹¹