

Tithing

A means to Dominion

Tithing – before the law of Moses

Abraham was the first person recorded in the Scriptures to tithe – it was 500 years before the law of Moses was instituted

Abraham tithed to Melchizedek, the King-Priest

“And he gave him a tithe of all.”

Genesis 14:20b

*“For this Melchizedek, **king** of Salem, **priest** of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom Abraham gave a tenth part of all...”*

Hebrews 7:1-2

Melchizedek – a revelation of Jesus the Messiah [king], the Son of God

*“For this Melchizedek...first being translated ‘**king of righteousness**’, and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘**king of peace**’, without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, **but made like the Son of God...**”*

Hebrews 7:2-3

Abraham tithed as a response of faith to the revelation of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God!

Jacob, Abraham’s grandson, also responded in a similar way when God was revealed to him

“...of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”

Genesis 28:22b

We are to tithe in the same way! We tithe in faith as a response to Jesus, the King-Priest, being revealed to us!

Levi also tithed to the King-Priest

The sons of Levi became the priestly tribe under the Law of Moses. They were the tribe that received the tithes from their brethren. However, the priesthood of Melchizedek is greater than that of Levi.

“Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes [to Melchizedek] through Abraham, so to speak...” Hebrews 7:9

The Possessor of heaven and earth blesses the one who tithes

*“And he blessed him and said: ‘Blessed be Abram of God Most High, **Possessor of heaven and earth...**’”*
Genesis 14:19

The Blessing is Dominion

When we tithe in recognition of the King-Priest, Jesus the Messiah, He blesses us in the name of the God who possesses the whole earth.

*“The earth is the LORD’s
[Yahweh’s], and the fullness
thereof...” Psalm 24:1*

Tithing verifies our recognition of God and we become blessed to walk in dominion as kings in the earth!

God wants us to prove Him in this

*“Bring all the tithes into the
storehouse, that there may be food in
My house, and try Me now on
this... Malachi 3:10*

The result is that a tithing community is a blessed people

*“Try Me now on this...if I will not
open the windows of heaven and pour
out for you such blessing...And I will
rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so
that he will not destroy the fruit of
your ground, nor shall the vine fail to
bear fruit for you in the field... And
the nations will call you
blessed”. Malachi 3:10b-12*

The resources given through tithing release the work of the ministry to reach nations with the gospel – this is exercising dominion!

*“Ask of Me, and I will give you the
nations for your inheritance, and the
ends of the earth for your possession.”
Psalm 2:8*

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of
all the nations...” Matthew 28:19*

What is the tithe?

The “tithe” is literally a “tenth part of all”. The first tenth belongs to the LORD; that is, it is to be set apart for His directed use, and no other.

Whom do we pay our tithes to?

*“...and brought the proceeds of the
things that were sold, and laid them
at the apostles’ feet; and they
distributed to each as anyone
had need.” Acts 4:34b-35*

*“Let the elders who rule [lead] well be
counted worthy of double honour...
‘The labourer is worthy of his wages.’”
1Tim.5:17-18*

We are to give our tithes to the trusted ministers that feed us spiritually so that they can continue the work of ministry.

Tithing in the New Testament

Jesus said that tithing is not to be left “*undone*” Matthew 23:23

Hebrews 7 confirms the principle of tithing using Abraham, the father of the faith (Rom.4:16b), as the example for us.

**Tithing is a principle of faith, not
of law, that releases God’s
blessing to fulfill His purpose in
the earth!**

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