

Discipleship Class 13

Wednesday the 24th of July 2008

Bethesda Bible Church



Topic: What about tithe? Is tithe part of the law?

Facilitator: Pastor Thivha Lidzhade

Time 18h30

Tithe is a form of firstfruits of our harvest, the first ten percent of our income.

(Proverbs 3:9 KJVR) Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

(Leviticus 23:10 KJVR) Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

(Nehemiah 12:44 KJVR) 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.

What was the difference between Abel and Cain's offering?

(Genesis 4:4 AMP) And Abel brought of the firstborn of his flock and of the fat portions. And the Lord had respect and regard for Abel and for his offering, [Heb. 11:4.]

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We cannot give to God the leftovers. It has to be our best, the firstfruits and not an afterthought.

(Malachi 1:7-8 BBE) You put unclean bread on my altar. And you say, How have we made it unclean? By your saying, the table of the Lord is of no value. And when you give what is blind for an offering, it is no evil! And when you give what is damaged and ill, it is no evil! Give it now to your ruler; will he be pleased with you, or will you have his approval? Says the Lord of armies.

(Leviticus 22:22 BBE) Anything blind or broken or damaged or having any disease or any mark on it may not be offered to the Lord; you may not make an offering of it by fire on the altar to the Lord.

Some of the questions that were asked:-

- Do I tithe on what I earned or also what I was given? Supposed my parents have already tithed and they give me pocket money, should I tithe again?
- Should I tithe from my gross or net salary?
- Who was the first person to tithe? It was Abraham and Jacob.

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

Gen 28:22 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.

- Do we pay or give tithe?
- Can I pay tithe to a church I used to fellowship or the church where I am fellowshiping now?

Some scriptures about tithe:-

Lev 27:32 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.

Lev 27:30 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.

Deu 12:6 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:

Deu 12:7 And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

Deu 12:17 *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:*

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

Deu 26:12 *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;*

Mal 3:8 *Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.*

Mal 3:10 *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.*

Mat 23:23 *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.*

Luk 11:42 *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.*

Luk 18:12 *I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.*

Heb 7:2 *To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;*

In conclusion let me share with you a story from my book:-

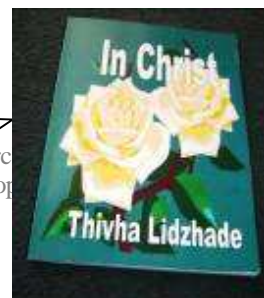
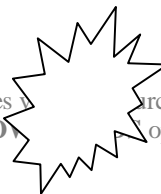
What is the law then? One day I was having a discussion with two young professionals. These guys were friends; one was married and the other was divorced. One of them asked me a question, "Pastor tell me, is paying tithe part of the law or should we still pay tithe as Christians." I then asked the one who was divorced if he is paying maintenance for his daughter. He said, "Yes I do; pastor, I pay R600 a month but it is terrible, if I miss a month they arrest me." I then asked the one who was married how much he spends per month on his child. "To be honest", he responded, "I spend far more than that per month and I do not have a problem with that." I said to them, this guy who is divorced is living under the law. It is compulsory for him to pay maintenance. If he does what the law requires, he will have no problem, but if he doesn't, he is in serious trouble, even if he pays R500. The one who is married is in love, what he does is not governed by some regulations stipulated for him. It is not a specified amount. He does what his heart out of love sees fit.

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If you have not accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and you would like to accept Him, pray this short prayer:

Heavenly Father, I heard Your Word.

I acknowledge that I am a sinner.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

I believe that He died for my sins.

I believe that He was made a curse so I could be the righteousness of God.

I confess with my mouth that He is Lord of my life.

Thank you Lord for making me Your child.

In Jesus' name. Amen!

**If you prayed this prayer, YOU ARE NOW A CHILD OF GOD!!!
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