

# IS YOUR SOUL



## ON LAYAWAY?

**T**ithing – a topic by any standard that is sure to cause controversy. Tithing by definition at Dictionary.com is ***“The tenth part of agricultural produce or personal income set apart to god or for works of mercy, or the same amount regarded as an obligation or tax for the support of the church, priesthood or the like.”*** Many associate tithing with contributing to the support of their particular church who in turn pay for all the costs associated with that church and all related programs like missionary service and proselytizing literature. Typically a tithe is commonly equated to 10% of ones income before taxes and on a monthly basis. Tithing is generally understood as donating, contributing or giving to ones faith in directly helping the less fortunate with money, food, healthcare, clothes or housing.

In this article we will be discussing many topics on tithing. There is a great misconception out there on the ins and outs of giving vs. tithing. How did tithing start? What specifically are the rules on tithing and giving or are there any rules all? We may have different opinions on giving however one thing most of us can agree on is that giving pleases our Most High Father. Even if you do not have any belief in a Creator you will probably admit that it just feels like the right thing to do in helping others. Some reading this however may have come across this article in the hopes that it will ease their conscience about *not giving* at all to anyone, well frankly you might not enjoy what your about to learn here. This article is not designed in easing the guilt of those that could give of their resources in helping others but do nothing. On the other hand, if you feel that your giving month in and month out is straining your ability to provide for your family in these difficult times or if you simply feel that the end result of your tithes feel empty and unfulfilling, well then you should definitely appreciate what this article is all about.

# Who-What-When-Where-Why-How TOPICS OF CONSIDERATION

1. **What** teachings on tithing are being preached in Churches, Halls and Temples?
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# 1. What teachings on tithing are being preached in Churches, Halls and Temples?

So what led me to write this article? I strongly believe the QadUWsha RUWach or Set Apart Spirit of YaHuWaH works within all YaHuWaH's Word Seekers. We must foster a *pure and humble* yet *zealous* attitude in seeking the truth.

Speaking for myself, "I only want to know real Truths; I will obey YaHuWaH and His Truths in ALL THINGS, whatever the Truth is, and however inconvenient the Truth might be to my

attitude. That I will completely in the me to real Truth". I these days do not and in fact rather QadUWsha man made peer than simply having man and question we can shake



indoctrinations and believe and trust Set Apart Spirit to lead believe that people let the Spirit lead them than trusting in His RUWach, many trust in pressures more readily faith in YAH. Trust in no everything, then I believe worldly doctrines off of

our all to easily manipulated thoughts and actions. Yes I had been struggling with some of the things I had previously seen in congregations, assembly halls, churches, religious television shows and internet sites in my Word Seeking. It is almost like religion has become one repetitive infomercial, "AND THAT'S NOT ALL YOU GET... IF YOU ACT NOW, YOUR GONNA GET DOUBLE THE BLESSINGS!" Many religions teach that you must give 10% of your earnings, even B E F O R E taxes! No, they are not happy with just 10% of what you actually have, they want compounded interest and not just simple interest so-to-speak! 10% of gross income should be doable for everyone anyway right? It's like this visual here of this classic department store layaway sign that says "put 10% Down, What a great idea!" Well giving 10% of your income is a great idea for those filling their bank accounts with it. Is your soul on layaway in 10% increments? Is that something our EloAH requires from His people? That you make Elders, Ministers and Priests financially wealthy?

You see, all this started me looking into the topic of tithing and giving. In my life I was always taught that you give what you can, but that you should *always give*. In my word seeking I began looking through the wealth of information in the internet on all sorts of scriptural topics. I found one current theme as I began searching from site to site, namely, that visitors could and should donate to that particular site or organization. Common statements were "please donate to this site so that we may continue to bring you the "good news" in order that you may fulfill your obligations to God." "Please support our church so that we can fund those who are out in missionary service because this is the will of the Lord." "Please give so that we may provide food, clothing and etc. to the homeless or to disaster relief or in keeping the doors of our church open, this so that you might receive greater blessings from Above." The requests were never ending and it seemed that wherever I went I would find this common theme.

Need seems to be an epidemic. You get up in the morning and check your mail and a request for donations to an animal shelter or homeless vet association is waiting for you. You get in your car to go to work and someone on the corner is asking for a hand out. You go to work and you are nicely pressured to give to some united donation program where maybe 10 cents on the dollar actually gets to anyone in need. You check your emails and someone from somewhere with a name you cannot pronounce asks you to wire them funds. You get gasoline and someone gets right up in your face asking you for money. You go to the store and in the parking lot you're asked for a hand out. You start to check out your grocery items and the card machine asks you to donate. You look up at the grocery clerk and again you are asked to donate. You get home and turn on the television and someone is asking you to donate to animals or starving foreign children. Finally you go to a church or congregation for some relief from all these worldly pressures AND THE PASTOR, PRIEST OR ELDER PRESSURES YOU AS WELL! This I believe is why Churchianity does not want you to question ANYTHING they tell you. This is why they will condemn you as an apostate or excommunicate you. They do not want you upsetting the money cart and the control they have on the congregation or church. There is good reason for this, once you begin to question one thing it allows you to question **everything**. This is disastrous to a religion and so this is truly why they have terms like apostate, excommunication, disfellowship and public reprimands under the guise of "protecting the congregation". This why burning in hell forever or being told you will be cut off forever is threatened by the leaders. What they are really doing is keeping the congregation from **Set Apart Word Seekers of the Set Apart Truths!** These rare "*Sons of the Thunder of YaHuWaH (Boanerge'YA)*" as our Messiah calls them, make up about 1% of the congregations. They will question and seek out what is right no matter the man made consequences because they are *Fishers of the Family of YAH (AHDami)*. Yes there are certain Orwellian *controls in place* in stopping them. Speak the truth of what you learn in your particular faith and be ready to see how quickly the leaders will rebuke, remove and shun you! Your own family might too!

The common theme in churches and websites is "you need to contribute money because you are not experiencing full financial blessings nor are you fulfilling Godly commands when you are not tithing to the church". WoW! After reading and watching all this I was beginning to think that my literal eternal salvation was on the



brink of disaster for not giving more-More-MORE. You might begin to think there is a price to be paid for your soul and that price was Benjamin Franklin's baby!!!! The guilt can get pretty strong for people and this is a tool of Churchianity, Guilt, Guilt and more Guilt with an extra side of GUILT. Some churches unabashedly place notices on their street-side marquees that say things like, "Give or Go to Hell" usually with some out of context scripture listed below it! Can you believe that?

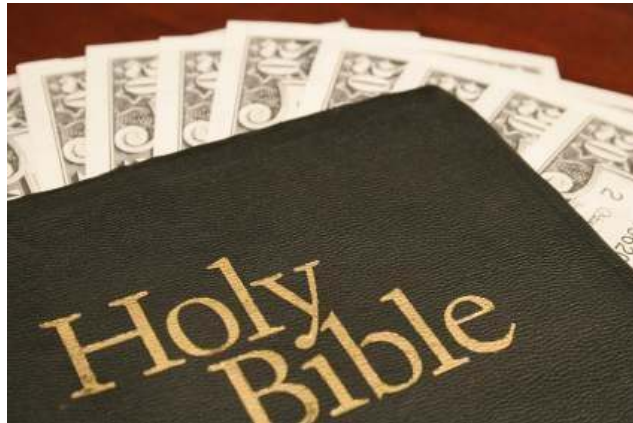
**This** is what caused me to go to Him in prayer for answers. These feelings disturbed me so and all I wanted to do was know the real truth so that I could fulfill any obligation that I might have to Him. WAS I IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE! I found out that the statement, "God demands you give! or God demands you tithe to the church 10%" is the biggest lie and greatest ponzi scheme since Charles Ponzi was first accredited! In fact as I started going down the rabbit hole I uncovered so much that I thought, "How could I have been so stupid!" I felt "I have to share this with others!"

It seems that the churches of today are total gluttons when it comes to money, greed and power. Churches, Temples and Kingdom Halls are everywhere. These churches, halls and temples are just the very TIP of the financial iceberg that fills the coffers of the leadership. Money seems to be at the heart of everything in Churchianity. I remember a particular conversation when I was young boy and this particular conversation was one that impacted me greatly. Ruben along with his wife Carol and children Todd, Julie and Lance left Catholicism in the seeking of greater truths of YHWH in 1974. Ruben was the kind of guy that when he entered a room you knew it. What incredible examples and warriors of YaHuWaH (or Jehovah as we knew His Great Name to be at that time). Previously Ruben had been one of the greatest boxers in his weight class and anyone who ever followed boxing in the late 60's and early 70's knew who The Maravilla Kid of Mexico was. Ruben fought fights all over the world and had made fortunes for everyone around him. In this previous life he drank and did drugs as hard as he had fought. Ruben told me that one day toward the end of His career after making millions for all those around him and having given untold exorbitant amounts of money to the Catholic Church that he had had a relative who was hours from death. At this time Ruben had begun to encounter some very tough financial times. He had gone to the church for the priest to help handle the church typicals for this relative and told the priest he was sorry but he was at the point in his career where he did not have any money to give and was financially insolvent. Ruben said something happened that absolutely shocked and floored him. After the untold 10's of 1000's of dollars he had given to the church a priest told him, "I am sorry my son but you are going to have to borrow the money from someone somewhere for me to do this because it is God's will that you compensate the church for this. As soon as you have the funds come see me and I will most certainly do the blessing, after all, you are Ruben Navarro "The Maravilla Kid", surely you can come up with the money". Now Ruben was the kind of man that you definitely DID NOT want to get on his bad side. Although at the time I new him he had changed his ways from the previous ring fighter and worldly warrior that he had been, however he still was someone you respected greatly and did not want to get on his bad side. Ruben was tough as nails. Yes, he was a force to be reckoned even many years after his boxing career. So after ALL the untold thousands Upon Thousands UPON THOUSANDS of dollars that he had given the Catholic Church and for him to finally need the church and for this so called father and priest of the Most High to tell him he would not help, well Ruben found his pride, patience and faith tested to the nth degree of his very being.





He said he was never as upset as he was at that very moment and that previously in his old ways had made other people pay dearly for doing far far less to him in the past than this priest had just done. Needless to say he never returned to Catholicism again. Well Ruben always was a special person to me. You see Ruben had told me about this for a reason. Ruben understood hypocrisy from a very personal and deep place. He had seen something that many never so abruptly get a chance to see. He knew that money should never be a requirement when it comes to doing our EloAH's work, EVER and under any circumstance. Here was a man who had it all, money, fame, power and respect, however Ruben came to realize in his very worldly previous life that none of that had any place at all in true worship and praise of his Father above! Ruben went from hurting others physically in the gain of money to literally relying on our EloAH from week to week for His care and Blessings more so than any man I have ever known. Our Father always provided for him. Truly a great example!



Think about this, did ChristUW YaHuW-Yasha (ChristUW-Savior) EVER charge anyone for anything? If you say yes you have not read the scriptures very closely or you have been sorely misinformed for He **never did**. He could not because He was not a Levite descendant and as per Law it was forbidden unless you were. If anyone gave Him anything it was of their own accord and He never ONCE asked anyone for anything except The Father, He did as He taught others to do. As the Greatest Teacher and Leader ever, He provided an example for all of us to follow forever at MatithYAHUW (Matthew) 10:8-10. He told His Disciples to go forth and give freely and do not bring money or even extra clothing. This was because He taught that His Father would provide everything they needed. He did not tell them not to bring money so that they would ask others for funds, rather He told them not to bring money because **THEY DID NOT NEED IT!** YaHuWaH would provide for all their necessities, not by them begging for it but through faith everything would be provided for and given freely! Yes all because **faith** in His **FATHER** is what He taught His disciples even while they were going out to teach others the same thing. There was no set tithe provided to them by others. He emphasized **THEIR** giving and not the taking or asking of others. You would never have caught His Disciples asking for even a widow's Lepta (mite) or penny from anyone for anything, EVER. In clear contrast to all these religions we see the difference between relying on YaHuWaH and relying upon man. This is where REAL faith in our Most High truly shows.

## 2. The fleecing and financial abuses of the flocks of Churchianity throughout history.

The Scriptures point many times to required giving by YaHuWaH's people and we will touch on those points later in this article. For now let us delve into the early churches at the time of our Messiah and thereafter. When YaHuW-Yasha our ChristUW-Savior was upon this earth there was something evidentially happening in



the synagogues and temples of the time, yes, I dare say that one of the greatest reasons for the condemnation by our Messiah was to expose the crookedness of these religious leaders who would fleece the flock in the name of The Almighty. When YaHuW-Yasha started to reveal this lawlessness as exemplified in MatithYAHUW (Matthew) 21:12 and YAHUWcanon (John) 2:15 we begin to get an idea of how greed and corruption had infiltrated the churches of the day. This caused those leaders of that time

great distress because this was hitting at the heart of their finances that supported their lavish lifestyles. YaHuW-Yasha our Messiah knew how to hit at the heart of the establishment and He knew that this would put into full swing His eventual physical death by those leaders whom he condemned so openly.

As warriors of YaHuWaH we must resolve to expose the demonic infiltration in all of religionism. The pagan lawless greed hording filth that is at the heart of these so called not-for-profit corporations is an abomination and pure evil in the face of YaHuWaH! We should care not if these strong words raise the blood pressure of some. There are times we all need an abrupt talking to in adjusting our sinful ways. YaHuW was *impassioned* and cared not about hurting anyone's feelings when it came to this corruption, so why should we? (YAHUWcanon or John 2:17) Why should anyone? Many might say, "Well if not for MY church, children would not be fed", or "These missionaries would not be able to preach" or etc. etc. A simple fact of this dying world is that there will ALWAYS be these issues and there will always be those in financial need as long as evil reigns here. Our ChristUW Messiah once said in MatithYAHUW (Matthew) 8:22, **"Let the dead bury their own dead"**. This was stated when one of His word seekers was making an excuse of needing to bury his own father and therefore not going with Messiah into the preaching work. Do you think it was harsh of YaHuW to say such a thing? Think about this, do you think that what He meant by this was we will always have one reason or another as an excuse for not doing all things in full accordance to His Fathers will, even if something appears to be veiled in goodness and righteousness it may still be unfruitful to do. Yes there are some who are going to be helped by the crumbs that fall off the gluttonous table of the growing wealth of these lawless ones. Meanwhile, most are spiritually starving to death in these religions that are wandering in a spiritual desert, illustrated by MoshAH (Moses) and those who were led out of Misrayim (misery, Egypt).

Although these were taken “out” of Misrayim, lost they were searching and wandering because of their unfaithfulness but eventually many found a land flowing with milk and honey. So to today these spiritual wanderers are lost but will be found if their heart conditions are true, pure and humble as real seekers of YaH! Many are kept from actual truths that have been hidden by their own leaders who refuse truths of YaHuWaH and the importance of His Name, For He alone is the only spiritual “Doorway or Gate” of salvation. (MatithYAHUW or Matthew 19:20) So even though some good comes out of all the corruption and boastful practices that tithing enables, when it interferes and stumbles the masses from drawing closer to “YaHuWaH” then as with YaHuW, it is time to turn over the money tables, and folks IT IS TIME! A person might say, “Well if we do not donate how will we pay the bills on the mortgage of the building so that we might all meet together?” “Who will pay the preacher so that he may shepherd the flock?” I understand this and this did cause me to think and meditate deeply.

In the beginning many religions started out with the right heart conditions and it could be said that perhaps even things financially needed to be a certain way, but then amazingly, something happens every single time. As the religion gets larger and Larger and LARGER instead of becoming SELF SUFFICIENT in their creation of Kingdom Halls, Churches and Temples, they



would continue to fleece the congregations financially, in some cases greatly and in other cases to a lesser degree. None the less, when you purchase a field and grow produce, eventually the field is self sufficient and produces enough produce to purchase 7 more fields and so on and so on and so on, not the other way around. The investments on the collected donations should cause free literature and massive support of the needy without constant direct funding from the pockets of the congregation however just the opposite occurs. They go from door to door and ask for donations for literature. They are constantly asking in their Halls or Churches for support of building projects and in support of preachers and in support of missionaries and for this project and for that expansion. All this because there is supposedly not sufficient enough money to support all this need on its own. There is no SELF SUSTAINING positive cash flow because these men are drunk on Caesars money, taking from their flock is just too easy of a thing to do. Yes it is so easy to do this when you utilize guilt and out of context scriptures in causing them to feel that this is a righteous requirement, that it is demanded by The Most High Above or at the very least “encouraged” by Him.

The churches back then and right on through to our present day have changed NOTHING in the way that they collect money from their congregations. The Mormons have a 10% mandatory tithe. Catholics and Christian religions pass the plates daily in the pews and make the collecting of BILLIONS of Dollars as typical as singing a hymn or reading from the scriptures. Jehovah’s Witnesses request a so called “donation” for their literature and “suggest” a contribution for the Hall, assembly, conventions, headquarters, travelling overseers, expansion work, this thing and that thing to the point that their assets are also estimated to be in THE



BILLION of DOLLARS. Yes their “contribution boxes” may be in the back of the room mounted on the wall and not passed around, however this matters not when faithful followers are given the directive to **G I V E**, and yes as very “faithful servants” in fact they do, quite generously! I have never seen so many who have so little who give so much! My dear brothers and sisters, I say none of this as an attack upon YOU who are and have been SO faithful in your beliefs and your works! What I say, what I *have* to say, no what I **MUST** SAY is that we must stop giving to those who are **not in need** and give **directly** to those who are in need. We must *stop the multi level marketing of The Most High* and break the *pyramid of trickle up financial wealth* to these organizations and men. Your money was never meant to be given away in this regard. These men are not Levites? I believe no longer does YaHuWaH dwell in any man made Temple, Hall or Church that is made with hands per Maasah MalakiYA (Acts) 17:23-25. Another important scripture that shows there will be a time where YaHuWaH’s people may no longer have buildings in which to gather is 1 CorinthyAns 5:1, **“For we know that if the earthly Covenant-Family of YA of our tent is dissolved, we have a building from Almighty Loving Ya of all Creation, The Covenant-Family of YA not made with hands, Eternal in the ShamaYaim (Heavens).”** In this is truth! Yes once we allow truth to flow it leads us to even greater truths. Giving is very divine but we must make certain that we are giving where our Father would want us to give and not were any man tells us to. This is the key to “blessed” giving.

### 3. Scriptural roots of when and where tithing occurred by YaHuWaH’s People.

Previously we gave the modern definition of tithing but what of its ancient roots? A tithe meant to give a tenth of ones animals, produce or spoils. The root of the word tithe is ‘EhSehR, and is the feminine cardinal for the number 10. A 10<sup>th</sup> is formed when you add the letter “mem” or “m” prefix thus creating the word Ma-‘ASaR which means “from the tenth”. So to tithe basically would mean to give a tenth. Interesting to note that even though there was currency of coin at that time, it was never referred to as a tithe offering when coin was given to the Levite Priesthood. A tithe was first used in scripture with Abram whose name was later changed to Abr**A**Ham. He had received spoils from a defensive war in rescuing his nephew Lot; he gave a tenth of all these spoils of war to YaHuWaH’s Priest



Melchizedek, king of Salem, the Leader of YaHuWaH’s people.(Genesis 14:18-20; AbraYAHUW or Hebrews 7:1-10) It is interesting to note that the scriptures never mentioned Abr**A**Ham giving of His own money, belongings, produce or livestock, only that of the spoils of a war. The spoils of this war captured by Abr**A**Ham were

ALL given away by him because he would not take ownership of it, and so the 10% given of these spoils to YaHuWaH's Priest was not of his own possessions and because he gave the rest of the spoils away to the city of Sodom who fought with him. Later in scripture we find at Leviticus 27:30, **"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is YaHuWaH's. It is sacred to YaHuWaH."** Notice that the tithe is YaHuWaH's as a statement of fact but not as a statement of a commandment. Herein is the wisdom that resides in this scripture, wherever a commandment was issued by YAH to every one of His people and there was no doubt in it. This scripture however was a statement of fact, that when a tithe of the land, seed or fruit was given, it was YaHuWaH's and His alone. None of it when given could be given to other faiths, religions or cults.

Now let's look further in Numbers 18:21, **"Behold! I have given the sons of Levi all the tithes in Yisra'el as an inheritance in return for the work that they perform, the work of the tent of meeting."** Notice that The Levite Priesthood was now commissioned in receiving set tithes exclusively, this because of the "work" that they performed on YaHuWaH's behalf in His Tent of Meeting. What types of work did these Priests perform? First we take note from scripture that the Levite tribe did not inherit land like all the other tribes of YaHuWaH did. They were specifically not given "a land"

because they were to be given a portion of the lands of each of the other tribes. In return the Priesthood provided a clear service to those lands peoples. They created a type of government or governing for YaHuWaH's people. The services of that land that the Priests provided where Judges, teachers, scribes, record keepers, dispersers of goods to the elderly, widows, and orphans. They gave



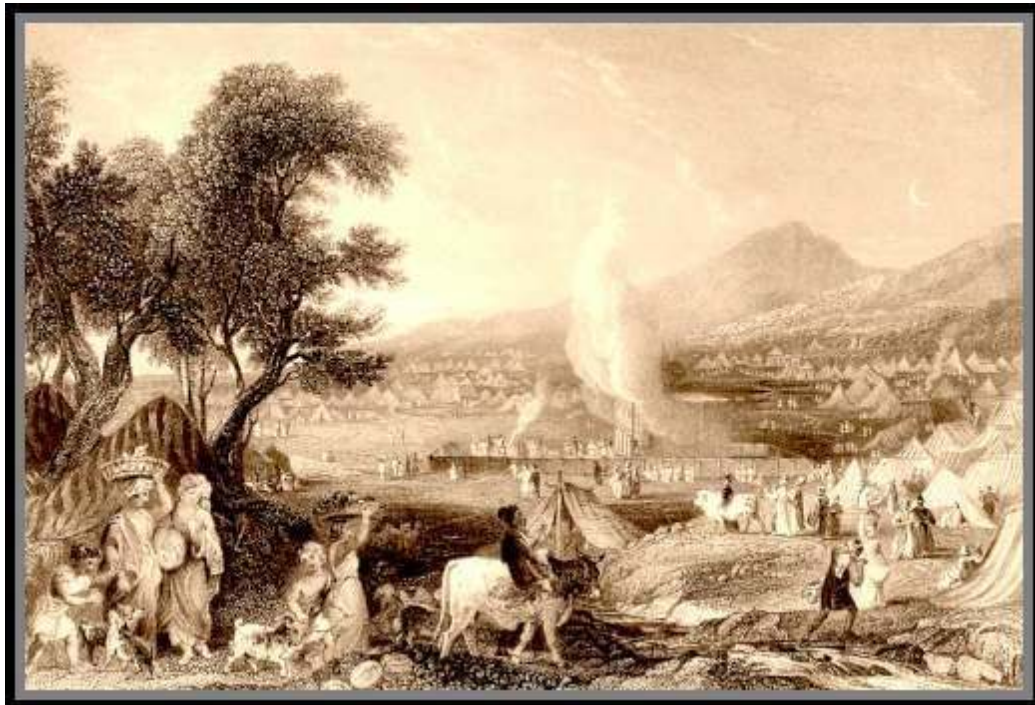
the burnt offerings of atonement and ensured that festivals were done according to the righteous requirements. They enforced the Covenant Laws and they were the musicians, artists, health care directors and physicians. This was all very similar to our social security system and other social systems that we already pay huge taxes for today. You now begin to understand why there was a tithing of a tenth in those days. Tithing was done ONLY to the Levite Priesthood because the Priesthood was a type of social and community glue of YaHuWaH's people. Not only did they give Praises to YaHuWaH but they handled so much of what made the community a civilized community, similar to the governments of today. Never was there a mention of tithing to anyone other than a Priest of the Most High, this because the Priests were in charge of all these services. This is why YaHuW-Yasha said we must pay our taxes by paying back Caesars things to Caesar and YAH's things to YAH. He understood a civilization needs organization and organization requires offerings to keep its health, otherwise in this sinful world we would have total anarchy reigning supreme.

The next time or second time tithing was mentioned in the scriptures was when YA'cob or Jacob's "voluntary" tithe agreement with YaHuWaH as mentioned in Genesis 28:20-22, **"Then YA'cob made a vow saying, 'If EloAH will be with me and keep me in this**



way that I am going and give me food to eat and clothing to put on so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then YaHuWaH shall be my Almighty YA. And this stone that I have set as a pillar shall be the house of Almighty YA and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You." So here we see this scripture DOES state that YA'cob would tithe a tenth of his personal finances but with one major difference, HE was making the offering, not following an order or command, in fact he stated he would only give a tenth "IF" YaHuWaH would do something for him in return. This is interesting to note for two reasons, 1. He negotiated with YaHuWaH. 2. He offered a tenth as a bargaining point. So you see, this would have nothing to do with a church minister telling you that you are obligated to give a tenth of your personal income to the church. YA'cob did this of his own accord and to get something he wanted from his EloAH. Big difference wouldn't you think? YA'cob was definitely quite the salesman and negotiator. If you recall he previously in scriptures bargained with Esau for his birthright in exchange for a bowl of red lentil stew.

Later on in Exodus chapters 20 - 23 we come to MoshAH (Moses). No mention of a commanded tithe anywhere by YaHuWaH in any of the Laws given to MoshAH. Exodus 35:21&22 states, **{21} Then everyone whose heart was stirred came and everyone whose spirit was willing and they brought YaHuWaH's offering for the work of the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. {22} They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, and brought rings, signet rings and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, every man who made an offering of gold to YaHuWaH.** Exodus 36:3 makes it even clearer when it says, **"And they received from MoshAH the entire offering that the sons of Yisra'el had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning."** So we see here that an offering was given by those with a willing heart and of their own **freewill**. These distinctions are there for a reason I believe.



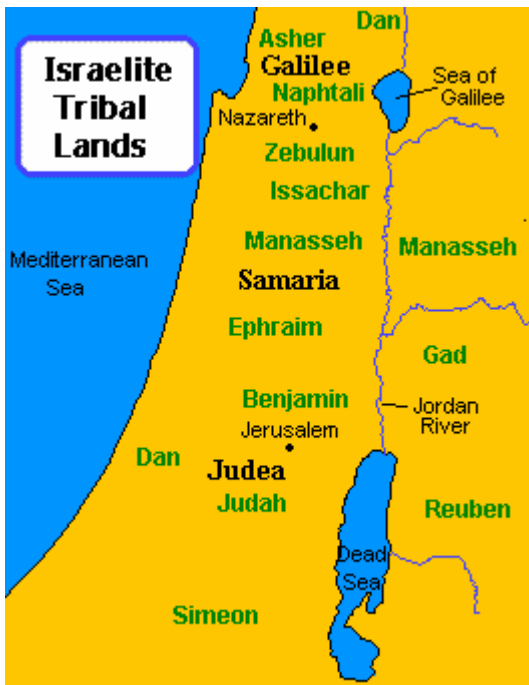
A few years after Exodus 36 it became apparent that it was time for a tithe to be instituted for the development of the Nation of Yisra'el (Israel). Yes a tithe was very similar to a tax because it was needed for Nation building and organization. According to scripture only those who farmed and ranched, namely the owners themselves were to tithe a tenth of their cattle, produce and grains. The hired help were not required to pay a tithe on their

income. The scriptures state that a rancher was only required giving the “tenth” of his livestock in Leviticus 27:32 **“And concerning the tith of the herd or the flock of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be sacred to YaHuWaH.”** So it did not matter the size or value of the tenth one but that it mattered that the tenth one be given. A tithe WAS NOT a monthly set offering of X amount of the total profit a rancher made. It was not given UNTIL he actually FIRST received the tenth animal. No mention of

tithing was made of other business owners such as tent makers, loggers, miners, fishers, construction business and etc. Again, only ranchers and farmers were to tithe and this specifically to the Levite Priesthood and for specific reasons.

Early in scripture there is mention of “firstlings” being given or offered. Sometimes this is misunderstood as a set tithe however these firstling offerings were done as a way of saying thank you to YaHuWaH for His blessings and was not a set tithe or requirement. This illustrated by Abel who was said to have given better offerings than Cain in Genesis 4:4. If there had been a set tenth tithe than no comparison of offerings could be declared, a tenth is a tenth, or the tenth one is **what it is**, however in this case it was not about quantity as much as it was about the quality of the offering to YaHuWaH.

MoshAH realized at the end of the wandering in the wilderness for 40 years that he needed to institute these new laws. These new laws would adjust their wandering ways of life to adapt to a set Nation in a set land flowing with milk and honey, this as evidenced in the first chapters of Debarim (Deuteronomy). The people wandering were always around the Priestly Temple that traveled with them, there was no excuse for paying with coin and giving of coin was not allowed in place of needed cattle. There were times when coin could



be accepted in place of cattle but there were severe financial deterrents in these “offerings”. Now that those who wandered with MoshAH for 40 years were to start a new life in a new land, it was understood that this people would be spread out over many many miles of countryside. It was then acceptable at that point to pay a tithe in coin because of the spoilage factors in traveling (Debarim or Deuteronomy 14:24&25). A series of 48 cities were set up across the lands, approx 50,000 square miles! These appointed cities were to have Levite Priesthoods collecting the tithes throughout. Yes the Levites tribe Priests were the only ones who were able to receive the tithe because they were not given a land to inherit by YaHuWaH, they were given tithes instead.

YaHuWaH told MoshAH in Numbers 18:19-24:

{19} All the heave offerings of the sacred things that the sons of Yisra'el offer to YaHuWaH I have given to you and your sons and daughters with you as an ordinance forever. It is a covenant of salt forever before YaHuWaH with you and your descendants with you." {20} Then YaHuWaH said to Aharown (Aaron), "You shall have no inheritance in their land nor shall you have any portion among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Yisra'el. {21} Behold! I have given the sons of Laywiy (Levi) all the tithes in Yisra'el as an inheritance in return for the work that they perform, the work of the tent of meeting. {22}

Hereafter the sons of Yisra'el shall not come near the tent of meeting lest they bear sin and die. {23} But the Laywiyim shall perform the work of the tent of meeting and they shall bear their iniquity. It shall be a statute forever, throughout your generations, that among the sons of Yisra'el they shall have no inheritance. {24} For the tithes of the sons of Yisra'el that they offer up as a heave offering to YaHuWaH I have given to the Laywiyim as an inheritance. Therefore I have said to them, Among the sons of Yisra'el they shall have no inheritance."

So these scriptures are pretty clear as to who was to receive the tithes. These Levites were to also to give YaHuWaH a tenth of the tithes as an offering to Him and Him alone.

Although produce, grains and livestock were given by the owners of these businesses, MoshAH was wise and new that these things given would not be enough to keep things running as smoothly with all the duties of the Levites. He instituted a tax type of law that required **every able bodied male** over the age of 20 to give **half a shekel** every year to be deposited into the treasury of the Levite Temple (Exodus 30:11-16). This money offering was commanded to be given, no matter where they ever moved or lived, no matter how much or how little they earned and without fail. Notice that this requirement was only to go to the Levite Priesthood and it was not a percentage of ones income.



#### 4. Are we all obligated to tithe or give today, and if so why?

Tithes continued for centuries until the destruction of the Temple by Rome in 70 A.Y. (After YaHuW or A.D. *anno Domini* by the Roman Church meaning: In the year of our Lord.) 429 A.Y. marked the time after tithing stopped in the temples and tribute or tax was paid to Rome from this point forward. To this very YAom or day Jews do not pay tithes. So this begs the question, "Are we all obligated to tithe or give today and if so why? Well first we must agree upon one thing, that a tithe is a completely different thing than giving. We have already discussed exactly what a tithe was – **A Tenth**. Who paid the tithe? – **Farmers and Ranchers**. Why did they pay the tithe? – **In support of the community and it was YaHuWaH's Law**. How did they pay the tithe? – **The tenth of what was acquired directly to a Levite Priest**. What did they paid tithes with? - **In Livestock, produce and sometimes currency**. Where they paid the tithe to? – **The Levite Temples in 48 cities**. So a tithe is a specific law in their life that has absolutely NO bearing whatsoever on YaHuWaH's Set Apart Peoples lives. As an "obligation" or otherwise a tithe has no bearing, not unless we suddenly developed a Levite Priesthood ordained by YaHuWaH. When YaHuW-Yasha came He was mentioned in scripture at MatithYAHUW 19:23, He said to a haughty young man who had lied to Him about doing all things he said that he did for YaHuWaH to **"sell half of what you have and give it to the Kingdom of YAH"**. This was hardly a tenth aka tithe of anything! YaHuW also told us in the 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment aka 1<sup>st</sup> part of the Double Commandment in MatithYAHUW 19:22 **"...You shall love YaHuWaH your Mighty El with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your resources..."** Notice He said ALL YOUR



RESOURCES. Some who do not want to pay a tithe may have a spirit of selfishness in the hopes that because we do not scripturally tithe to a Levite Priest we are not obligated to give at all. Well here we see that YaHuW has clearly stated we must give of all our **resources**. That is even MORE than a tenth in some cases. You see it is not limited to any amount. Dictionary.com says this about the word resources: *“A source of supply, support, or aid, esp. one that can be readily drawn upon when needed”*.

Yes giving all of our resources can mean many things, our time growing our knowledge and in turn giving this knowledge to others. It can mean giving food or financial assistance to the weak, the poor, the fatherless, the elderly and so on. It might mean that you spend a certain amount of funds in proclaiming YaHuWaH's Great Name – The First Gate of Salvation (MatithYAHUW 19:20), perhaps in creating a website, a webinar, a meeting place of teaching, literature, The Original Scriptures, post cards, invitations or brochures to give to others in what the QadUWsha RUWach (Set Apart Spirit) *has given you* to witness unto other word seekers. We might adopt a child for YaHuWaH or share our home with someone elderly who cannot care for themselves. It also might mean that we aid others who need emotional support in this world that can drain so much emotion from those who are seeking truths. Yes our resources truly can be everything we have and we are no longer under the tithing law because GalatiYans 5:18 said, **“But if you are led by the RUWach (Beloved Spirit of YaHuWaH), you are not under the salvation of the Yehudi (Jewish) customs and laws anymore.”** We must give of our resources because YaHuW our Savior commanded it in the 11<sup>th</sup> Double Commandment when He said clearly, “give of all your resources”. Yes it really is as simple as that. No mention of 10% and coin only!

## 5. Who should we be giving our resources to, and how should we do it?



We previously discussed why we are to give of our resources and who we might share our resources with, however the *who* in this section refers to something different: WHO NOT to give our resources too! That's right! There are times when giving would be wrong. How so? Well as an example, I was driving with a good friend of mine when we came to a stop light. On the corner was a fellow that was holding a cardboard sign that said, “Please Help”. Well he gave some money to this person. I asked him, “Why would you give your hard earned money to a guy that can work and is definitely going to use that money for alcohol, drugs or whatever else?” He replied, “Well, the Church says that we should so I do it because it's our common practice or tradition.” Well we started talking back and forth about that situation and there was no changing his mind that it was wrong to support this person's slothful ways and probably drug habits. MatithYAHUW 7:6 states, **“Do not give that which is QadUWsha (Set Apart to YaHuWaH for eternal salvation) to the dogs, neither throw your pearls (money, support, teachings, time) because they will both trample them under their feet and then turn and tear you to pieces as well.”** Yes many times YaHuW was faced with the Pharisees and Sadducees who did seek to turn on him and entrap Him by His words of truth. YaHuW was excellent at answering a question with a question so as not to become entrapped by them. We too should do the same, both with our QadUWsha words and with our other resources.

Is it wrong to give to my church, hall or temple you may ask? Well, giving is a very personal thing to be certain. I think that I should ask you this question, Which do you think is the better way of ensuring your hard earned donated money is all going 100% to the fatherless, elderly or widows, giving money to a church that says it will help them or in you actually giving it to them directly? Where do you think your finances will have the greatest impact, paying a mortgage on a church, hall or temple or helping someone who might be

or become a word seeker to pay their rent, mortgage or bills? Do you feel it is better to spend your money to support a man who hides QadUWsha Truths from a congregation or to spend 100% of your resources in creating QadUWsha Truths that you are led to give to others? Who decided that you must distribute and collect money for magazines that do not declare that YaHuWaH is "The First Gate of Salvation"? Would it be better for you to give money to your church, hall or temple in support of their churches or missionary servants or should you give 100% of it directly in support of someone you know that is declaring YaHuWaH's Name in all they do (MatithYAHUW 21:13)? Should you give money to a bum who can obviously work but chooses not to, obviously uses drugs, spends a lifetime begging from others, or should you find out in your community who is needy, which child in a school does not have proper clothing or even food (YA'cob or Jacob 1:27)? Sometimes I think it is much easier to write a check to a church than it is to seek out the needy and helpless. If a person stops and thinks about what they are doing and if the Set Apart Spirit is alive in you than you will begin to know what the right thing to do is.

So how are we supposed to give? Well this one scripture really sums it up: **"Let each man give according as he has determined in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion, for Almighty Loving YA of All Creation loves a cheerful giver."** –II CorinthyAns 9:7. Yes, we give of our resources cheerfully and not grudgingly. We are not to give compulsory or under a set amount to a set person but each person is to determine in their own heart WHO we should best give our resources to. Also in giving we must be mindful to never boast in anything except YaHuWaH's Great QadUWsha Name and never boast of our giving or surely the giving we do at that moment of boast is the only reward we will receive in full. Yes if you belong to a particular religion you may feel the pressure to give to their collection plate, contribution box or basket on a pole. This may satisfy you because others can see you're giving and the church leaders may commend your tithe however keep in mind YaHuWaH is the only one we want saying to us "good and faithful slave".



## 6. Does YaHuWaH improve my personal financial situation by giving?

This is probably one of the most common questions asked in the giving of our resources. I think this question is so common because almost all of churchianity today preach like a dripping faucet that if you give more you will get more and the less you give the less you will receive. Is how much you give more important than the fact that you gave and what you gave you did so cheerfully and with your whole heart? Really? Is there a

difference between giving with your whole heart and all your resources and perhaps giving the church a double share of what is normally given? Is the percentage more important than what is in your heart? Well let's review this:

- ◆ Why was there a set tithe instituted by YAH's people? Would He not want His people to know that they could optionally tithe perhaps a double tithe for greater and improved blessings? No, He never said this about tithing, this is mans interpretation!
- ◆ MatithYAHUW 25:14-30 is the parable from YaHuW Savior of the master who went away and left His finances to his servants to multiply. One servant turned 5 talents into 10 talents for his master, upon his masters return this servant was approved. Another servant turned 2 talents into 4 talents and was equally approved. A third servant buried his 1 talent instead of trying to increase its value and was condemned for his selfishness. This parable really shows it is not the amount these servants multiplied for their master but that they unselfishly put forth the efforts. The same would be in giving of your personal resources. That we give with our whole heart and to the very best that we possibly can, rather than burying or holding on to our various resources and not giving at all.
- ◆ Scripture says we must give all of our resources, so does this mean we should sell everything and live in total poverty. As discussed earlier our resources are several things. It means that we give some of our time, food, finances, efforts, encouragement, home, car and everything else that we have. Some of us have more to give than others do. What we give has to do with what we have that we are able to give. If you must work 7 days a week 10 hours a day you probably will not have much time to give to others, if you are unemployed or on disability you will probably not have finances to give, if you are infirm you may not be able to put for physical efforts, if you rent a room from another you may not have a home to open up to others, and if you do not drive you may not own a car to transport others. However, you may have words of encouragement that you can give to others even if you have no other resources to give. Keep in mind the story of the widow's 2 lepta coins that she gave to the treasury. The coins were of insignificant worldly value approximately 2% of a full day's wages yet it was everything that she had. Truth be told those coins probably would not have done much of anything for her so for her to give the coins based on actual value would not seem like anything yet YaHuW stated that she gave more than most, this was because of her actions and not because of what she actually gave.



So does YaHuWaH bless and improve our financial situation at all? Yes He does. He knows everything we need. The scriptures are full of examples given to us of our Father caring for His people. We must focus on doing what we can and He will add all other things that we *need*. Some may be blessed financially to a great degree, and some may be blessed to a lesser degree, however, we are all blessed by being alive and found worthy of being a people for His Great Name – YaHuWaH, this should be enough for any of us.

## 7. Should we all expect the same blessings, financial or otherwise?

Ever stop and think for a moment about your circle of friends and family. I imagine that they all have different levels of income, different abilities physically, mentally and artistically. We as YaHuWaH's people are so blessed with such different talents and abilities that not one of us is totally alike. Now think about this, what if all of us had the exact same abilities and the exact same talents? Can you possibly imagine how boring the world would become? We are all wealthy, Growing up I have to admit, like so many do, I allowed the way I looked what they did secularly. Ever notice you will ask what you do for a living? society to equate self worth with self thing we can do if you really think about it. I have annually made 20k to 140k back to 20k and yet I am still the same person, in fact oddly enough, in the times I have less I seem to find more joy somehow. Thankfully our Father in the heavens does not for one second look at how much you make in man made coin as the bar in determining your self worth. He looks at the fruit we bear and the good we do in His Name YHWH in determining what our value is! Always keep this scripture in mind when you feel that your financial resources are thin to none, MatithYAHUW 19:23&24 warns:



23 YAHUW said to His followers, "Most assuredly I say to you, it is very difficult for a rich man alone to enter into The Kingdom of YaHuWaH. 24 tell you, it is easier for a rope (Ab-camel) to go through the eye of a needle than for a **selfish rich man** to enter into The Kingdom of Almighty YAH of All Creation."

So why is it some seem to have greater financial resources that seem to be blessed more so than perhaps another seeker of YaHuWaH has? How does that make you feel? Are you envious, do you have the RUWach of being happy for those who seem to have more or do you secretly say to your self, "It's just not fair, I work just as hard as anyone else! Why don't I receive the same blessings?" I think for the answer to this we should look to the scriptures. YaHuW Messiah has such an excellent way of telling us things in such a way so that we can truly understand His messages and change our sinful imperfect ways. In MatithYAHUW 20:1-16 it says:

1 "For The Kingdom of YAHUWAH **天国** is like a man who was the master of a household who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a YAom, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 He went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace. 4 To them he said, 'You also go into the vineyard and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went to work. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did likewise. 6 About the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle. He said to them, 'Why do you stand here all YAom idle?' 7 "They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' "He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard and you will receive whatever is right.' 8 When evening had come, AdonaiYA of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning from the last to the first.' 9 "When those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius (one full YAom's wage). 10 When the first came, they supposed that they would receive more and they likewise each received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they **murmured** against the master of the household, 12 saying 'These last have spent one hour and you have made them equal to us, who have borne the burden of the YAom and the scorching heat!' 13 "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did not you agree with me for a YAom's wage (denarius)? 14 Take that which is yours and go your way. It is my desire to give to this last one just as much as to you. 15 Is not it lawful for me to do what I want to with what I own? Or is your eye jealous because I am saving?' 16 **So the last will be first and the first will be the last. For many are called but few chose to receive it.**"



Yes we can see here that although we might perceive that others have an unfair advantage of opportunity compared to our situation, we realize by this excellent teaching that this would be a very destructive attitude to have. We want to be thankful that although we might think we work longer or harder than someone else who might seem to have had it just handed to them. We should be thankful that we have what we do have because we know not how many blessings we receive every single YAom (day) that we are alive and in YaHuWaH's RUWach. Forever should we praise and give thanks for Him keeping us in His Way and in His QadUWsha RUWach. We should always be mindful to think in a positive



fashion in what we have and the blessings He has bestowed upon others. We must fight the fleshly inclinations to take the worldly "wide road" most traveled and take the "narrow path" to salvation. How can we compare blessings from one to another when we are imperfect and can only make comparisons with our fleshly imperfect hearts and minds? How can we truly know which



blessing are greater, from one to another, when our very flesh is so influenced by what we see on T.V., read in magazines and listen to on the radio? Shatan is a master deceiver and MONEY is his main tool, it always has been! If you have your health and have never lost it you cannot possibly know what it would be like to lose your health. Do not think for one moment that the richest man in the world would not give ALL he has acquired to have your health! If you have true and QadUWsha Joy in your heart do not think for one second that someone fighting severe depression would not give all they have acquired to be happy, content and joyful! Yes, we all have riches but they do not always come in the form of a coin. A coin can be stolen, lost or destroyed, but treasure stored up in the ShamaYAIM (Heavens where all praise YaHuWaH) is of the greatest value and can never be taken from you! Praise YaHuWaH dear Brothers and Sisters! Give thanks for all that He has provided for us! The QadUWsha Riches that we are acquiring through the Blessings of His Great Name YaHuWaH is beyond that of Bill Gates, beyond that of Warren Buffet, Beyond that of a Prince or King of Saudi! The riches we have in His Name are vast; the coins of His Inheritance cannot be measured! The love we feel in our hearts, deeply, intimately, far out weigh any physical riches He could possibly give us! Thank You YaHuWaH! Thank You that you know best what is righteous and QadUWsha for us! Thank You that we can rely on you and you alone to direct our steps onto the passage of righteousness!

May we always keep these scriptures in MatithYAHUW 23:13-23 close to our heart:

13 "Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees! You hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses (or take finances away from those most in need) and as a pretense you make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. 14 "But woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees! You hypocrites! You hide The Kingdom of YAHUWAH from others, for you will not enter into it yourselves and you hinder those who try to enter. 15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees! You hypocrites! For you travel around by sea and land to make one new convert and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much of a son of Sheol as yourselves. 16 "Woe to you, you blind guides! You say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obligated.' (Whoever has faith alone in YaHuWaH is nothing but he who gives financially is completely saved) 17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold? 18 'Whoever swears by the QadUWsha Place, it is nothing but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obligated.' 19 You blind fools! For which is greater; the gift or the QadUWsha place that sanctifies the gift? 20 He therefore who swears by the QadUWsha place, swears by it and by everything on it. 21 He who swears by the temple swears by it and by YAHUWAH whose Name abides in it. 22 He who swears by the ShamaYAIM, swears by the throne of Almighty Loving YA of All Creation and by Him who sits on it. 23 "Woe to you, you scribes and Pharisees! You hypocrites! For you make sure you tithe on small things but ignore the more important matters of The Word such as justice, mercy and faith! Yet you ought to have done the tithes but not to have left the other undone.



Yes we should take every opportunity to give of all our resources, but make Justice, Mercy and Faith paramount in our life! It is interesting how the Yehudi or modern Jews no longer keep tithes because the Levite Priesthood is no longer, yet the world conveniently has decided to keep that portion of ancient Law. Yes there are two distinct categories of Law:

1. **The Ten Covenant Laws of YaHuWaH, the Double Commandment Laws, along with The New Commandment declared by His Son.**

**VS.**

2. **All the other Laws.**

Many religions make unimportant certain laws contained within the Eternal Binding 10+2+1 Covenant Laws that YaHuWaH said must be kept forever, yet the laws that were actually *not under* have been selectively kept, that is the more *convenient* and profitable ones. Always remember:

**“But if you are led by the RUWach (*Beloved Spirit of YAHUWAH*), you are not under the salvation of the Yehudi law anymore!”**

**- GalatiYAns 5:18 -**

**Baruwk hata BaShem YaHuWaH!!!!!!!**

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