

**Part II**



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- Is tithing the pinnacle of giving?
- Should tithing be practiced under the New Covenant?
- Is tithing legalism?



# 1. Where God begins with His children (Israel)

- Exodus 22:29
- Numbers 18:12, 24
- Nehemiah 13:12
- First fruits - the 1st products of the seasonal harvest, considered holy and sole possession of the Lord.
- Leviticus 19:23-25
- Deuteronomy 26:1-15
- Proverbs 3:9-10



# I. Where God begins with His children (Israel)

- Tithe - Leviticus 27:30
  - It is “a tenth part” holy, set apart to God.
- II Chronicles 31:5
- Before the Law was established, Abram gave Melchizedek 1/10 of everything.
- Genesis 14:20
- In the “law”, God taught tithing as a teaching tool.
- Deuteronomy 14:22-23





# II. Tithe vs Grace Giving

- Acts 4:32-35
- Tithing is a good beginning.
- Tithing is like the training wheels on the bicycle.
- Jesus affirmed that people should tithe.
  - Matthew 23:23
- Can't afford to tithe?
- It comes down to priorities.
  - Haggai 1:2-11
  - Malachi 3:8-12



# Scriptures



# Exodus 22:29

29 “You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe produce and your juices. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.



# Numbers 18:12

**12** “All the best of the oil, all the best of the new wine and the grain, their first fruits which they offer to the Lord, I have given them to you.





# Numbers 18:24

**24** For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up as a heave offering to the Lord, I have given to the Levites as an inheritance; therefore I have said to them, ‘Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.’”



# Nehemiah 13:12

**12** Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse.



# Leviticus 19:23-25

**23** 'When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be eaten. **24** But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a praise to the Lord. **25** And in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase:  
I am the Lord your God



# Deuteronomy 26:1-15

<sup>1</sup> “And it shall be, when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, <sup>2</sup> that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide





# Deuteronomy 26:1-15

<sup>3</sup> And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' <sup>4</sup> "Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup> And you shall answer and say before the Lord your God:





# Deuteronomy 26:1-15

‘My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labour and our oppression



# Deuteronomy 26:1-15

<sup>8</sup> So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey”; <sup>10</sup> and now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land which You, O Lord, have given me.’ “Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship



# Deuteronomy 26:1-15

**11** So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you. **12** “When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year—the year of tithing—and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your gates and be filled



# Deuteronomy 26:1-15

**13** then you shall say before the Lord your God: 'I have removed the holy tithe from my house, and also have given them to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten them.





# Deuteronomy 26:1-15

**14** I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for an unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the Lord my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me. **15** Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, “a land flowing





# Proverbs 3:9-10

**9** Honour the Lord with your possessions,  
and with the first fruits of all your increase;  
**10** so your barns will be filled with plenty, and  
your vats will overflow with new wine.



# Leviticus 27:30

**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 to the Lord.



# II Chronicles 31:5

<sup>5</sup> As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.



# Genesis 14:20

**20** And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave Him a tithe of all.



# Deuteronomy 14:22-23

<sup>22</sup> “You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. <sup>23</sup> And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.





# Acts 4:32-35

**32** Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. **33** And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.



# Acts 4:32-35

**34** Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, **35** and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.



# Matthew 23:23

**23** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.



# Haggai 1:2-11

<sup>2</sup> “Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying: ‘This people says, “The time has not come, the time that the Lord’s house should be built.”’” <sup>3</sup> Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, <sup>4</sup> “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?” <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: “Consider your ways!



<sup>6</sup> “You have sown much, and bring in



# Haggai 1:2-11

you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.” <sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Consider your ways! <sup>8</sup> Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,” says the Lord.



# Haggai 1:2-11

**9** “You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?” says the Lord of hosts. “Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. **10** Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.



# Haggai 1:2-11

**11** For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labour of your hands.”



# Malachi 3:8-12

**8** “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. **9** You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. **10** Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts,





# Malachi 3:8-12

“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. <sup>11</sup> “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,” says the Lord of hosts; <sup>12</sup> “And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land.”

