TITHE & OFFERING MESSAGE

“GOD DOESN’T NEED YOUR MONEY — HE WANTS YOUR TRUST!”

Malachi 3:10 | Proverbs 3:9–10 | Genesis 14:18–20 | Luke 6:38

Church, I need somebody to understand something this morning!

TITHING IS NOT ABOUT GOD GETTING SOMETHING OUT OF YOUR HAND. IT'S ABOUT GOD HAVING FIRST PLACE IN YOUR HEART!

God isn't broke! Heaven isn't bankrupt! The streets of gold aren't being repossessed!

God doesn't need a fundraiser to keep heaven operating!

But here's what I want you to hear:

If God can trust you with the tenth, can He trust you with the ninety?

1. THE TITHE IS ABOUT HONOR, NOT LEFTOVERS!

Proverbs 3:9 (AMPC) teaches us to honor the Lord with our capital and the firstfruits of our income.

Notice something!

God didn't say, "Honor Me with whatever is left after you've paid everybody else."

We pay the mortgage.

We pay the car payment.

We pay the electric bill.

We pay the phone company.

And then we look at God and say, "Lord, there's nothing left!"

HOW CAN WE CALL HIM FIRST WHEN WE CONSISTENTLY PUT HIM LAST?

The tithe is a tenth, but the principle is bigger than the percentage.

It's about HONOR!

2. ABRAHAM TITHED BEFORE THE LAW EVER EXISTED!

Genesis 14:18–20.

Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of the spoils.

Moses hadn't received the Law!

Mount Sinai hadn't happened!

Yet Abraham recognized the greatness of God and responded with honor.

ABRAHAM DIDN'T GIVE BECAUSE A LAW FORCED HIM. HE GAVE BECAUSE HIS HEART

HONORED GOD!

Don't tell me that every principle of giving began with Moses!

Abraham was walking in covenant relationship before Sinai!

3. STOP TREATING YOUR SEED LIKE IT'S DEAD!

2 Corinthians 9:6 (AMPC) teaches the principle of sowing sparingly and reaping sparingly, and sowing generously and reaping generously.

A farmer doesn't put seed into the ground and declare it wasted!

He understands that something is happening beyond what his natural eyes can see!

YOUR SEED LEAVES YOUR HAND, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT LEAVES GOD'S NOTICE!

And understand this: giving is not purchasing a miracle. God is not a vending machine. We give in faith, not to manipulate heaven.

4. DON'T EXPECT AN OPEN HEAVEN WHILE LIVING WITH A CLOSED HEART!

Malachi 3:10 speaks of bringing the tithes into God's storehouse and God's promise to open the windows of heaven.

That was God's covenant instruction to Israel, and it reveals how seriously He regards covenant faithfulness.

But listen to me!

YOU CANNOT CLAIM TO HONOR GOD WITH YOUR WHOLE LIFE WHILE REFUSING TO LET HIM SPEAK TO YOUR FINANCES!

Some people trust God with their eternity but struggle to trust Him with their paycheck!

They believe He can raise the dead, open blind eyes, and part the Red Sea—

BUT THEY DON'T BELIEVE HE CAN TAKE CARE OF THEM WHEN THEY PUT HIM FIRST!

THE CLOSING DECLARATION

I'm not giving because I'm afraid!

I'm not giving because somebody pressured me!

I'm not giving to buy God's favor!

I GIVE BECAUSE HE IS LORD!

My money doesn't own me!

Fear doesn't control me!

Lack doesn't dictate my obedience!

GOD IS MY SOURCE! MY JOB IS A CHANNEL! MY PAYCHECK IS A RESOURCE! BUT JEHOVAH JIREH IS MY PROVIDER!

And when I bring my tithe and offering, I'm making a declaration:

LORD, YOU ARE FIRST IN MY HOUSE, FIRST IN MY FINANCES, AND FIRST IN MY LIFE!

OFFERING PRAYER

Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, we honor You today with our tithes and offerings. We thank You for every provision, every open door, every job, every business, and every opportunity. Give us wisdom to manage what You place in our hands. Rebuke fear, break the power of greed, and establish hearts of generosity and faithfulness. We declare that money will never be our master because Jesus Christ is our Lord. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen!

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