



# **Mt. Olive Bible Study**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

TAKING  
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AT HIS  
WORD

*Can You Take God*

*At His Word*

*When It Comes To*

***GIVING!!***

# *Taking God At His Word When It Comes To Giving*

*We Will Focus On.....*

*Perspective*

*Principles*

*Practices*

*Promises*

*Productivity*

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## *Perspective*

*Before You Ever Change Your **Practices** About A Thing....  
You Must First Change Your **Perspective** About A Thing...*

### ***Perspective is defined as...***

- *A Point Of View... How You See Things*
- *An Attitude or Outlook Something*

*Often Our Perspective Is Shaped By...*

*Our Surroundings*

*Our Systems*

*Our Situations*

*Our Schooling*

*If You Desire To Prosper and Have Godly Success*

*You Must Have A **BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE***

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## *Perspective*

*So Tonight, We Want To Examine Finances/Money/Wealth  
From A Biblical Perspective*

*Lesson Aim: To **OPEN OUR EYES** To New Possibilities*

*2 Kings 6:13-17 (NLT)*

*13 “Go and find out where Elisha is,” the king commanded, “so I can send troops to seize him.” And the report came back: “Elisha is at Dothan.”*

*14 So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.*

*15 When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere.*

*“**OH, SIR, WHAT WILL WE DO NOW?**” the young man cried to Elisha.*

*16 “**DON’T BE AFRAID!**” Elisha told him.*

*“For there are more on our side than on theirs!”*

*17 **THEN ELISHA PRAYED**, “O Lord, **OPEN HIS EYES AND LET HIM SEE!**”*

*The Lord opened the young man’s eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.*

# TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD

## How Does God View My Offering?

Genesis 4:3-7 (NIV)

3 In the course of time Cain brought **some of the fruits of the soil** as an **offering to the Lord**. 4 But Abel brought **fat portions** from some of **THE FIRSTBORN OF HIS FLOCK**. **THE LORD LOOKED WITH FAVOR ON ABEL AND HIS OFFERING,**

5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

6 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?"

7 **If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?** But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but **YOU MUST MASTER IT.**"

**WHICH CATEGORY DO YOU FALL IN?**

**SOME CATEGORY** or **THE FIRST AND BEST CATEGORY**

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

9 **Honor the Lord** with your wealth, with the **FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL YOUR CROPS;**

10 **then** your barns will be **FILLED TO OVERFLOWING,** and your vats will **BRIM OVER WITH NEW WINE.**

Many People Desire **THE OVERFLOW WITHOUT THE OBEDIENCE**  
IF YOU WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT.... **THEN....**

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# How Does God View My Offering?

## How Do I Do That?

Hebrews 11:4 (NLT)

4 It was **BY FAITH** that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave **evidence** that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us **BY HIS EXAMPLE OF FAITH.**

## I Don't Have That Kind Of Faith....

THEN.... FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE

Luke 17:3-6 (NIV)

3 So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, **forgive him.**

4 If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' **forgive him.**"

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "**INCREASE OUR FAITH!**"

6 He replied, "**If you have faith as small as a mustard seed**, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and **it will obey you.**

**PRAY AND ASK GOD TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH**

**It Is Not A Finance Issue.... It Is A Faith Issue**

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# *How Does God View My Offering?*

*God Desires For Your Salutation To Match Your Sacrifice*

*Malachi 1:6, 8-9 (NIV)*

6 "A son *honors* his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is **THE HONOR** due me? If I am a master, where is **THE RESPECT** due me?" says the Lord Almighty.

8 When you bring *blind animals for sacrifice*, is that not wrong? When you *sacrifice crippled or diseased animals*, is that not wrong?  
**TRY OFFERING THEM TO YOUR GOVERNOR!**

Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?"  
says the Lord Almighty.

9 "Now implore God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, *will he accept you?*"--says the Lord Almighty.

*God is Saying... If I Am Who You Say I Am...*

*Why Bring Me Leftover Sacrifices?*

*I Am A Jealous God!!!!*

Would You Do this to Others...Who You Have **Authority** over You?



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## Leviticus 22:17-22 (NIV)

17 The Lord said to Moses,

18 "Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites and say to them:

'If any of you--either an Israelite or an alien living in Israel--**presents a gift for a burnt offering to the Lord**, either to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering,

19 you must present a male **WITHOUT DEFECT** from the cattle, sheep or goats in order that it may be accepted on your behalf.

20 Do not bring **ANYTHING WITH A DEFECT**, because it will not be accepted on your behalf.

21 When anyone brings from the herd or flock a fellowship offering to the Lord to fulfill a special vow or as a freewill offering, **IT MUST BE WITHOUT DEFECT OR BLEMISH** to be acceptable.

22 Do not offer to the Lord the blind, the injured or the maimed, or anything with warts or festering or running sores.

Do not place any of these on the altar as an offering made to the Lord ...

### PRINCIPLE

IGNORING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS IS AN INSULT TO GOD

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## *The Law Of The Tithe*

### *Leviticus 27:30-34 (NLT)*

30 *“ONE TENTH* of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, *belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.*”

31 *If you want to buy back the Lord’s tenth of the grain or fruit, you must pay its value, plus 20 percent. 32 Count off every tenth animal from your herds and flocks and set them apart for the Lord as holy.*

33 *You may not pick and choose between good and bad animals, and you may not substitute one for another. But if you do exchange one animal for another, then both the original animal and its substitute will be considered holy and cannot be bought back.”*

34 *These are the commands that the Lord gave through Moses FOR THE ISRAELITES.*

### *Key Principles*

*This Must Be Set Apart Because It Belongs To God*

*You Don’t Pick And Choose!!!!*

*This Was Not Given To Everyone ~ Only God’s Chosen People*

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# *How Does God View My Offering?*

## *The Law Of The Tithe*

### *Deuteronomy 14:22-26 (NLT)*

22 “You must **SET ASIDE A TITHE OF YOUR CROPS**—  
*one-tenth of all the crops you harvest each year.*

23 *Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord  
your God chooses for his name to be honored—*

*This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males  
of your flocks and herds. **Doing this will teach you always to fear the Lord your God.***

24 “**Now WHEN the Lord your God blesses you with a good harvest,**  
*the place of worship he chooses for his name to be honored might be too far for you to*  
**BRING THE TITHE.** 25 *If so, you may sell the tithe portion of your crops and herds,  
put the money in a pouch and go to the place the Lord your God has chosen.*

26 *When you arrive, you may use the money to buy any kind of food you want—  
cattle, sheep, goats, wine, or other alcoholic drink.*  
*Then feast there in the presence of the Lord your God  
and celebrate with your household.*

*God Gives Clear Instructions For His People To Receive A Good Harvest!!!*

# *Discipline For Mishandling The Devoted Things of God*

*Joshua 7:1 (NLT)*

*1 But Israel violated the instructions about the things set apart for the Lord.*

*A man named Achan had stolen some of these dedicated things,  
So, the Lord was very angry with the Israelites.*

*Joshua 7:6-13 (NLT)*

*6 Joshua and the elders of Israel tore their clothing in dismay, threw dust on their heads, and bowed face down to the ground before the Ark of the Lord until evening.*

*7 Then Joshua cried out, "Oh, Sovereign Lord, **why did you bring us across the Jordan River if you are going to let the Amorites kill us?** If only we had been content to stay on the other side! 8 Lord, what can I say now that Israel has fled from its enemies?"*

*10 But the Lord said to Joshua, "**GET UP!** Why are you lying on your face like this?"*

*11 **Israel has sinned and broken my covenant!** They have stolen some of the things that **I commanded must be set apart for me.** And they have not only stolen them but have lied about it and hidden the things among their own belongings.*

*12 **THAT IS WHY THE ISRAELITES ARE RUNNING FROM THEIR ENEMIES IN DEFEAT.***

*13 "Get up! Command the people to purify themselves in preparation for tomorrow. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Hidden among you, O Israel, are things set apart for the Lord. **You will never defeat your enemies until you remove these things from among you.**"*

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*Joshua 7:19-25 (NLT)*

19 Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, by telling the truth. Make your confession and tell me what you have done.

*Don’t hide it from me.”*

20 Achan replied, “It is true! *I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel.*

21 Among the plunder *I saw a beautiful robe from Babylon, 200 silver coins, and a bar of gold weighing more than a pound. I wanted them so much that I took them.* They are hidden in the ground beneath my tent, with the silver buried deeper than the rest.”

22 So Joshua sent some men to make a search. They ran to the tent and found the stolen goods hidden there, just as Achan had said, with the silver buried beneath the rest.

23 They took the things from the tent and brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites. Then they laid them on the ground in the presence of the Lord.

24 Then Joshua and all the Israelites took Achan, the silver, the robe, the bar of gold, his sons, daughters, cattle, donkeys, sheep, goats, tent, and everything he had, and they brought them to the valley of Achor.

25 Then Joshua said to Achan, “Why have you brought trouble on us?  
The Lord will now bring trouble on you.”

*And all the Israelites stoned Achan and his family and burned their bodies.*

*Key Phrase ~ I SAW... I WANTED... I TOOK*

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# *Discipline For Mishandling The Devoted Things of God*

*Acts 5:1-10 (NIV)*

*1 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.*

*3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing?"*

***YOU HAVE NOT LIED TO MEN BUT TO GOD.***

*5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.*

*7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.*

*8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"*

*"Yes," she said, "that is the price."*

*9 Peter said to her, "**How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord?** Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."*

*10 At that moment **she fell down at his feet and died.** Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.*

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# TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD

## God Desires To Be Priority

Haggai 1:2-11 (NIV)

2 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for *the Lord's house to be built.*'"

3 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai:

4 "Is it a time for you yourselves *to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?*"

5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "*Give careful thought to your ways.*"

6 *You have planted much but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.*"

7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "*Give careful thought to your ways.*"

8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, **SO THAT I MAY TAKE PLEASURE IN IT AND BE HONORED,**" says the Lord.

9 "*You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, **I BLEW AWAY.** Why?*" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, *while each of you is busy with his own house.*"

10 Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. 11 **I CALLED** for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

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*God Why Do You Place  
So Much Value On The  
Offering, Tithe, Sacrifice....*

*WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS...  
THAT IS WHERE YOUR HEART IS...*

*I Desire Your Heart...  
I Can Find It Through Your Treasure*



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# Giving Because Of Gratitude

*Genesis 14:14-20 (NLT)*

14 When Abram heard that his nephew Lot had been captured, he mobilized the 318 trained men who had been born into his household. Then he pursued their army until he caught up with them at Dan.

15 There he divided his men and attacked during the night. Their army fled, but Abram chased them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus.

16 Abram recovered all the goods that had been taken, and he brought back his nephew Lot with his possessions and all the women and other captives.

17 After Abram returned from his victory, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the King's Valley.

18 And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine.

19 Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And blessed be God Most High, WHO HAS DEFEATED YOUR ENEMIES FOR YOU."

Then Abram gave Melchizedek A TENTH of all the goods he had recovered.

He Gave A Tenth {Tithe} for THE BLESSING he had received from God!!!

*It Was Not A Law... It Was A Principle*



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- Spending {Only Spend For Needs and Necessities...no shopping}
  - No Social Media

The Focus Will Be On The Principles and The Prayer

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## *Day One*

### *It All Belongs To God*

*Psalms 24:1 (NIV)*

*1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;*

*Psalms 50:12 (NLT)*

*12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for all the world is mine and everything in it.*

*Haggai 2:8 (NLT)*

*8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,  
says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.*

*Perspective*

*Ownership vs. Stewardship*

*If He Owns Everything...Does He Even **NEED** My Tithes*

# *During This 21 Day Financial Fast*

*Let's Shift Our Focus*

*Let's Stabilize Our Finances*

*Let's Strengthen Our Faith*

*Let's Secure Our Future*

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