

Money Matters 7
The Discipline of Tithing – 2

[Cain & Abel] Genesis 4:1-7 (NKJV)

Vs. 3 Cain brings an offering of his choosing.
Vs. 4 Abel brought the first born of his flock (Tithe / tenth)
And they were healthy offerings.

Vs. 4 & 5 God approves Abel's gift and not Cain's.
Why?

Abel – Hebrews 11:4 (GW) (MSG)
How does faith come? Romans 10:17 (ref.)
God was talking to them.

Cain – Jude 11 (Amp) (Reveals Cain's heart)

They have gone the defiant way of Cain.
Balaams error was greed.
Korah's was rebellion.

- Cain, out of defiance, greed, rebellion refused to submit to God's Word (faith).
- He wanted things based on his terms vs. God's

* Abel was a tither.

[Firstborn/First fruits]

Deuteronomy 26:1-2 (ref.)

2 Chronicles 31:4-6 (KJV) - (Hezekiah's Revival)

Nehemiah 10:35-36 (KJV)

Exodus 12:2 / 34:22;26 (ref.)

[Tithing in big picture]

A. Isaac was a tithe (firstborn of promised seed)

- He was the Lord's
- God tested Abraham in his trust (Ram provided)
- Genesis 22 (ref.)

B. Jericho was a tithe (Firstfruits of a city)

Joshua 6:17-19 (NLT)

- Everything was to be destroyed as an offering to God.
- Vs. 19 All the wealth goes into the treasury of God.
- Joshua 7 "Achan's greed cost him his life."
- Joshua 8:2;27 (ref) "You can now have all the spoils of every city conquered."

C. Israel was a tithe

Jeremiah 2:3 (KJV) - Firstfruits of the nations.

Exodus 4:22 (KJV)

D. Jesus was a tithe (of the new creation)

Firstborn Colossians 1:15;18 / Romans 8:28 / Hebrews 12:23 (ref.)

Firstfruits 1 Corinthians 15:20;23 (ref.)

All these tithes sanctify the coming harvest.

Jesus as a tithe, sanctified us all.

TAKE AWAY

1. There was a bigger picture to God's tithe – you!
2. There is a bigger picture to your tithe – God!