

## March 1st – The Tithe Belongs to God

*“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.”  
(Lev. 27:30)*

A great preacher once said, “When it comes to tithing, Abraham commenced it, Jacob continued it, Moses commanded it, Malachi confirmed it, Jesus commended it, so who am I to cancel it?” What was the old preacher talking about? A tithe is a gift of 10% that is offered to the Lord. In the Old Testament, it could’ve been 10% of a person’s harvest, livestock, wealth, etc. Abraham was the first person to give a tithe when he offered 10% of all he had to Melchizedek (Gen. 14:20).

And the old preacher was right – Jacob continued the practice of tithing (Gen. 28:22) when he vowed to give back to God 10% of all that God blessed him with. In today’s passage, we find Moses commanding the tithe of the Israelites by the decree of God Himself. The last of the minor prophets, Malachi, also confirmed the tithe when he rebuked his kinsmen for robbing God (Mal. 3:8-10). God said that His people were cursed because they had withheld their tithes and offerings.

Some say that tithing is an Old Testament practice that has been dismissed in the age of grace, but that doesn’t seem quite right. On one occasion, Jesus commended tithing when he rebuked the scribes and Pharisees for failing to fulfill the spirit of the Law (Matt. 23:23). What does all this mean to us? Every Christian should give *at least 10%* of their resources back to God’s storehouse (the local church) by way of a tithe. Are you faithfully tithing to your local church, or are you robbing God by withholding all that He requires?