

"The Foundational Pillars of Tithes & Offerings"

- **With the physical foundation of Faith Baptist Church failing US...**
 - How appropriate to talk about the foundations of biblical tithes and offerings
 - If you haven't realized it by now, our church is struggling financially
 - Yes, our bills are being paid, but not everything that this church supports is being taken care of
 - Support is an important thing, it keeps things up
 - So, today we will look at a few passages of Scripture and find the support we need to
 - Step out on faith and trust God with our finances
 - Step out on faith and watch God prove His Word
 - Step out on faith and watch God meet the needs in our lives
 - Step out on faith and watch God meet the needs of this Church
- **So, we will look at a Few Foundational Pillars of Biblical Tithes and Offerings**
- **The Pillar of Tithing Principles**
 - Introduction of tithes and offerings
 - **Genesis 14:17** And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

- Abram had been blessed by God through Abram's hard work and fighting the battles in His life
- Abram trusted God through the work and the battles
- Abram gave God 10% of ALL he had been blessed with

- **The Pillar of Teaching Tithes**

- Jacob learned the principles of Tithing from Abraham and Isaac

- **Genesis 28:19** And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

- 20** And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

- 21** So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

- 22** And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

- Israel learned the principles of Tithing from the Lord God

▪ **Leviticus 27:30** 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 unto the LORD.

31 And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

- It is important that we teach the next generation how to Give God what is God's

- **The Pillar of the Purpose of Tithes**

- **Old Testament - Numbers 18:20** And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

- **The Tribes of Israel were blessed by God for giving to the Tabernacle that the Levites would have their inheritance**

- **New Testament - Hebrews 7:1** For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;
 - 2** To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;
 - 3** Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.
 - 4** Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.
 - 5** And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:
 - 6** But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham and blessed him that had the promises.
 - 7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.**
 - 8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.**
 - 9** And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.
 - 10** For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

- **The New Testament Church is blessed by giving what God blesses them with so the Church can exist for the Kingdom of God**
- **The Pillar of the Promises of Tithes & Offerings**
 - **Malachi 3:8** Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, **and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts**, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
- **The Pillar of the Passing of Tithes**
 - **Romans 6:14** For sin shall not have dominion over you: **for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
 - We are not required to keep the Law, but we are under Grace, and should not continue in sin...
 - Jesus talked of tithes in past tense
 - **Luke 11:39** And the Lord said unto him, “**Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.**
 - 40** Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs and pass over judgment and the love of God: **these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**"

○ Christ wants us to see the spirit of grace not the letter of the law

▪ **Galatians 5:18** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

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• **The Pillar of Giving Under Grace – The Cheerful Giver**

○ **2Corinthians 9:6** But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11 Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*;

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be unto God for his **unspeakable gift**.

- **Jesus says this...** Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." – **Luke 6:38**

▪ **I want to issue a personal challenge to each of you.**

- **Pray for the Next Week everyday asking God to lay on your heart what HE would have you give on a weekly basis**
- **Not what you think you can give**
- **Not what makes financial sense**
- **Step out on Faith and give it**
- **Give God 3 months to show you just How God-enomics works**