

Money Matters – 6

Discipline of Tithing

Malachi 3:6-12 (KJV)

Vs. 6 ...I never change...

These passages are only understood in the light of God's true nature.
(love, mercy, goodness)

Vs. 7 Return to me.

How do we get back?

Vs. 8 Robbed God.

By withholding the tithe, they were robbing God?
OF WHAT? Blessing them with abundance.

Vs. 9 You are cursed with a curse?

This world of darkness is under a curse.
Curse of fall not law.

Eg. Cain (Genesis 4:11-12) cursed from the earth
“The ground will not yield her strength”.

Eg. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV) “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Vs. 10 Bring the tithe in.

- Prove me... (1 John 4:1 / 1 Thessalonians 5:21)
- Open the windows of heaven (Provision)
- Pour you out a blessing – not room enough to receive it

Vs. 11 Rebuke the Devourer (Protection)

How? Where? In what way?

- “He (the devil) shall not destroy the fruits of your ground.”
- “Neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field...”

Vs. 12 All nations call you blessed?

You're a witness.

[Tithing in Scripture]

- It did not originate under the law.
- It was mandated & regulated under the law.
- It was before law / under law / after law.

1. Abraham (approx. 500 years before the law)

- Genesis 14:18-20 (KJV)

2. Jacob (approx. 400 years before the law)

- Genesis 28:20-22 (KJV)
- “The tenth”

3. Under law of Moses

- Leviticus 27:30-32 (KJV)
- It's the Lords
- It's holy unto Him
- Luke 16:12-13 (*ref.*)

Proverbs 3:9-10 (KJV)

- Deuteronomy 26:1-2 (*ref.*)
- 2 Chronicles 31:4-6 (*ref.*)
- Nehemiah 10:35-36 (*ref.*)
- Exodus 13:2 (*ref.*)
- Numbers 3:13 (*ref.*)

4. Jesus on tithing

- Matthew 23:23 (NLT)

5. Hebrews 7:1-8 (NLT)

- Hebrews 5:6;10 (*ref.*)
- Hebrews 6:20 (*ref.*)
- Psalm 110:4

Abraham in type was tithing to Jesus.

We in reality are tithing to Jesus.

TAKE AWAY

1. Tithing is a blessing.
2. You can't afford not to tithe.