



## Scriptures and Doctrine :: Blessings and Tithing

### Blessings and Tithing - posted by staff, on: 2011/12/16 17:26

Hi All, Just a question on Tithing, I am in a church that teaches Tithing which I don't hold too. If the rest of the church want to keep tithing that's something I can't influence without causing dis-unity so I leave sleeping dogs lie. This scripture in my opinion clashes with tithing.

If I bless Israel but don't Tithe (according to the belief of a tither I shouldn't be blessed) surely God couldn't bless me if tithing were correct.

What do you think? Any thoughts on this scripture and tithing?

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Thanks Staff

### Re: Blessings and Tithing, on: 2011/12/16 18:37

Great question, I need some insight on this subject also. I don't understand why most churches teach against the law of Moses and at the same time ask their members to tithe. I wonder why.

### Re: - posted by utilizer001 (), on: 2011/12/16 20:28

I would suggest that the reason most churches teach tithing, is because it is taught by Paul in his epistles.

For those of us who have learned to tithe, not by commandment, but because we honour God with our first fruits, and are cheerfully giving back to Him as we are taught in the NT, He has not failed to bless us in exactly the way He said He would. (See Malachi)

Jason Smith  
Standing in Oregon

### Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/12/16 20:52

Hi Jason,

Thanks for the reply. I knew as I was typing that I didn't state my question clearly, so sorry I'll try again.

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Do I get blessed or not?

Yours Staff

P.s I obviously don't see Paul teaching tithing

### Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/12/16 23:36

100% a heart issue. God is not short on cash. What He wants is our obedience.

The question should be, are we willing to put others' needs in front of our own? If so, then tithing should not be an issue, since it is done with a heart towards pleasing God.

If we are to tithe because man tells us that we will not be blessed, I would say under most circumstances like that, to not tithe.

I am sketchy about any organization that says that we will receive less of the Lord unless we give to "them". After reading what you wrote, it seems that this may be the case in your church?

Blessings!

**Re: Blessings and Tithing - posted by David\_G (), on: 2011/12/17 4:38**

<http://www.tithing-russkelly.com/>

Download the PDF. It explains the tithe.

**Re: Blessings and Tithing - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/12/17 7:39**

Brother, Tithing and giving exactly 10% is to be under law. In NT, we are building God's house which is the body of Christ, the Church. Whenever God's house is built, it is built with cheerful giving by people who did not measure and give 10%. Take example of Moses building the tabernacle or Solomon building temple, both of them were built by Cheerful giving and not by Tithe.

In NT life, we live by Spirit and not by law, so even giving should be led by Spirit and not by law. But Churches that preach to give by law (tithe) knows that its members are either not spiritual or the Church itself does not have faith that the spirit will provide for the needs of Church. If a church itself lacks faith then how can its members have faith?

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/12/17 11:11**

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I'll just repeat it so you dont have to look back.

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I am with the comments by Sree and Miccah and have read the very good Pdf posted, thank you  
Staff

**Re: - posted by savedtoserve, on: 2011/12/17 13:03**

Quote:  
-----by theEphah

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**Re: , on: 2011/12/17 13:42**

Quote:  
-----by savedtoserve

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Tithing is part of the Law - see Leviticus 27:30—

The whole law was given to Adam and Eve verbally before it was written by Moses.

Abraham obeyed them and must have known what they were ("Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws", Gen 26:5)

**Re: , on: 2011/12/17 13:56**

Quote:  
-----by Sree -- Take example of Moses building the tabernacle or Solomon building temple, both of them were built by Cheerful giving and not by Tithe.  
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Moses and Solomon were godfathers of the Law brother, they didn't compromise in anyway, they didn't ask the people for their tithes, they made the people give their tithes and free will offering on top of that.

See my question is not about free will offering, it's about why the churches push the doctrine of tithing whilst preaching free from the law.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/12/17 16:13**

Hi again,  
The points made are interesting but the thread isn't meant to be a to tithe or not to tithe thread so I will again put it forward thanks staff

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**Re: Blessings and Tithing - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/12/17 17:38**

Quote:  
-----theEphah wrote:  
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If you do not give cheerfully to anyone on a monthly basis, you should be giving cheerfully to a church instead. The Lord honors your giving.

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/12/17 17:44**

Quote:  
-----Staff wrote:  
If I bless Israel, I am promised to be blessed but Christians who tithe say if I don't tithe I don't get blessed. So here I am a Christian who blesses Israel but does not Tithe.  
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Staff,

I do not believe that one is necessarily dependent upon the other.

Since you are not getting the answer you are seeking, let me ask you this... Are you talking about giving monetarily to Israel or are you sending your 'tithe' to Israel? Maybe the answer will help us answer you more clearly.

God bless you, brother,  
Lisa

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/12/17 18:26**

Hi Lisa,

I think blessing Israel is not about finances and I don't think you could tithe to State of Israel (not scriptural) but you could Tithe to an evangelistic organisation or church that evangelizes in Israel if you believed in tithing.

However God says that he will bless us if we bless Israel and that could be financially, who knows, who can limit God in the way he blesses.

My point is that tithing and being blessed by God for blessing Israel are at odds with each other if people that tithe are saying that God won't bless you financially if you don't tithe. I think that one is correct and the other isn't.

Why do you not believe one isn't dependant on the other?

thanks staff

**Re: Blessings and Tithing - posted by tammyM, on: 2011/12/17 18:50**

In the beginning Cain and Abel tithed Abel of his livestock and Cain of the yield of the ground so tithing in that sense was being done from the beginning.

God says I AM the same yesterday and forever Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change" The laws of God are still in effect today. God has not changed

God The Son Jesus says "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

Paul says in Romans 3:27-31

"Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law."

Malachi 3:8-9

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' 'In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me."

Malachi 3:13-15

"You have said harsh things against me," says the Lord. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?' 'You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.'"

If we do not tithe the work of God cannot be done fully such as sending missionaries overseas to evangelize. If you break one commandment it's like breaking all. How can you place one above the other?

Jesus says again "Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:19

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/12/17 19:05**

Hi Tammy,

My question is not about tithing as I don't believe it correct for today.

My question is how do tithers reconcile God blessing those who bless Israel.

If I bless Israel God is bound by his word to bless me in whatever way he chooses which could be financially but a lot of Christians who tithe say that if you don't tithe God won't bless you financially. So my question is what if a Christian blesses Israel financially but does not tithe, what will God do? (according to a Christian tither point of view)

On a footnote all though the thread is in essence not about it, the beginning of Acts gives account of giving not tithing to support God's work.

I will be interested in your reply,

thanks Staff

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/12/17 21:05**

Quote:

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So my Question is what if a christian blesses Israel financially but does not tithe, what will god do?  
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I think everyone including me has answered this question. I believe by saying 'blessing Israel financially' you mean you give money to Church but does not give exactly 10% as stated in Tithing system.  
In Christian life giving is all about Spirit filled giving with a motive to serve God and not in a way expecting a return of Blessing. Those who Tithe with an expectation of getting a Financial blessing back might get a financial blessing but will have no reward in Heaven (ref Matthew 6).

Matthew 6:3:-But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

That is why I believe even passing the offering bucket in public before everyone in Church is against the teachings of Jesus who told us not to give in Public.

If you truly believe in the teachings of Jesus then you should not remember the financial offerings made to Church. If you do not remember them then where is the question of getting whether you will be blessed or not as you have not tithed.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/12/18 16:11**

Hi Sree,  
I don't think you have a handle on my question yet sorry,

God says he will bless those who bless Israel.

Alot of Tithers say that you won't get any financial or financial related blessing unless you tithe (my question is really for these people who hold this view)

These two views are at odds with each other, do you agree?  
Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/12/18 22:12**

- Staff - I think I see what you mean, If you are looking at tithing from the view point of the Law, then yes you must tithe in order to receive any financial blessing because that's what the scripture says see Proverbs 3:9-10

But if you believe that the Law does not apply to you, then I guess it doesn't matter does it?

**Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2011/12/19 8:33**

Actually, Paul never taught tithing. There is only one place in the NT where tithing is discussed, and that is in the book of Hebrews. If you believe Paul authored that book then Paul actually used tithing as his example in teaching that the priesthood of Christ superseded the law as He is a priest after the order of Melchisadek. This teaching is in the context of demonstrating that we are no longer under the covenant of law but rather under a better covenant that has its roots in God's covenant of faith with Abraham.

If you will search SI you will find a lot of discussion on this topic that might be helpful. I personally think your recognition of inconsistency between the teaching of a new covenant and the teaching of the necessity of tithing is appropriate. If we are born again we have the ways of God written in our hearts and a lifestyle of generous and joyous giving will be a very natural outflow of the life of God in us.

That being said, I do not believe that if you do not tithe in a technical (10%) or legal way that you will fail to be blessed of God. I do believe we should pray for Israel and bless the Jewish people. That can mean finances or that can be prayer, or a host of other ways. I am not sure that we can write a formula that says blessing Israel financially plus not tithing equals any more or less of a blessing by God. God loves unconditionally but blesses obedience and consecration. So if you give out of obedience whether to Israel or to Uncle George you will be blessed. We also find in Colossians that we are to give joyously as we determine in our own hearts. A heart that expresses the love of God through giving and does it as unto the Lord will bear in the chest of a person that is blessed financially. I have found this to be true over and over a gain.

**Re: , on: 2011/12/19 9:59**

Tithing is not taught in the NT... and just like the rest of the Law (for instance: Lust/Adultery) the stakes are raised. Instead of giving 10%... 100% is now required.

Besides, true OT tithing is more like 35%.

The Law was fulfilled. Tithing is the one OT teaching that the church clings to... because it involves \$\$.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/12/20 16:35**

Hi Krispy,

I agree that tithing is for the old testament but in my church the Pastor teaches tithing because he believes it and as he sees it in obedience to God.

My point is that if I bless Israel and God chooses in his wisdom to bless me financially because of this, then according to some tithers he can't bless me because I don't tithe. Yours Staff

Do you see the contradiction?

**Re: - posted by gamma-light, on: 2012/2/14 14:38**

A short answer that might shed some light.

A blessing is not "something" you get, but being blessed is what you are at all times when you are IN Christ. He IS the blessing that dwells within me. God does not possess blessings, provision, etc, HE IS IT to us on a very personal level in our individual daily walk with Him.

Israel is who we are in Him.

gamma-light

Re: - posted by ArtB (), on: 2012/2/14 15:46

Quote:

----- by utilizer001 on 2011/12/16 17:28:31

I would suggest that the reason most churches teach tithing, is because it is taught by Paul in his epistles.  
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Jason, I could not find Paul's Epistles teaching Christians to Tithe. Please cite the epistles (i.e. letters) where Paul actually teaches that Christians must Tithe under the New Covenant (i.e. contract) we have with Jesus Christ.

Also, if tithing is actually included in the New Covenant, what penalty is assigned to those Christians who do not Tithe?

Re: Why we are not under the Mosaic Laws. - posted by ArtB (), on: 2012/2/14 17:33

Quote:

-----by theEphah on 2011/12/18 19:12:31

But if you believe that the Law does not apply to you, then I guess it doesn't matter does it?  
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That is correct Ephah, the Mosaic Law does not at all apply to me. In fact, in his the book of Hebrews, Paul calls the Mosaic Law useless and worthless in that it can not save anyone. Paul also writes that Jesus is not of the temporal order of Levi, rather, Jesus is a Priest of the everlasting priesthood of Melchizedek, and that when there is a change of Priesthood, there is also a change of LAW.

In Galatians Paul writes:

Gal 3:10-12

10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." 11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

And by Paul again reveals the purpose of the Mosaic Law:

Ro 5:20-21

20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Surprise surprise, God gave the Law of Moses so that sin will increase. And this was so that God's Grace would bring in through righteousness

I could never be justified by the LAW of MOSES. Putting myself under the mosaic Law means I've chosen and not life, which I have received through the blood covering of the unblemished LAMB.

Every year every Jew was condemned to die for not keeping the Mosaic Law. So as not to wipe out His Children (the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), God allowed the High Priest to slay an unblemished Lamb, and the High Priest would enter beyond the thick strong Veil into the Holy of Holies where God dwelt, and the High Priest poured the blood of the unblemished Lamb into the Ark of The Covenant, and God would see the blood covering the Commandments of the Law, and He withdrew His anger, and He did not slay all of His people for another year.

But:

Heb 10:1-12

For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the sa

me sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,

"SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED,  
BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;  
IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.  
THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME  
(IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME)  
TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"

8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which are offered according to the Law). Then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL."

He takes away the first in order to establish the second (covenant). By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. NASU

These scriptures clearly reveal that we are not ever saved by doing the works of Keeping the Mosaic Law, but rather, we are saved from all our sins by the ultimate unblemished Lamb of God, Jesus, whose blood washes away all our sins for all time.

now Back to Galatians. Paul wrote:

"Gal 3:15-29

A Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

17 What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

19 Why the Law then?

It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.

20 Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one.

21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.

22 But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.



Jesus, speaking to His fellow Jews, stated: Mk 10:31  
"But many who are first will be last, and the last, first."

God's chosen people, the true offspring of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, as a people were first, will be last to be saved, while the gentiles who were last are the first to be saved.

And saved they will be:

Ro 11:25-32

25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery  $\hat{A}$ — so that you will not be wise in your own estimation on  $\hat{A}$ — that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

"THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,  
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."  
27 "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM,  
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

28 From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. 32 For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

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**Re: , on: 2012/2/14 18:20**

"God says he will bless those who bless Israel."

Israel, the ethnic nation state is at least currently cut off from God. God blesses those who trust in Christ. So your dilemma about tithing and Israel is a made up one. You would be best to give as lead by the Spirit to orphans and widows or to advance the preaching of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

I wonder what kind of blessing people are looking for anyway? Can someone give me an example. All true saints already have the unspeakable riches of Christ and are blessed with faithful Abraham. We even have in Christ, what Abraham could only look forward to. That seems like the ultimate blessing to me - having Christ and Christ having us.

-Jim