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TITHE & TITHING

I'll try & make this as concise as possible.

I know many are bitter about the abuse on the matter.

However as Christians, we should be more focused on what God is saying than on how we feel/want it.

So with open minds let's fix this shall we ■■■■■

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I'll be dealing comprehensively with the following areas on the subject of Tithe & Tithing:

1. Types of Tithe
2. Origin of Tithe
3. Seeing that Christ has 'paid it all', is it proper for new testament Believers give Tithe?

TYPES OF TITHE

Many argue that tithe should be eaten, & they quote Deuteronomy 14v23.

That's because they don't know that there are 3 types of Tithes according to the OT regulation of tithing

To save us the stress of many scriptural references to prove this I'll show you this■■■

Tobit's Faithfulness to His Religion

•6 I was the only one in my family who regularly went to Jerusalem to celebrate the religious festivals, as the Law of Moses commands everyone to do. I would hurry off to Jerusalem with the first part of my harvest, the firstborn of my animals, a tenth of my cattle, and the freshly clipped wool from my sheep. Then I would stand before the altar in the Temple, and give these offerings to the priests, the descendants of Aaron. •7 I would give a tenth of my grain, wine, olive-oil, pomegranates, figs and other fruits to the Levites who served God in Jerusalem. Every year, except the seventh year when the land was at rest, I would sell a second tenth of my possessions and spend the money in Jerusalem on the festival meal.

•8 But every third year, I would give a third tithe to widows and orphans and to foreigners living among my people, and we would eat the festival meal together. I did this in keeping with the Law of Moses, which Deborah, the mother of my grandfather Ananiel, had taught me to obey. (I had been left an orphan when my father died.)

Tithe 1.

The yearly tithe consecrated to the LORD & given to the priests. (Lev 27v30, Num 18v28)

Tithe 2.

The Tithe of the 7th year which was sold & eaten. (Deut 14v22-26)

Tithe 3.

The Tithe of the 3rd year given to the Levites & the less privileged. (Deut 14v27-29)



Compare: Leviticus 27:30



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30 “‘A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord ; it is holy to the Lord .

KJV

King James Version

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 .

That's just for clarity about the idea of tithe is to be eaten & not given to the Priesthood.

For all it's worth to some, all that is OT regulation.

That was merely the regulation built around tithe, but tithe didn't come from the law.

So let's see the origin of tithe

ORIGIN - Who first gave Tithe?

Abraham the friend of God & the father of all faithful. Every new creation in Christ is Abraham's seed & heirs according to the promise.

Abraham first gave tithe.

Tithe came before the law. Tithe is independent of the law.

Please stay with me..

The Law which established the levitical priesthood, came 430 years after God's covenant & promise to Abraham.

That means in his days there was nothing like the law of Moses■■■■■

So to whom did Abraham pay Tithe?

Melchizedek, King of Salem & Priest of the most High God.

Where did Jacob learn tithe from? His father Abraham. But u don't read his father handing it down to him as a law.

Every new creation is a child of Abraham in Christ (Gal 3:29).

Jesus said "if you were Abraham's children you will do what Abraham did."



Compare: Genesis 28:20-22



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20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear 21 so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God 22 and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Now who was Melchizedek?

He was a King-Priest with no trace to any earthly ancestry or kingdom.

Melchizedek was a similitude of the Son of God in the OT, & he remains a priest "forever".

It is reckoned that even Levi paid tithe to this Priest while yet unborn

Melchizedek the Priest

¹ This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, ² and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” ³ Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

⁴ Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! ⁵ Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham. ⁶ This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater. ⁸ In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. ⁹ One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, ¹⁰ because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

Jesus came from Judah, a tribe of Kings.

By tradition, Priests don't come from Judah, except from the tribe of Levi.

Jesus our high priest was called in the order of Melchizedek. An eternal & higher priesthood than Levi.

Scriptural scholars should know where I'm heading already

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Jesus Like Melchizedek

¹¹ If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? ¹² For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. [

¹³ He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. ¹⁵ And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, ¹⁶ one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is declared:

“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

Tithe was paid by Abraham, our father, to the eternal priesthood of Melchizedek.

Jesus is our high priest in the order of Melchizedek!

For those who argue that the Levi priesthood is past, you're right. But Tithe is a commitment to the eternal priesthood of Melchizedek not Levi

Levi's priesthood is past & replaced with the eternal priesthood of Melchizedek, Jesus Christ.

Tithe began with the eternal priesthood of Melchizedek not Levi. Even Levi paid tithe to this priesthood.

Our father Abraham gave the tithe to the eternal priesthood. We're his seed!

That priesthood still exist today to receive the tithe from Abraham's seed & bless them.

The Law didn't nullify God's Covenant promise to Abraham & his seed (the new creation).

So the existence or Oblivion of the law has nothing to do with tithing & the Promise.

See■■■



Compare: Galatians 3:16-18, 29



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16 The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed.

Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.

17 What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. **18** For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

SHOULD CHRISTIANS TITHE

I believe the origin & the priesthood of tithing should easily answer this already.

Tithing is not a law but a commitment of faith to the eternal priesthood of Christ.

God said, give the tithe that there be "meat in my house" (Malachi 3:10)



Compare: Malachi 3:10



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10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

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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.

And the apostle Paul alludes to that when he said "he that works on the altar feeds from the altar"(1Cor9:13-14)

Too many complaining about Pastor's eating Tithe but that's God's order.

It's really not your business what they do with it. At the end they have God to answer to.

... ? ⁶ Or is it only I and Barnabas who lack the right to not work for a living?


⁷ Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? ⁸ Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." ... Is it about oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. ¹¹ If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? ¹² If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?

But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

¹³ Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? ¹⁴ In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

In conclusion, what is that one thing that you can give God that belongs to God?

Jesus said, "give unto God Caesar what is Caesar's & give unto God what is God's" (Matt 22v21)

¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax  to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

I've taken this time to show you the truth about tithing & it's relevance to us.

Take your time & investigate the scriptures properly to see if this be so.

But if any wants to be contentious, we have no other custom nor the churches of God.

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