

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1040: Do Tithes and Offerings Belong in Christianity?

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1. What was the first incidence in the Bible of tithing? How did it differ from the formal institution of tithing introduced in the law? (See Genesis 14:16-18,21-23, Leviticus 27:30,32-33)
2. How were Aaron and his family different from the other Israelite tribes? How were they supposed to feed, clothe and support themselves without fields or herds? (See Numbers 18:8-9,20)
3. Why were the Levites set apart from the other tribes? What special work were they to do that they needed to be supported by tithes? What additional requirement was expected of them? (See Numbers 3:45, 18:21-23,25,26,29) Because the Levites had no land (no worldly inheritance) allotted to them, what was this a future picture of?
4. Did the early Christians follow tithing to *their* religious leaders or was there a different expectation? (See Acts 11:29)
5. What form did the tithes take in the Old Testament? What was their source? Why was tithing tied to the land? Does this translate into Christian tithing today? (See Leviticus 27:30, 2 Chronicles 31:5-6, Deuteronomy 26:9)
6. What were the three tithes given to the Levites in the law? (See Numbers 18:21, Deuteronomy 14:23,27-29) Do modern Christian leaders expect these three tithes? What is the true tithing concept that God gave to Israel?
7. How do we explain Malachi 3:10's promise of overwhelming blessing if we tithe? Does this translate to Christianity today? How did the priest's actions affect Israel? (See Malachi 1:6,8,10, 2:1-3,7-8, 3:8,10)
8. Paul was considered the apostle to which group of Christians? What were the Christian principles Paul emphasized in his epistles? Did Paul preach tithing to the Christians of his day? (See James 1:27)
9. What is the context of 2 Corinthians 9:1-15? Why were the Corinthians making a collection? What is promised to the generous giver? How will the gift benefit both the giver and receiver? (See 2 Corinthians 9)
10. How does Christian giving differ from tithing as described in the Old Testament? What should be the impetus for Christian giving?