

Tithing

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Genesis 14:20

... And he gave him tithes of all.

John 8:39

... Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

Malachi 3:8-10

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say,

Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

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

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.

Luke 11:42

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.

Hebrews 7:4-10

Now consider how great this
man was, unto whom even the

patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

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:

But he whose descent is not counted from them received

tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

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161. ***Would it be wrong to use tithes on church building funds?***

176 Well now, here—here's a touchy little thing for the church now. No, correctly tithes is to go to the minister. That's right! In

the Bible they had a box they'd set at the door in the Old Testament when the—building. This box was a fund where the people put in there for the repairing...You've read it many times in the Old Testament. They kept up the buildings and things like that...All the repairs on the building was taken care out of that fund. But a tenth of that went—a tenth of the

tithings—all the tithings went to their priests, their pastors. Yes, tithings are to go for nothing else.

177 I know people take their tithes and give them to a widow woman. That's wrong. If you've got anything to give the widow woman, give her, but don't give her God's money. That's not yours in the first place. That's God's!

178 If you sent me downtown to get a loaf of bread, and you give me twenty-five cents to get the loaf of bread, and I met somebody on the street wanted it...something else, and I'd give him the twenty-five cents, see, I give them your money. If they asked me for something, let them get it over here in this pocket and give them my money; but this is your

money. And a tenth of it is the Lord's. And Levi, the priesthood, lived by the tenth.

179 The tenth is to be a tithing that's to be brought into the storehouse with a promise of God to bless it. And a proof, He said, "If you don't believe it, come and prove Me and see if I won't do it." See? That's right!

180 The tithings goes into the church for the pastor

and so forth like that to live on. And then the—the—the building funds and things like that is a separate fund altogether. Now, that—that is Scriptural.

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13 I remember a time when I was sick, once when I was a boy. I came out of

the hospital owing about two thousand dollars. And used to be a drugstore here, Mr. Swaniger, I owed him about three or four hundred dollars, a medicine bill. He didn't even know me. And the man...I went to him. I didn't know him. And he just send it up there, anyhow, never refused to send it. And I said, "I owe you." And I said...I believe, Swaniger...It

was Mr. Mason down on Court Avenue and Spring.

And I said, "I owe you. And I'm—I'm just still awfully weak, but I'm trying to go to work. Now, if I can't pay you..." I just become a Christian. I said, "First thing, Mr. Mason, as my duty to God, I owe Him my tithes. I want to pay Him my tithings, first." And I said, "Then my next duty is pay my debts." I said, "My father is sickly,

and he...And we got...There's ten of us children in the family." But I said, "I'll...If I can't pay you no more than twenty-five cents on that bill, each payday; if I can't pay you even the twenty-five cents, I'll come by and tell you about it. I'll tell you, 'I—I—I can't do it this time.'" Now, by the help of God, I paid every bit off.

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In His Own Word
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That's right. Every man ought to have a church home. You ought to have a place, not just to float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere that you go to church and you call it your church, somewhere you pay your tithes, and somewhere

that you help support the Cause.

60-0308 - Discernment Of Spirit
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Now, but now: ***Does a Christian not get to Heaven because they do not pay tithe?***

45 I—I could not say “yes” or “no” to that.

But I do believe that every Christian is obligated to pay tithings because it is

a commandment of the Lord.

“And blessed is...are they that do all His commandments, that they might have a right to enter into the Life, the Tree of Life.”

Now, I do believe that tithe-paying is essential to a Christian experience.

For I'll get to that in another question in a few moments, I know there's

another one in here
pertaining to that.

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**307. *Should a person pay
tithes to an individual, or
should a Christian work?***

180 Sure he should. He's
the one man that will work,
is a Christian.

181 “Pay tithes to an individual?” It depends on who the individual is. See? That’s right. In Hebrews 7, the first time tithings was talked about in—in a stand that we...Wait a minute, I believe, number two question. No! Uh-uh. No! For Brother...Said, “Two questions for Brother Branham.”

182 When...In Hebrews the 7th chapter, when

Abraham, returning from the slaughter of the kings, met Melchisedec, he paid Him a tithe. That was Melchisedec, the King of Salem, which is King of Peace, and King of Righteousness, which was nobody but God Himself. See?

183 But when you pay tithings...Really, where you owe tithings is where you get your food. "Bring ye all

your tithings into My storehouse, saith the Lord. (That right?) And prove Me wherein saith God, that if I'll not open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing that you would not have room enough to receive it." I challenge any man or woman that's not a tithe payer to accept that.

184 I could stand here till in the morning, telling you just what happened when I

seen that, and what condition I was in. But just as loyal as I ever could, I paid tithes. And when I took my own money from the church here or from my campaigns, I'd take more—I'd give a tenth. Then I'd give it out to ministers, and give the rest of it to ministers. Then, when I couldn't do that, then the thing I did, I kept ten percent and give God ninety. And then, when

the law told me I couldn't do that, I'd have to take...And if I did, it was all to be charged to it, then I had to take and bypass it into foreign missions and so forth, and then just take a wage out of that of a hundred dollars a week; and I pay my tithes from that.

185 Yes, sir! I believe in paying tithes. It's one of God's blessings that's proven to be a blessing. You

say, "That's of the Old Testament." It is of the New Testament too! Yes, sir!

*64-0823E - Questions And
Answers #2*

Rev. William Marrion Branham

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146. ***Brother Branham,
don't you feel that everyone
who claims to be a Christian
should pay tithes, pay their
tithes into the storehouse of***

***the Lord? Please give
Scripture to this question.***

111 All right, if you will...That is right, that the Bible said in Malachi, the 4th chapter, "Will a man rob God? And you say, 'Where have' you 'robbed Thee?' In tithe and offerings. Bring all of your tithe and offerings into My storehouse, and prove Me," saith the Lord, "if I will not open up the windows of Heaven, and pour out a blessing that

there'll not be room enough to receive."

112 That's a challenge to any individual! And if I only had the time, and would not get to this little Scripture that I wish to get to in about the next ten minutes, I would like to give you a personal testimony of how that I was even hungry, and my mother and them hungry, and my daddy sick, but I took my tithes out first

and give it to God, and you ought to see what happened.

I have never seen in my life, that any man or a woman, that if you only make one dollar a week, will bring the ten cents of that money and put it into your storehouse, or a church where you come, if God don't bless that call me a hypocrite. Yes, sir. That's a challenge to anybody.

And every Christian...That goes to this other question. Every Christian should pay tithes! That's right. It should be done.

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And now you know, even things that your parents done, now, people think that that isn't visit from

generation to generation,
but it is.

30 Over in the Book of Hebrews, I believe, about the 7th chapter, speaking, Paul there, the writers, I believe it was, was speaking on a—a great event that taken place with Abraham, that he paid tithes to Melchisedec, when he was returning from the slaughter of the king.

And now he said, that, “Levi was in the loins of Abraham, when he met Melchisedec, coming from the slaughter of the kings.”

And then he reckoned that to “Levi paying tithes, also, when he was in the loins of Abraham,” his great-great-grandfather.

And He visits the sins of the people upon their—their children, from generation to

generation, that won't keep His Word. See?

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be
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73 Today they're trying to take the place of God's tithing. They're trying to adopt something. They're trying to make it different. They go down and have bunco games in the churches, play lottery.

Lottery will never take the place of God's tithing. Suppers, blanket selling, picnics, to raise money to pay different debts off, it'll never take the place of God's Eternal tithe and offering. It'll never do it. But yet we're trying to do it.

74 What is it? It's enticing spirits coming down, trying to sub-... substitute something for the Word of God.

55-0724 - Enticing Spirits
Rev. William Marrion Branham

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115 When God was setting in order, He said, "All you Levites, I've called you out and made you priests. And all your brethren, the other, the twelve tribes and...the other eleven tribes will pay you a tithing."

“When, you get a nine bushels of apples, pour one bushel to the Levites. When you run your sheep through the—the hall here, pick up the tenth sheep. I don’t care if it’s a little one, or a big one, fat one, or poor one, that belongs to the Levites.

“Now, Levites, when you get all this, then you tithe, too, to the Lord. You make the wave-offering, the heave-offerings, the

different offerings. You tithe to the Lord.”

59-1216 - What Is The Holy Ghost?

Rev. William Marrion Branham

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116 But, now, what if this woman gets married, takes all these vows and everything, and she becomes this man's husband, and she's heir to all he's got, and so forth,

and then she goes wild? She starts off on a tantrum.

She starts off, running after other men. Not only that, but she is sharing her love with others.

A man with his wife, all the promises that they has made, and then she goes out and starts sharing her life with others, her love and her affection with others.

117 That's what too many so-called Christians do,

sharing your love with the world: playing, dancing, gambling, staying home from prayer meetings, to watch television, all kinds of worldly things that's took the place of the love of God, in the church's heart.

She's gone on a tantrum. She's gone wild. She's gone out after other men. She is sharing her love.

She'll take her tithing that she should give to the

church; she'll spend it on other things out there in the world.

She'll...Instead of loving God the way she should do, and living for God, and loving to come to church, you almost have to persuade her to come.

62-0121E - The Marriage Of The Lamb

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