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Wednesday, June 01, 2022 - Group Study

**Lesson Series: God's Purpose Of Tithing**

Lesson Series Text: (*Heb. 7:1-12*)

**Lesson 1: God Owns It All**

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*All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.*

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- I. A comparison is made between Melchizedek Priesthood and the Aaronic Priesthood.
  - A. Abraham paid tithes and Melchizedek received them. (*Gen. 14:18-20*)
  - B. Israel paid tithes and the sons of Levi received them. (*Heb. 7:5*)
  - C. Abraham initially paid tithes into a priesthood that was eternal.
  - D. Israel paid tithes into a priesthood that was temporary and was later changed.
  - E. Believers are called “those who walk in the steps of the faith of Abraham”. (*Rom. 4:12*)
  - F. Tithing therefore was before the Law and is an eternal principle.
- II. If we as believers can understand the principle that God owns it all and we are stewards; then I believe the problems associated with giving and tithing would be over.
  - A. I want to use two principles that I hope will help us to understand: the Principle of Dominion verses the Principle of God's Divine Ownership.
- III. The Principle of Dominion (*Gen. 1:26-28*)
  - A. The word dominion in the Hebrew is *radah* which means to subjugate, to rule, to dominate or to subdue.
  - B. God delegated the authority of earth to man. (*Psa. 115:16 - The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.*)
    - a. God made man His steward of His earthly property.
  - C. God made man free moral agents. This mean that man can either honor God by his obedience to God's commands or dishonor God by his disobedience to God's commands.
- IV. The Principle of Divine Ownership – The Lord owns it all.
  - A. (*Psa. 24:1 - The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*)
  - B. (*Psa. 50:10-11 - For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.*)
  - C. (*Hag 2:8 - The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.*)
  - D. (*Eze. 18:4 - Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*)

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- E. Based upon the above scriptures and many others, it is clear that the entire earth, world, gold, silver, animals, and all people are God's!
- V. The real truth is that everything belongs to God! Not only the tithe (10%), but the rest: (90%). All; 100% belongs to Him!!!!
- VI. Let's look at the purpose of tithing. (*Mal. 3:7-12*)
  - A. Return unto me and I will return unto you. (7)
  - B. Rob – To take property from another illegally. To deprive someone of desired valuables unjustly. (8)
  - C. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse (temple). (10)
    - a. That there may be meat (sustenance, means of livelihood, the state of being sustained) in my house.
  - D. Prove me with this (10-12)
    - a. If I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing.
    - b. If I will not rebuke the devourer for your sake.
    - c. All nations (people) shall call you blessed because you shall be a delightsome land.
- VII. The tithe is like a kingdom tax, used to enable the House of God to carry out its many various functions.
  - A. It is similar to the government taxes that are in Romans the 13th chapter.
  - B. It enables the House of God to maintain all of its various responsibilities.
  - C. That's why, if you want to use the tithe for your personal use, the scriptures calls for it to be redeemed with interest. (*Lev. 27:21 - And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.*)
  - D. Giving God the tithe qualifies us for the blessings stated in Malachi and not giving the tithes disqualifies us.
  - E. The tithes are owed to God and offerings are by freewill.
  - F. Offerings are our multiplier.

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