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Wednesday, June 15, 2022 - Group Study **Lesson Series: God's Purpose Of Tithing** Lesson Series Text: (*Heb. 7:1-12*)

Lesson 3: Honor The Lord

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All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted. Prepared By Dr. Walter Henderson III

- I. I will redeem you. (Exo. 6:1-8)
- II. The firstfruit was considered Holy. (Lev. 23:16-20)
 - A. God called his people to bring the firstfruits from their harvest to him as an offering.
 - B. The firstfruit offering signified faith in God as the supplier, sustainer, and owner of everything.
 - C. No other crops could be harvested until after the firstfruits were presented.
 - D. The Hebrew word for firstfruits is (re'shikth) which means first in place, time, order, rank, or beginning.
 - E. The word occurs 51 times in the Old Testament.
 - F. The Israelites saw these firstfruits as an investment into their future. The understanding of firstfruits was that if the people brought their firstfruits to God, he would bless all of the fruit that came afterward.
 - G. For Israel, the concept of "firstfruits" meant putting the Lord first in every part of their lives. This included the harvest, the shepherding of flocks, and child-bearing—especially in regard to the feasts and sacrificial system of the Law of Moses.
- III. Things that are devoted to God are holy. (Lev. 27:28-31)
- IV. Don't take the things consecrated to God. (Jos. 6:16-19)
- V. Achan troubled Israel. (Jos. 7:10-13, 19-26)
- VI. Honor the Lord with the firstfruits. (*Pro. 3:9-10 AMPC*)
- VII. If the firstfruit is holy, so is the lump. (Rom. 11:16; Num. 15:19-21)