

THE GLORY OF THE TITHE

Malachi 3:5, 8-9

5 I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, **the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right,** and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

8 **Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.**

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

❖ Malachi 1:6-14

6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: **if then I be a father, where is mine honour?** and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, **O priests, that despise my name.** And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 **Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar;** and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

8 **And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice,** is it not evil? **and if ye offer the lame and sick,** is it not evil? **offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person?** saith the LORD of hosts.

10 **Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought.** I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 **For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles;** and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, **and a pure offering:** for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13 **Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it,** saith the LORD of hosts; **and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand?** saith the LORD.

❖ Deuteronomy 14:28-29

28 At the end of three years **thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year,** and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

29 And **the Levite,** (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) **and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied;** that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

Malachi 3:10-12

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.**

11 And **I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;** neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And **all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land,** saith the LORD .

THE PATRIARCHS TITHED BEFORE THE LAW

Genesis 14:18-20

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. **And he (Abraham) gave him tithes of all.**

Genesis 28:11-22

12 And he (Jacob) dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, **Surely the LORD is in this place;** and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, **How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And **he called the name of that place Bethel:** but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: **and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.**