

# WORSHIPPING IN GIVING

Heb. 5:10-11; Heb. 7:1-10

## I. GIVING WHAT IS DUE HIM

- A. Glory due his name
- B. Tithe is holy
- C. Obedience to commandment
- D. True motive for giving
  - 1. With a purpose
  - 2. Not grudgingly, but cheerfully
- E. Tithing is the beginning of our giving
  - 1. Just what already belongs to God
  - 2. Jews gave second and third tithe
  - 3. Freewill offerings built the house of God
- F. If not willing to give tithe, need not pretend we are going to serve him in all His commands
  - 1. Can't say he is Lord of our lives
  - 2. Can't say we have submitted ourselves to Him if not meet bare minimum

## II. TITHING A PRINCIPLE OF GOD

- A. Old Testament principle
  - 1. Abraham
  - 2. Jacob
- B. New Testament
  - 1. This ye ought to have done...
  - 2. Heb. 7 - Abraham gave tithes to Abraham
- C. Giving is not a law, but a grace
  - 1. On 8 occasions Paul calls giving a grace
  - 2. Not a legalistic requirement for us, but an enlargement of the grace of God in our hearts
  - 3. Tithing is the grace of giving

## III. A PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC - Heb. 7:1-10

- A. Abraham gave a tenth of all spoils of victory over kings to Melchisedec
  - 1. Customary to give tenth of spoils of war to object of worship
  - 2. Giving of tithes for religious purposes 400 years older than Jewish law
  - 3. Abraham paid tithes to one he considered greater
- B. Melchisedec without genealogy (without descent; no pedigree)
  - 1. Type of Christ
  - 2. Representative of one that liveth
- C. Levi commanded to take tithe of the people
  - 1. Seed of Abraham commanded to take tithe
  - 2. If they were obligated, so are Gentiles, including the church

3. If temporary priests receive tithes, how much more should the Eternal Priest receive them?
  4. Melchisedec illustrates perpetuity of life, a type of Christ who is eternal.
- D. Abraham was a representative tithe payer for all his seed to come

#### IV. TITHING IS AN ETERNAL PRINCIPLE

- A. Before the law and to continue eternally
- B. Heb. 7:8 - *"Here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witness that he liveth."*
- C. Still given to the priest - Jesus
- D. Why instituted?
  1. Levites had no inheritance
  2. Support ministry of the Lord

#### V. TITHING IS A PERFECTED PRINCIPLE

- A. Jesus came not to do away, but to perfect
- B. Perfected by bringing in faith and love
- C. We bring tithes to Him because we want and desire to please Him, and love Him
- D. We want Him to know we are grateful for what he has done for us
- E. We bring tithes, gifts, offerings not out of law but out of love
- F. Tithing is an act of one who responds to the object of his worship out of love, reverence, and faith
- G. When we bring tithes to our High Priest, we are saying, "I love You. I bow my knee to You. I bow my will to You. I gladly give my life to You."

#### VI. TITHING IS A BLESSED PRINCIPLE

- A. Abraham was blessed by the high priest of God when he brought his tithes to him
- B. We as children of faith are blessed when we bring our tithes to our present day high priest--Jesus
- C. When you give, you receive
- D. Prove me or try me
  1. Really don't know whether God will keep His Word or not because we haven't tried it.
  2. Real tragedy when we withhold from God
  3. People stumble because they rebel against the principles of God

#### VII. HOW WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR TITHE - Deut. 26:1-11

- A. When come into land, take first of all fruit of the earth
- B. Go unto the place the Lord shall choose to place his name there
- C. Profess that I am come unto the country the Lord gave us
  1. Profess we have been delivered from bondage of Egypt

2. Profess we have been brought into land that flows with milk and honey

D. Set the basket before the Lord and worship before the Lord

E. Rejoice in every good thing the Lord has given us and our household

#### VIII. PRESENT-DAY KINGDOM CONFESSION WHEN GIVING

Heavenly Father, we profess this day to You that we have come into the inheritance which You swore to give us. We are in the land which You have provided for us in Jesus Christ.

We were sinners serving Satan; he was our God. But we called upon the Name of Jesus, and You heard our cry. You delivered us from the power and authority of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of Your dear Son.

Jesus, as our Lord and High Priest, we bring to You the firstfruits of our income that You may worship the Lord our God with them.

Father, we rejoice in all the good which You have given to us and to our household. We have heard Your voice and have done according to all You have commanded us.

Now, Father, look down from Your holy habitation in heaven and bless us as You said in Your Word. Father, we believe that we now receive Your blessings according to Your Word. This is our confession of faith, in Jesus' Name.