

**the dew** and the earth **withholds its fruit** For **I called for a drought** on the land and the mountains on the grain and the new wine and the oil on whatever the ground brings forth on men and livestock and on **all the labor of your hands**

Will a man **rob God** Yet you have robbed Me but you say in what way have we robbed You **In tithes and offerings** You are **cursed** with a **curse** for you have robbed Me even this whole nation Bring all the tithes into the **storehouse** that there may be food in My house and **prove me** now in this says the lord of hosts if I will not open for you the **windows of heaven** and pour out for you such a blessing that there will **not be room enough** to receive it And I will rebuke the **devourer** for your sake so that he will not destroy the **fruit of your ground** nor shall the vine fail to bear **fruit for you in the field** says the Lord of hosts and all nations will call you blessed for you will be **a delightful land** says the lord of hosts

(In the original languages of the bible there were no commas and periods etc.,)

## 7. Key Words

- a. **Pay** tithes; **give** offering (Mal 3:8)
- b. Putting God **first** in finances (Mt 6:24)
- c. Tithes is not **Taxes** (Lev 27:30,32)
- d. Tithes is only the **doorway**, the **window** and the **first step (Starting Point)** in putting money under the Lordship of Christ (1 tim 6:10)
- e. In tithing I am giving the **first part** of myself to God (Prov 3:9)
- f. **firstfruits** not **left overs**
- g. Jesus never **lowered** the bar he **raised** the standard... It's a question of **obedience** (not **quality** or **quantity** amounts)
- h. The five fold ministry (Eph 4:11) pays **tithes of the tithe** to each other (Num 18:26-28)

## Notes:

Tithe: Maasrah (Heb)

**BUILD GODS TEMPLE**

OR

**HAVE A WALLET WITH  
HOLES IN IT EVERY  
MONTH**

(Haggai)

OR

**LIVE LIKE A FOOLISH  
VIRGIN**

(Zechariah)

OR

**ROB GOD**

(Malachi)

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Tithe: Maaser, maasar

First fruits : 1<sup>st</sup> 10% not the last

The root word : Asar/eser = ten, teen (Strong's Concordance)

## 1. The Law of *much* mention

There are more than 2560 verses regarding money and money-related issues in the bible. Much more than any other topic.

## 2. The Law of *1<sup>st</sup>* mention

- Abrahamic Covenant  
(Gen14:11-15/2/Hb 7:1-9)
- Under the law  
(Levi 27:30-33/Dt 26:10-15)
- The age of Grace  
(Mt 23:23/LK 11:42/  
LK 18:9-14)
- In the land where there is no death  
(Hb 7:8)

## 3. The bible is its *best* interpreter

Levi 27:30-33/ Num 18:21-28/  
Dt 12:5-9/14:22-29/26:10-15  
Neh 13:5-13/2ch31:4-12/  
Ex 23:16/ Gen 28:22/  
Sam 8:15-17/ LK 18:9-14/  
Prov 3:9

## 4. The Bible was not written *TO* us but *FOR* us

### Tithing (Three Principles) (Three Tithes)

- **1<sup>st</sup> Tithe** (To the levites/priests)

**Maaser roth** (Dt 14:28,29;26:13;  
Gal 6:6; Icor 9:14; Phil 4:15-18)

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe** (To the temple) **Maaser sheni**  
(Neh 10:36-39;12:44; Acts 4:34-37)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Tithe** (To the poor) **Maaser peah** (Ex  
23:11; Dt 15:11; Levi 19:10;Rom 15:26 Gal 6:10  
(Dt 14:29... who are within your gates)

## 5. A text without a context is a pretext

### a) **Literary** Context

Haggai Simple and direct language

Zechariah: Imaginary and graphic detail

Malachi: Dramatic use of Questions and answer by God and his people.Simple and direct language again.

### b) **Historical** Context

Post-exilic Prophets who were asked by God to ..... BUILD THE TEMPLE

### c) **Geographical** Context

5 pillars (O.T.) =Physical temple  
(Exo 26:37)

5 pillars (N.T.) = spiritual temple  
(Eph 4:11, Gal 2:9)

### d) **Grammatical** Context

Not "**WHAT?** Questions" but "**WHO?** Questions" (If we ask a wrong question we get a wrong answer)

## 6. When the *literal sense* makes *common sense* seek no other sense

### **Haggai ch1:2-11,Malachi ch3:8-12**

Thus speaks the lord of hosts saying this people says The time has not come the time that **the lords house** should be built Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet saying Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in **your paneled houses** and this **temple to lie in ruins** Now therefore thus says the Lord of hosts Consider your ways You have sown **much** and bring in **little** you eat but do **not have enough** you drink but you are **not filled** with drink you clothe yourselves but **no one is warm** and he who earns wages earns wages to put into **a bag with holes** Thus says the Lord of hosts Consider your ways Go up to the mountains and bring wood and **build the temple** that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified says the Lord You looked for **much**, but indeed it came to **little** and when you brought it home **I blew it away** Why says the lord of hosts Because of **My house that is in ruins** while every one of you **runs to his own house** Therefore the heavens above you **with hold**