MAASER PEAH (THE POOR TITHE)

MEDITATION AND EXERCISES:

1. At the <u>end of three years</u> you shall bring forth <u>all the tithe of your</u> <u>increase</u> the same year, and shall lay it up <u>inside your gates</u>. ... And <u>the stranger</u>, And <u>the fatherless</u>, And <u>the widow</u>, Which are within thy gates, Shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God <u>may bless thee in all the work of thine hand</u> which thou doest. Meditate and share: Deut 14:28, 29 KJV

2. but the seventh year you shall let it rest and let it alone, so that the *poor of your people* may eat. And what they leave, the animals of the field shall eat. In the same way you shall deal with your vine yard and with your olive yard.

Meditate and share:

Exo 23:11

3. For the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore, I command you saying, you shall <u>open your hand wide to your brother</u>, <u>to your poor</u>, and to your needy, in your land. Meditate:

Deut 15:11

4. And you shall not glean your vineyard. And you shall not gather the leavings of your vineyard. <u>You shall leave them for the poor and the</u> stranger. I am Jehovah your God.

Meditate and share:

Lev 19:10

5. For it has pleased those of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for *the poor saints* in Jerusalem.

Rom 15:26

Meditate and share:

6. Blessed is he that <u>considereth the poor</u> the Lord will deliver him in <u>time of trouble</u>.

Meditate: Not automatic but by an act of faith we receive deliverance in "times of trouble". What is that work? Psalm 41:2 Meditate and share:

7. The righteous *considereth the cause of the poor* but the wicked regards not to *know it*.

Meditate: Not automatic but by a work of faith we receive our "righteous" identity. What is that act?

Prov 29:7

Meditate and share:

8. He who <u>stops his ears to the cry of the poor</u> he shall also cry himself but shall not be heard.

Meditate: Not automatic but by steps of faith prayers are answered. Doing what is considered steps of faith?

Prov 21:13

Meditate and share:

9. He that has <u>pity on the poor lends unto the Lord</u> and that which he has given will he <u>pay him again</u>.

Meditate: Who is the best banker in all the world? What is the profit/security of investing in His bank?

Prov 19:17

Meditate and share:

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Meditate: are we truly into honoring God? Who is then the person who honors God? What is the proof of our honor?

Prov 17:5(GW)

Meditate and share:

11. "The <u>righteous person gives</u> freely to the poor. His righteousness continues <u>forever</u>."

Meditate: what is the definition of a righteous person? What does a righteous person do and therefore get in return?

2Co 9:9**(GW)**

Meditate and share:

MASSER SHENI (THE TEMPLE TITHE)

1...And <u>you shall eat before Jehovah your God in the place which He</u> <u>shall choose to place His name there,</u> the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first-born of your herds and of your flocks, so that you may learn to fear Jehovah your God always. And the Levite within your gates, you shall not forsake him, for he has no part nor inheritance with you. At the end of three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase the same year, and shall lay it up inside your gates.

Deut 14:23

2. So then as we have time, let us work good toward all, <u>especially</u> toward those of the <u>household of faith</u>.

Gal 6:10

3. for neither was <u>anyone needy among them</u>, for as many as were Owners of lands or houses, selling them, they bore the value of the Things being sold, and laid them at the feet of the apostles. And it <u>was distributed to each</u> according as <u>any had need</u>.

Act 4:34, 35

4.And you know, too, Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, not one assembly/church shared with me in <u>the matter of giving and receiving, except you only.</u> Phi 4:15

5. For Jehovah your God has blessed you with all the work of your hands; He has known your walking through this great wilderness. Jehovah your <u>God has been with you</u> these forty years; <u>you have lacked</u> <u>nothing.</u>

Deut 2:7

6. *For neither was anyone needy among them*, for as many as were owners of lands or houses, selling them, they bore the value of the things being sold,

Act 4:34

7. Also to bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of Jehovah; Also to bring the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law; and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks <u>to</u> the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God.

And that we should bring the first fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all kinds of trees, of wine, and of oil, to the priests, <u>to the rooms of the house of our God</u>; and the tithes of our ground to the Levites; and they, the Levites, might have the tithes in all the cities we worked.

Neh 10:35, 37

8. And at that day some were chosen <u>over the rooms for the treasuries</u>, for the <u>offerings</u> for the <u>first fruits</u>, and for the <u>tithes</u>, to gather to them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the Law for the priests and the Levites. For Judah rejoiced for the priests, and for the Levites who waited.

Neh 12:44

9. There is a time for *finding* and *losing*, *keeping* and *giving*, Ecc 3:6. (CEV)

MASSER ROTH (THE LEVITICAL TITHE)

1."You shall truly *tithe* all the increase of your seed that the field brings forth year by year.

...And the <u>Levite within your gates, you shall not forsake him</u>, for he has no part <u>nor inheritance</u> with you.

...And <u>the Levite</u>, because he has <u>no part</u> nor inheritance with you, Deut 14:22, 23, 27-29

Think and Comment:

2...then you shall say before Jehovah your God, I have brought away the <u>holy things out of my house</u>, and also have <u>given them</u> to the Levite, ...according to all <u>Your commandments</u> which You have commanded me. I have not <u>broken</u> your commandments, neither have I <u>forgotten</u>.

Deut 26:13

Think and Comment:

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3...But let him who is taught in the Word <u>share with the one teaching</u> in <u>all good things</u>. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap. For he sowing to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But he sowing to the Spirit will reap life everlasting from the Spirit. But we should not lose heart in well-doing, for in <u>due season</u> we shall reap, if we do not faint. Gal 6:6-9

Why does this verse say we must share our things with bible teachers? How do we mock God and deceive our selves and flesh out if we don't support the teaching ministry. Sowing to the Spirit by giving brings heaven on earth why? And not giving feeds the flesh? Comment on how we must treat those who teach the word 24-7:

4. Who <u>serves</u> as a soldier at his <u>own wages</u> at any time? Who <u>plants a</u> <u>vineyard</u> and does not <u>eat of its fruit</u>? Or who <u>feeds a flock</u> and does not <u>partake of the milk</u> of the flock? Do I say these things according to man? Or does not the Law say the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not <u>muzzle an ox</u> threshing grain." Does God take care for oxen? Do you not know that those who minister about holy things <u>live of the things of the temple</u>? And those attending the altar are <u>partakers with the altar</u>. Even so, the Lord ordained those <u>announcing the gospel to live from the gospel</u>.

1Co 9:7-9, 13, 14

Comment on how we must treat those who do evangelism 24-7:

Comment on the salary **of soldiers, shepherds, farmers and temple priests**:

5. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, <u>no church communicated</u> with me as regards <u>giving and receiving</u>, <u>except you alone</u>. For even in Thessalonica <u>you sent</u> once and again to my necessity. I do not say this because I desire a gift, but <u>I desire fruit that may abound to your</u> <u>account</u>. But I have all, and abound. I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things which you sent an odor of a <u>sweet smell</u>, a <u>sacrifice acceptable</u> and <u>well-pleasing to God</u>. But my God shall <u>supply all your need</u> according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phi 4:15-19

What is a sweet smell for God? What is an acceptable sacrifice to God? What is a well pleasing work with God?

Comment on how we must treat our "sent" missionary: