



## The 3rd Year Tithe A Commandment of Caring and Compassion

### Transcript



So we're going to just get right into it. I'm going to try to keep this teaching straight and to the point. Because I believe that the teaching is really going to come forth in its fullness in the dialog. So, [The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe - A Commandment of Caring and Compassion](#). The reason it is subtitled as **A Commandment of Caring and Compassion** is because YeHoVaH cares and He is compassionate. His plan is not just for the Children of Israel. Long before there was the Children of Israel, there was the plan of The Almighty to provide for His people. As a matter of fact, one of the first things He did before He made man was make the provisions for man. Father knows the things we need even before we ask, and He has provided everything we need. Then, He made sure that even as He called the people to Himself, He wanted to make sure that His people reflected Him. That is, that they would be caring and be compassionate.

Father could have prevented Israel from going into Egypt. As a matter of fact, He declared 400 and some years before they went to Egypt that they were going to go to Egypt, and He was going to deal with the people who afflicted them while they were there. I believe that He allowed them to go through that whole ordeal so that they could understand what it felt like to be persecuted, to be mistreated, to be unappreciated, and to be dealt with in a way that no human being should ever have to be dealt with. And in that, they would have compassion knowing what they had gone through. They would never, ever, be a people who would cause other people to go through those kinds of things. So Father, even as He gave them His instructions, made sure that when they were to have hired people, people who sold themselves into slavery, people who fell into disarray, and people that would come among them and sojourn among them, that they would have compassion. That they would make sure that the poor, the stranger, the foreigner, the alien, the widow, and the fatherless were cared for. So, He incorporated that into His word, in fact He commanded it.

We're going to look at that and how that relates to us today, because that's the important part. How do we take what Father spoke thousands of years ago and apply it in our lives today? There are too many who believe that the Word is old fashioned, that it's out of date, that it was for a people of a certain time, or even today it's for a people in a land, or it's for that land. When the fact of the matter is that the Almighty wanted Israel to be a light to the world. They were to be the example nation to the entire world,

that the world would see the favor of YeHoVaH on Israel and would desire to know the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel. So that was Israel's purpose, that was Elohim's plan, and His plan has not changed. His plan, Brothers and Sisters, has not changed. Though we fail to live up to what He has called us to do, doesn't cause Him to dumb down His plan. Halleluyah!

### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe - A Commandment of Caring and Compassion**

This is kind of a continuation of last week, [The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tithe](#), even though this is a stand-alone teaching. It does incorporate some of the things that were brought out last week. For instance the 1<sup>st</sup> Tithe, the Bible tells us, is every year and it's found in **Leviticus 27:30-34**.

**“Lev 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is YeHoVaH's: it is holy unto YeHoVaH.”**

So this 1<sup>st</sup> Tithe is something that is done every year. This tithe is Holy, and it belongs to YeHoVaH. The tithe consists of the tithe of all the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, the herd, or of the flock. It is not to be eaten by us, our family, not given to the stranger, not given to the widow, not given to the fatherless, the alien, the sojourner, or anyone else. It is Holy unto YeHoVaH.

Then there is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe, and this is also every year. That is found in **Deuteronomy 14:22-27**.

**“Dt 14:22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.”**

This tithe is to be eaten by **you and your household at the Feast**. Even in the institution of this tithe, the Almighty expected that everybody would come up to the Feast. So He incorporated in His word the provisions that they would need so that they didn't have to miss the Feasts. Being at the Feasts was commanded; there are blessings that are contained in the Commandments.

The other things I saw when searching out the matter, is that there are specific blessings that are associated to specific Commands. Then there are the overall blessings that are associated with the overall keeping of the Commands. For instance, we're going to look at one of them today, but let's just go to this place.

Children obey your parents so that it may go well with you, and so you will live long in the land. Now that's a specific blessing that is associated to children who obey their parents. It's specific. Now that blessing is also an overall blessing, but it is a specific one pertaining to a child. There are specific blessings to a wife, that the Bible talks about when it comes down to childbearing. There are specific things that the Almighty is asking of that wife so that when she bears a child it is not a difficult matter. There are specific blessings to a husband. This we see in Peter's teachings. He says, "Listen husbands don't deal harsh with your wife, because if you do that, your prayers will be hindered." You don't want your prayers hindered do you?

Father also incorporated into His word some blessings that are unique for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe. And we're going to see that here. The 1<sup>st</sup> Tithe is every year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe is every year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tithe is for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years, and this is found in **Deuteronomy 14:28**.

Now you know when we look at the word "tithe", it is easy to conclude that everywhere you see tithe it is pertaining to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tithe. There are specific instructions that are associated with the word tithes found in certain places and if you read the context, you'll see what it's communicating and hopefully cause us to make the distinctions that are there.

**"Dt 14:28 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:"

Now you know when I look at this and you look at it ... At the end of three years, it's like okay, if I bring all the tithe and lay it up within my gate, what am I going to have to go up to the Feasts? And if the tithe is Holy unto YeHoVaH, and I can't eat it, and I'm not to give it to the stranger, the widow, the foreigner, or the alien, then how can I take the tithe and lay it up within my gates? Is Father contradicting Himself? And that's the issue. **He's not contradicting Himself!** Maybe we are not understanding it! This is why **we have to look at the whole context**. So He says,

**"Dt 14:28 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 YeHoVaH thy Elohim may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest."

Now in this particular passage He puts the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in the same category. But there is something else that we looked at last week concerning the 1<sup>st</sup> Tithe and what the Almighty did with that tithe. We won't go into that today; you'll have to look at that **Teaching, [The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tithe](#)**.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> year Tithe coincides with **[Shemitah, the Year of Release](#)**. You say well how do you come to that conclusion? Well, we will just take a look. The seventh year Shemitah year is a year of release. Now the thing about Shemitah is that there are several things that took place, and we did a teaching on the Shemitah. It is in our Book Store. We did it a couple of years ago. Shemitah pertained to several things.

1. Shemitah was a year of release. The debt was to be released.
2. Shemitah was the year that the land rested. There was to be no planting, no sowing, and no harvesting.
3. Shemitah was also a part of the counting of sevens up to the Jubilee year.

So in the 7<sup>th</sup> year there was to be a debt release. That 7<sup>th</sup> year was a part of the counting up to Jubilee. That is where any land that had fallen into the hands of someone other than the owner, or someone not in the family line, was to be returned to the proper family. So you have all these things that were associated with Shemitah.

## In Leviticus 25:1-2

**Lev 25:1** And YeHoVaH spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, **2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a Sabbath unto YeHoVaH”

So, the count up to the year of Shemitah started the year they entered the land. When they entered into the land, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, the tithe was laid up within their gates. In the 6<sup>th</sup> year, the tithe was laid up within their gates. Then in the 7<sup>th</sup> year there would be no sowing.

Now the thing about Shemitah is that the land rested. That didn't mean that animals stopped getting pregnant. It didn't mean they stopped reproducing. Shemitah was associated with the land, and so was the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe. Every 10<sup>th</sup> animal still had to be tithed. Every 10<sup>th</sup> sheep, every 10<sup>th</sup> goat, every 10<sup>th</sup> cow or ox still had to be what? Tithed. Then within that, every male that broke the matrix was also redeemed. We saw last week that there was not just tithes. There were [Firstfruits Offerings](#), 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithes. There were vows, Freewill offerings, Thanks offerings, Dedications, and Redemptions.

So, Father within the system of Commands established an economy. There was an economy that Israel, as the light of the world and the light of the nations, was given so **their economic prosperity would be totally dependent upon YeHoVaH**. The economy was dependent upon YeHoVaH. In fact, one of the most incredible places on the planet, 3 times a year, millions and millions and millions of dollars flowed into it. People would come from all over the land and those who were scattered would come up, and they would bring their offerings, their tithes, their vows, freewill offerings, their dedications, and their commitments. I'm telling you, there would be such a flow that they actually had to have money changers with currency from all over the known world, so that people who came up with the currency of those nations could exchange their currency. So you had a currency exchange, a banking system, and you probably had the biggest marketplace.

When you envision it, it was a vast system of economics and of Government. It was the Government of the Kingdom that Father established. The governments of the world and the nations that men established ... Father never ordained worldly men to govern His people. That in itself puts us in two world systems, the Government of the Kingdom and the government of the world. What religion has done for many has been exactly what the Almighty said would happen with the man of lawlessness. That is, he would move us off the Government of YeHoVaH. He would change the days, times, and the Law. Men would begin to operate on a different system.

I was just thinking the other day, I was a little frustrated because I love this time of year. Now I had to assess, what is it that I like about this time of year? It wasn't just the fall; it was the time. Because this time of year, the time is regular, during the other part of the year the time is manipulated to where the sun sets around 6:30. 7 o'clock it's dark. In the summer it doesn't get dark until 9:30-10:00 and sometimes after 10. Our body has to adjust to all this, we're constantly adjusting, constantly confused. And by the time we get adjusted to the time, they change it. It affects us mentally, it affects is

emotionally, it affects us spiritually. There are countries out there who said they will not adopt the manipulation of time which is at the hand of men.

The Government of the Kingdom is a different system of government. The economics of the Kingdom is a different system of economics. It is how we manage resources and economics, and funds and land and life and relationships. Father has established that for the people of His Kingdom. So the confusion is that we're trying to figure out how to live in two kingdoms. Because the Kingdom of God/Heaven is visible and can only be entered into by supernatural means requiring a supernatural rebirth called being born again, it's easy to gravitate to that which we see, which forces us to walk by sight. And without even realizing it, we walk by sight.

The fact of the matter is, when the sun sets on the 6th day, the 7<sup>th</sup> day begins. Now notice this about us Brothers and Sisters, it is the only day of the week that we operate on Kingdom time. It's the only day of the week. When the sun goes down on Thursday, we don't say it's Friday. When the sun goes down on Wednesday, we don't say it's Thursday. Because all of the other days of the week, we go by the midnight time. Whereas on Friday evening, we go by Kingdom time, one day a week! We don't even realize we're doing it. Because we've been so manipulated and moved off of the economy of the Kingdom to where we automatically gravitate and unless you intentionally and forcefully put yourself in a Kingdom mindset, you will constantly be manipulated.

Father says when you come into the land, here is the beginning of months and this is when you start your count. Now this count was perpetual, but because of the manipulation of time, it's difficult for us and because Israel never celebrated a Jubilee. In fact, it seems that they didn't even let the land rest. We know that the reason they were carried away into Babylon (the Babylonian captivity) was because they would not let the land rest. This suggest to me they adopted another system of economy. Their economic system caused them to work, plant, reap, sow, harvest. They got caught up in the economics of the world. Here is the thing, if you make your livelihood by crops, what are you going to do that 7<sup>th</sup> Year? How are you going to care for your family? How are you going to eat?

Father answered all those question right here in His word.

**“Lev 25:3** Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; **4** But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest unto the land, a Sabbath ...

For Whom?

... for YeHoVaH: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. **5** That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.”

So what is He saying? He is saying listen, everything that I produce is going to reproduce after its kind. The seed that the Almighty gave the Children of Israel was a seed that would reproduce and reproduce and reproduce. It wasn't genetically

modified. It wasn't a one-year seed that needed to be planted every year. The seed they planted the following year came from the crop they harvested. So, they harvested a crop, but they also harvested seeds for the next year's crop. Whenever we have a crop that doesn't produce its own seed, we have a problem. We have a serious problem. Through the manipulation of time and economics, the scientific community has been able to design seeds that don't reproduce, which causes people to return year after year after year, and buy new seeds because the seeds don't produce anything.

If the seed doesn't produce, then what are we eating? We are eating something that doesn't produce, and the Almighty says everything that He creates produces after its kind. If we're eating things that don't reproduce, going into a body that is supposed to reproduce, is it possible that which doesn't reproduce can affect the reproduction system? Is it possible? That's a major impact on this body that came from the ground that is supposed to reproduce after its kind. So it's designed to consume that which reproduces after its kind. Most people in the world today could care less where their food comes from. But YeHoVaH knew from the very beginning that the food source was the important life giving, life sustaining, source in the earth and He made provisions for it.

In fact it was so critical and I'm going to show you something here.

**“Lev 25:4** But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest unto the land.”

A Sabbath unto who? A Sabbath for who? So if He says to let the land rest, who am I to say I'm not going to let the land rest? Now I'm going to show you where the confusion comes from. Here is where the confusion is. **The confusion is that it is His land, but I think it's mine.** If it is His land, I have to do what He says. But if it's my land, I can do what I want. **The people forgot whose land it is.** And I'm going to tell you something YeHoVaH reminded them over and over again. I'll show you.

**“Lev 25:5** That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap.”

Now what He is saying here is you can eat it; you just can't sell it. It's not to be carried to the market. You get it, you eat it.

**“Lev 25:5**...neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed.”

Just let the grapes grow. What happens if nobody eats it? Then, they fall to the ground, and they fertilize it.

**“Lev 25:5**...for it is a year of rest unto the land. **6** And the Sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourner with thee, **7** and for thy cattle, and for the beasts that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.”

Now notice what He is saying because this is the compassion. You see it says, listen, you're not going to sow, but the land is going to produce. How is that if they don't sow? Because that which has been sowed has the ability to reproduce after its own kind, so there is going to be enough food. He says if you do like I say, there's going to be

enough food for you, there's going to be enough food for all your servants. There's going to be enough food for your maids. There's going to be enough food for all your hired servants. There's going to be enough food for all of you, all the strangers, and the sojourners. There's going to be enough food for your cattle and for the beast that are in the land. Now the beasts that are in the land could be other than cattle. I mean it could be cattle, but He has already mentioned the cattle, so this very well could be the wild beast. You see Father already showed us through Messiah that He cares for the sparrow. Everything that He made, He has produced for a reason and there is a food chain. That's why when I watch the spider; the spider does what the spider was created to do. I watch the ant; ants do what they've been created to do. The cockroaches, the maggots, the shrimp, now notice the order I put that in. And for thy cattle, and for the beast and everything else.

**“Dt 15:1 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. 2** And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth *aught* unto his neighbor shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD'S release.”

So He is saying, listen if somebody comes to you in the 6<sup>th</sup> year and they know next year is a year of release and they want to borrow money ... and you say in your heart,

“It's the 6<sup>th</sup> year, they are going to borrow money and not pay me back. I'm not loaning him anything.”

Father says,

**Dt 15:7-11** If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, **thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:** 8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. 9 **Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee.** 10 Thou shalt surely give him, and **thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteth thine hand unto.** 11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Now He continues to reinforce and reassure them, that if they follow the Commands that He has given them, That He's going to make sure they get blessed.

**“Dt 15:5** Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of YeHoVaH thy Elohim, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.”

Now what we're going to do is jump over to Deuteronomy here and there are further instructions on the 7 years. I know we're talking about the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Tithe, but I'm going to show you how this connects.

**“Dt 31:10 And Moses commanded them, saying; At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,”**

So we see that the 7<sup>th</sup> Year Release coincides with the Feast of Tabernacles. This is when it is to be done. Tabernacles is the end, you can release it at any time, but the deadline is Tabernacles. A person who is generally sincere in their walk in faith would not borrow with the expectation that it is the year of release. So, I'm going to come to you and borrow money with no intention of paying it back. The Bible says he who borrows and doesn't pay it back is what? Wicked! **The wicked borrow with no intent of paying it back.** The wicked borrows and does not repay. So if a person has in their heart, and YeHoVaH knows the heart, that they are going to borrow in the 7<sup>th</sup> year knowing it's the 7<sup>th</sup> year, with no intent of paying back. What does that put them in? It puts them in the category of the wicked. So just as I want to walk and uphold the Commands of the Almighty, then every person who is genuinely connected to the Almighty and wants to serve Him and wants Him to be pleased with them, they are going to examine their hearts, and not do that which is wicked.

Moving forward,

**“Dt 31:11** When all Israel is come to appear before YeHoVaH thy Elohim in the place which he shall choose, **thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.** **12** Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear YeHoVaH your Elohim, and observe to do all the words of this law.”

### **The Promised Blessings For Obeying This Commandment Of The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe And Shemitah**

Let me say here, everyone is impacted. People will say:

“Well you know, I'm not a farmer so that doesn't apply to me. I don't raise animals, so that doesn't apply to me.”

Now if what you eat comes from the land, the produce and the animals, and you're not a farmer or one who raises animals, then what are you going to eat? How do you eat? Now I just stop and let people think about that because people are always trying to get out of something. Not knowing what they're getting into was starvation. If you don't grow your own food or raise your own animals, then you now have to buy food. Now where are you getting your food from? Because if the people you're buying your food from are not applying Kingdom principals then everybody is impacted by the land resting, otherwise they don't eat. You know what happens when you don't eat for a while. I just thought I'd throw that in there. Whether you're a farmer or herdsman or not, you're still depending on the crops and animals for eating or you go hungry. Either you raised them, or you bought them.



“Well, you know we're only supposed to tithe from the land.”

Well, you know if you buy food, you got to tithe. All of the sudden you've got produce.

“**Lev 25:17** Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shall fear thy Elohim: for I am YeHoVaH your Elohim. **18** Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.”

Who is going to assure this safety? Father. What if the people don't observe and obey them? Is He obligated to assure their safety?

See that's where that whole idea came from about protection money. For me, that's how I saw it. You know you talk about godfathers. Almighty Father is the Father of the godfathers. And The Godfather is only on this level, are you hearing me? Father is Almighty. So if anybody is going to get any protection money, it's going to be Him. Because He is the one that is ultimately watching over all of it.

“**Leviticus 25:19** And the land shall yield her fruit.”

Why? Because Father is going to tell it to. The land is going to do what He tells it.

“**Lev 25:19** ...And ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.”

Now here is the question and Father anticipated the question.

“**Lev 25:20** And if ye shall say, **What shall we eat the seventh year?** Behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase.”

So if we don't sow there won't be anything to gather in. So what are we going to eat? He says don't worry I got you covered.

“**Lev 25:21** Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.”

Now you talk about a harvest right here. You sow and He is going to bring in enough for three whole years. Who's going to do this? What we see Ladies and Gentlemen is that all of this and everything that He commands and everything that He gives His people to do is based on trust. It's all based on faith Brothers and Sisters. If you don't have faith in Him, then you're not going to believe Him. **If you don't trust Him to do what He said He was going to do, you're going to take matters into your own hands and not do what He says.** So how do I know in the 6<sup>th</sup> year He is going to give me 3 years of produce? How do I know that? I don't! Do you hear what I'm saying? Me, in my own mind, I don't know. So I have to trust Him just to do it. But that doesn't make sense. How are you going to reap a harvest for three years? When the last six years you've been planting ... the 1<sup>st</sup> year you got a 1-year harvest. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year you got a 1 year harvest. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year you got a 1-year harvest. The 4<sup>th</sup> year you got a 1-year harvest. The 5<sup>th</sup> year you got a 1-year harvest. Now He's telling me this 6<sup>th</sup> year...

What's interesting is that in 2015 we let our land rest. Now I'm not a farmer. We don't raise animals, but we had a garden. During that year of Shemitah, our pear trees produced so many pears that the branches just broke. Just couldn't hold them all and I brought a lot of them here. Then this year it didn't produce anything. Not one pear and I don't know why. We planted tomatoes and we planted peppers; I had taken all of those tomatoes and all of those peppers off the vine. The area was simply dying and turning brown. One day I went out and I noticed flowers on the tomato plants, and I noticed flowers on the pepper plants. Now my tomato vine has all these tomatoes on it. My pepper plant has all these peppers on it. I'm thinking its fall going into winter and it's like I've got a new crop of tomatoes after I've harvested all of those tomatoes and peppers and brought them here. People have cooked them and ate them and now there is a whole new crop. I just went out and picked tomatoes. I am amazed. Ms. Sharon says that's what they call a bumper crop. I know this, I only planted one set of seeds in that garden. It boggles my mind that those vines are filled with produce. It also reminds me of who brings the increase because I know I haven't done anything. As a matter of fact, a lot of those tomatoes just died because I wasn't taking care of them. I was taking what I could and sometimes I would forget and go out of town, or out of the city, and didn't pick them before I left. When I got back, they had started turning on me or whatever the case may be.

Father is the one that gives the increase. It goes the same way when it comes down to evangelizing. One plants, another waters, but Elohim gives the increase. This is the process that He has in His entire creation. He says that I'm going to bring fourth fruit for three years. Now this, Brothers and Sisters, you have got to get your mind around. The Children of Israel, which Father spoke these things directly to Moses, didn't believe Him because they wouldn't do it. I would dare say that it's possible, I can't say ... Father knows the intent of our hearts.

If I was the planter in the 6<sup>th</sup> year and I'm seeing all of this produce ... I'm the kind of person, I'll tell you the kind of person I am ... See I keep tax papers and I measure. Every month I measure this month against last year's same month. I'm measuring October's income 2017 to October's income 2016 to October's income 2015. I have these records because I'm seeing, ok here is where we were this year in this month. Then I'm looking at last year this month, and then the year before in the same month. What I'm seeing is that Father is constantly blessing. That's what I'm seeing. I'm seeing Him. And this is the thing that bothers me, with seeing this, I still from time to time find myself going into a place of worry, when I've got the records! Do you? Do you know where you were at this time last year? Financially you're either going to see an increase or a decrease. We know where the increase comes from. Because if you're not doing anything different this year than you did last year. You follow what I'm saying?

This is where I believe David would reflect back where he could see Father is the same yesterday, today and forever. Just as I trusted in Him three years ago, I trusted in Him

two years ago. I should be trusting in Him this year and plan to trust in Him next year. Because He has constantly shown me He has always got our back. So I can see in that 6<sup>th</sup> year if you brought in \$200 worth of produce, and then you got \$400, \$500, \$600 worth of produce, that should say something to you. Some people say,

“Man look at this, I can't wait till next year.”

He spoke to them when they first came into the land. They are supposed to go up to the Feast and hear the words being spoken to them year after year after year. Somehow, while they have gone up to the Feast during that six year period, that which He spoke to them and promised the blessings of obedience if they did it, somehow it slipped their minds. See Saints, you can become dull of hearing.

“Oh man, I done heard this Brother speak!”

Sometimes I'd want to disable the Comments section on some of our videos because people say some really wild and terrible things. It really amazes me at how hurtful people can be and how less thoughtful in their remarks and comments that people can be. You just have to see it, but don't see it, and take the good with the bad. So I see some of that, that stuff that people say. While at the same time, I know what Father has said. I understand that when I left Sunday church to start keeping the Sabbath, there were a lot of people who wouldn't understand, nor would they do it. Now if I'm a person who is influenced or affected by the crowd in a democratic majority ruled mindset, then I would have stayed where I was. But I knew where I was, was not where I was supposed to be.

Each day, each week, each month, each year and each Feast, Father continues as we are growing closer and closer to Him and trying to obey Him to the best of our ability. When He sees that we are walking in the truth of what He has revealed, He reveals a little bit more. When we walk in the truth He has revealed, He reveals a little bit more. So here I am. You know I started keeping Torah in 2003, it's 2017 and I've never done a teaching on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tithe! I've never even understood there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe. I've heard about it. It's like well why haven't you revealed it?

“Well you haven't set your heart to know.”

You see, **when you set your heart to know a thing, He will reveal it to you.** But if you don't, He won't. So there are people who have arrived where they are, and they will not move beyond where they are. Because they have concluded what they want to know, what they need to know, they know it! Anything that is contrary to that, they want to argue and fight because they don't want to go any farther. Now you can be like that, because I knew before I stood up and started doing this, I've already heard it.

"There you go trying to get some more money!"

Well, you know the **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe** doesn't go into the Levites or priest's pockets, it doesn't go into anybody's pocket. This is for the **widows**, the **orphans**, and

the **fatherless**. It's for the **stranger**, the **sojourner**, and the **Levite**. This has nothing to do with personal gain. I've been struggling over the last couple of years of how to deal with the less fortunate among us. How do we deal with the poor among us? What is our responsibility and obligation to the widows who come? What is our responsibility to those who are transitioning? When I transitioned from Sunday to Sabbath all of my support went away. Here we are generating hundreds of thousands, millions of dollars a year, and it's gone. Because the people who were supporting that work said,

"This boy has done gone off. He done gone back under the Law and Lord knows I can't support that!"

We had an open house for a new building, and nobody showed up. We used to pack a house. I have pictures of packed houses and open houses and fundraisers. We had this fundraiser or actually it was an open house for this new facility we were in, and nobody showed up because we transitioned from Sunday to Sabbath. I knew then, Father told me,

"Listen, when you go down this path these people are going to be gone."

I didn't want to accept that, and I didn't want to believe that because these people have been with me. These are my people. These people, we are thick and thin. The stuff we have gone through ... No, they will not leave me! You know what I'm saying.

"Alright, I am not going to argue with you."

Man, I was so broken. Got this food, got people dressed up ready to greet. Kept watching for the door, it was hurtful, but He warned me. You understand what I'm saying? So when people make that transition, folks turn on them. Some of them lose their job because when they get to the point where they say,

"Listen I can't work on the Sabbath no more."

"Well, you signed the paper and when you signed it, you said you were available to work at any time."

"Yeah, but my position and my faith has become more alive and meaningful to me."

"Well you're just going to have to make a choice."

See, this is why **the Kingdom needs entrepreneurs**. It not only needs people who can sustain themselves with the creativity and ability that the Almighty has given them, but who can take that creativity and ability and expand it to where they can hire and bring people on. You understand what I'm saying? See, walking in the Kingdom with the Almighty is never selfish. It's always about being blessed to be a blessing.

I'll tell you about me, I've worked for people, and I would much rather be the boss than the one who has to answer to the boss. Now I also learned that when you are the boss,

you still have a Boss that you've got to answer to. The ultimate Boss is the One who says,

“Now you watch how you treat those servants. You watch how you treat those servants, your sons, your daughters. You watch how you treat the people who work for you. Because just as you are to enjoy your Sabbaths, so are your servants.”

“Well they don't keep the Sabbath. They don't believe my faith.”

Do you know what is really tough? Having a servant that wants to work on the Sabbath. Now it gets to be contentious,

“No, you can't work on the Sabbath.”

Believe it or not, there are people who get their little work in. Like Father don't see it. But see what they do on their Sabbath is not my responsibility. My responsibility is to make sure they're not working for me.

“**Lev 25:22** And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store. **23** The land shall not be sold forever.”

And here is another one that, really is like man, Father slips it in, or He puts it in. The land shall not be sold forever. For the land is whose? Whose? Then He does something, He says,

“**Lev 25:23** ...**for the land is mine**; for ye are **strangers** and **sojourners** with me.”

So basically, He is saying I am the landlord, and you are the tenant. It's My land. It's always been My land. It is not yours to sell and even if you sell it, if it's forty years before the Jubilee you can only sell it for this much. If it's twenty years before the Jubilee, you can only sell it for this much. If it's five years before the Jubilee ... He gives these instructions indicating it's not the land, it's the crops. It's not the land, but that which they sow in the land, because in the fiftieth year it's got to be reverted back to its original owner. Why? Because that's the way He said it.

“Well, what if I don't want to give it back?”

“Father has got a solution, it's called Babylon. All right, you all don't want to let the land rest. You all don't want to celebrate the Jubilee? Okay, I got news for you, I'm bringing some people to get you and they're going to take you off My land. While you're over there suffering, My land is going to get the rest it needs.”

So you either give the land its rest or Father removes you from it. YeHoVaH reminded Israel that He was the Land Lord, the Lord of the land, which is what David proclaimed. David understood this. He says this:

**“Psa 24:1** The earth is YeHoVaH's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”

I'm amazed looking at the fact that YeHoVaH sent the Babylonians to take Israel out, which says that the Babylonians had to obey Him. The Babylonians said,

“Man we don't care about no Israel; we aren't even thinking of that land.”

Father says go, and when you get there, this is what you do, for this cause did I raise you up. Father has got a way of dealing with hard-headed, hard-hearted, stiff-necked, rebellious people. I don't want to be that person. I really don't, because I don't want Him to deal with me the way He dealt with some of those people in the Book. I saw how He dealt with some of those people in the Book. You hear me? I saw how He dealt with His beloved, with the first born of the nations, with the apple of His eye.

“Like man, I'm not going out like that.”

**“Lev 25:23** The land shall not be sold for ever: **for the land is mine;** for ye are **strangers and sojourners** with me.”

That word stranger is gare (Hebrew). He says you are gare: a temporary inhabitant.

“It's not your land. I'm letting you use it. It's not your life; I'm letting you use it. They're not your children; I'm letting you borrow them for a season. It's not your money; you can't take it with you. Everything is Mine and the sooner you realize that the better. Now if you get it and learn how to operate, what you're going to do is, you're going to get My Heart and My Mind and you're going to see that I own it all. I'm going to share it all with you.”

That's what He said to Israel.

“I'm going to raise you up above all the nations. You are going to be a lender and not a borrower. People will come to you. Why? Because you have it. The people who are in need are going to come to the one who has it, and that's supposed to be you.”

We are supposed to be the people that the world looks to. You're not, and I won't stop preaching this until we get it. I really won't. I know when I start talking, I feel it. I start talking about entrepreneurs and all the people who got jobs cringe. You know as well as I do, you have to ask somebody to give you the time off to go and serve your God. You know it. You know Pharaoh don't let you go sometimes. So they cringe,

“Well what am I going to do? What am I going to do? I don't have any skills. I don't have any abilities. I'm no entrepreneur.”

“Who told you that?”

You see, the beauty of YeHoVaH, the example of Israel is, **He knows how to take people who have been slaves for 400 years, then bring them into a land and make**

**them entrepreneurs.** All they had to have was a **renewing of the mind.** That's all. They had to go from a slave mentality to a landowner. They had to go from being somebody who was allowed to stay in the land at the master's discretion, who didn't want to let them go, to their own land. Everybody that He brought out of bondage, He says,

“I'm going to give you your own land. You're going to have your own house. You're going to have your own well. You're going to have your own fruit trees. Now what you do with it is up to you. But I'm saying I'm bringing you out of bondage to make you a landowner. I'm bringing you out of slavery to make you a master. Now the question is, you can hold on to your slave mindset or you can take on My Mind to take on the land that I'm making you the landlord of.”

You get it? Then this word sojourner is another word for foreigner. He says,

“Listen you're in bondage, I got some land. I'm going to bring you out of bondage and set you in the land. Now here is the thing, I'm not going to make you slaves like Pharaoh. I'm not going to beat you. I'm not going to sell you off or treat you like you're lower than dirt. I'm going to treat you like real human beings. I want you to treat everybody else the same way I treat you. I'm going to love you. I'm going to watch over you. I'm going to fight your battles. I'm going to protect you. I'm going to provide for you. I'm going to give you everything you need and then some.”

That's what He said. That's the promise. I couldn't imagine where people would want to abandon all of that, to go into religious bondage. But many do.

So we're going to get into some answers here, if you all don't mind.

### **When Will We As A Congregation Start The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe?**

That's been a question that people have been asking me. First, let's remember that Father's Kingdom calendar is not the world's calendar. The Biblical New Year corresponds to March/April on the Gregorian Calendar. The Biblical New Year is determined by both the sighting of Aviv barley and the sighting of the Renewed Moon in Israel.

From Biblical New Year 2015 to Biblical New Year 2016 was the Shemitah year. Seven years earlier in Grand Rapids, Michigan, we had kept Shemitah. I see the first 3 years then the second 3 years leading up to the 7<sup>th</sup> year which is the Shemitah Year. Which says to me the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years is aligned with the Shemitah. This is 2017, next year is 2018 which would be for us the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, of which that entire year (from Biblical New Year 2018 to Biblical New Year 2019) we give the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe. See the Chart below to calculate the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithes.

Now the 4th year begins at Biblical New Year in 2019, the 5th Biblical New Year starts in 2020 and the 6th year begins at Biblical New Year in 2021. This is the next 3-year period. **The next Shemitah starts on the Biblical New Year in 2022.** That's when the land rests again. So, that will be 7 years from the time the land rested in 2015-16. That's my calculations.

Description of the Tithes	Example Based on \$100.00 Pay Check
<p><b>The 1st Tithe is 10% of all (100%) your increase.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 1st Tithe belongs to YeHoVaH.</li> <li>• It is holy unto YeHoVaH.</li> </ul>	<p><b>10 % of \$100.00 = \$10.00</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amount Remaining</b> \$100.00 - \$10.00 = <b>\$90.00</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>The 2nd Tithe is 10% of all (100%) that remains after the 1st Tithe has been removed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This 2nd Tithe is set aside for YOU!</li> <li>• This is your provision for your family for the Feasts!</li> </ul>	<p><b>10% of \$90.00 = \$9.00</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amount Remaining</b> \$90.00 - \$9.00 = <b>\$81.00</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>The 3rd Tithe is 10% of all (100%) that remains after the 1st and 2nd Tithes have been removed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This 3rd Tithe is given every third and sixth year of the Shemitah cycle.</li> <li>• It is for the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widows, which are within your gates.</li> </ul>	<p><b>10% of \$81.00 = \$8.10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amount Remaining</b> \$81.00 - \$8.10 = <b>\$72.90</b></li> </ul>

As a congregation there are a couple of things we can do. I advocate for this one: as a congregation we can bring or send the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe and we can distribute it to those who have been identified that have needs. And some would say,

“Well, yeah you would.”

The reason why is that in the Church and in the Messianic community, there were people who would stand out on the street corners with the signs asking for money. There are people who would go from Church to Church, just like those folks who go from car to car, and they would go from person to person. I remember several times I would come, and I would see a person who would come to our service, and they would avoid me. And it's like, why would they avoid me? I couldn't get that, I'm not a wolf. I'm a nice guy. Most people, who take the time to get to know me, see that I don't bite. I floss; I try to keep my breath decent. If I ever get in your face and my breath stinks just say,

“Hey, Bro, umm.”



I'll go and clean my mouth out; I have got mouth cleaner. You know what I'm saying? I've put on cologne; I try not to smell like I haven't showered in a few days. I try to smile. I try to be nice. I'm trying everything to be approachable. The children call me by my first name. I'm not demanding somebody call me doctor, apostle, pastor, or any other thing. So I see myself as being this easy to approach person. Even though some people say even with all that, you still aren't all that approachable. So I have to work on some areas. But I couldn't understand why some people would flat out avoid me until I trailed them.

Here is what I found. I found people with sob stories, and they find the one who's got that "do-gooder's" look on their face. I was watching who they were gravitating to. I walk up and they hurry up and put their hands in their pocket because they just hit that person up for some money. Then they would hit another person up for some money. They were just going through the congregation hitting people up.

They were giving it to them because,

"Hey, I'm a believer and somebody asked me, and I gave it to them".

It's like okay, how do you know their intent is right? Why are they avoiding leadership? What is their motivation? What are they doing? How do you know it's even a sheep? How do you distinguish between the wolves that dress up? Do you understand what I'm saying?

As a congregation, we can bring or send the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tithe and we can distribute it to those who have been identified that have needs. Because here is something that I learned, if you have a poor person there are things that you can do to help that person to stop being poor. They just have to be willing to work it out. The world already does this. If you go to a nonprofit organization, they are going to take you through an assessment. Why? Because they have hundreds and hundreds of people coming and they want to maximize their resources and put it in the place where it's most likely going to produce some kind of yield. And **the yield is to help you get from beggar to giver**. That's the whole point. To get from somebody with your hands out to somebody who is helping people. You get what I'm saying?

So there is process that you can implement, for instance, a budget. We all should have some kind of budget. You should know what's coming in and you should know where it's going. Because if you know that you're a steward, you're going to have to give an account for that. You can't just spend money willy-nilly not even the 90%. Some people got the idea well I just tithe 10% and the 90% is mine.

No, don't you remember?

"You have robbed Me of tithes and offerings."

That in itself should say it's not just about the 10% if you have an understanding. So, when it comes down to identifying, and I see this principal operating in the New

Testament writings when it comes down to the early congregation on how they managed the widows in the midst of them.

So, some people can say I won't give you all my 3rd Year Tithe, 10%. I'll find somebody myself. And that's okay. I'm not going to argue with you. I'm just saying to get the maximum benefit out of your 3rd Year Tithe, we can be effective by not only helping and supporting people, but helping to move them from somebody with their hands out to somebody who is ready to put something in somebody else's hands. That's the goal. If you don't give them and help them move from that place, a year from now, 2 years from now, 3 years from now, at some point ... and you know that I'm right about this. If somebody keeps coming to you asking for money over and over and over, at some point you're going to tell them where to go. At some point, you're going to say,

"Wait a minute, I just gave you money last year, last week, and last month. What are you doing with your money? Where is your money going?"

If we believe that Father supplies all of our needs, then somewhere in the midst, I have to come to the conclusion that He has supplied your need. What have you done with the money He has supplied your need with? What have you done with it? Are you spending it on drugs? Are you spending it on alcohol? Are you spending it on women? Are you spending it in gambling? Are you mismanaging it? Do you have holes in your pocket? Do you follow what I'm saying? If you really want to help somebody, sometimes you have to figure out where the problem is and help them resolve it, not to condemn them, but to correct it.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe should be started now so that you can begin saving up to attend Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. You see, Father intended for His people to come up three times a year, not once, but three times. He incorporated into His economy a means by which they would have the resources to do that. But it's going to again require proper management of resources. We're going to have to properly manage our resources. When you begin to properly manage your resources, you're going to identify where the leak is, where the hole is, where the excess is.

I remember I was struggling with tithing. Once I started tithing, Father began to show me how to be a better manager of money. I mean here I am spending \$30, \$40, \$50 a week on vending machines. Eating packaged processed food ... You all remember those hamburgers you get out of the vending machine that you had to put a pound of ketchup and a half pound of mustard on just to make the thing taste good? Anybody know what I'm talking about? Come on wave at me. Some of the nastiest stuff you ate, but it never stopped you from going to that vending machine. Here you got a wife that cooks wonderful meals and you got leftovers and some of it has been in the refrigerator for so long it has got to be thrown away because it started to change on you. Father says,

"Your wife is cooking, why don't you take some food from home. At least you know what you're eating. Save your money."

Then you know Starbucks will not only eat your breakfast. Starbucks will eat your lunch and your dinner. I mean, who will pay \$5 for a cup of coffee? I make coffee better than Starbucks. So I bought some beans, I bought a grinder, I bought a coffee maker then got one of them Stanley mugs. I got good fresh coffee better than that powdered junk that the coffee machine was pouring out.

The point is that Father knows how to show you how to save once you begin to manage. See I didn't realize I was spending that amount of money on vending machines until I started asking, "Where is the money going?" When I started creating a budget, then I started seeing. Because that \$3 here and that \$3 there is just \$3 ... But, when you start adding that \$3 up, pretty soon you realize you're spending a lot of money and you've got no account for it. Get accountable!

The 1st Tithe should be given every pay period. The 1st Tithe is Holy unto YeHoVaH. So I'm going to stop there.

### **Question And Answer Session**

**Arthur:** Any Questions, any Comments?

**Question:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe is the tithe that we need, and we use for provisions going up to the Feasts. Can that be used for anything other than food and beverage? Can it be used for gasoline or hotel rooms?

**Arthur:** Well, **YeHoVaH says for whatever your heart desires.** You have to get up to the Feast. So, if you're driving, gasoline has got to get into that car and that's part of the provision.

**Question:** Shabbat Shalom. Good teaching this morning. I thought it was amazing and I never thought about this how the Israelites trespassed and didn't take the time to let the land rest. Babylon didn't occupy the land like Rome did. I think there were places where God called Nebuchadnezzar His servant. Yes, His servant. My question is, say this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year and it's around the 3<sup>rd</sup> month before the Shemitah and this person is going to borrow, but with the intention of paying it back. Could he pay it back, would he be penalized if he decided to pay it back even in the year of Shemitah?

**Arthur:** Well if a person, and I'm going to tell you, when you're dealing with someone who doesn't understand the Commandments or a person who rejected the Commandments, they are not operating under the same standard that you are operating under. There are people that I have said, "Listen you are released from this debt," who feel they are still obligated to pay me, but have made no attempt to pay me. As a matter of fact, there is some debt that I feel good about releasing because I know I'm probably not going to get it anyway, just to not have the burden of asking or

seeking those resources. Just like banks, credit unions and other financial institutions, they just write it off. **Father says write it off, let it go.**

**Question:** Shabbat Shalom! Yes I have a question about the tithe. Excuse me for not knowing, but when we say the 10 %, is that your Gross or your Net? When we come every Sabbath are you breaking it down for a 12 month period or is that what you have made in that month? Then you say 10% of that?

**Arthur:** Yes, for me when I worked secular, I was paid every week. And every week, once I got the concept of tithing, I would set that aside. Now I didn't necessarily set that aside physically because it came in a paycheck form, and that paycheck went into the bank. But the first check that I wrote off of that was the 1<sup>st</sup> Tithe check and it would be **10% of the actual Gross pay.**

At some point, because I'll tell you the first few months, 4 or maybe 5 months, I didn't see it. I mean the kind of increase, because I was sort of expecting it to happen immediately, and I didn't see it. It was enough to try and convince me to give up on it. I didn't see it in financial return. But, when I was contemplating, I saw it in my adjustment of my thinking. Because I was forced into a situation, if I had this amount of money coming in and I wasn't tithing, I was banking on that money. One of the things that made it kind of difficult for me was I was almost living paycheck to paycheck. I had begun to spend the money almost before I got it. Because I would anticipate it was coming, I would borrow against it. When I did that, and it came down to it to take 10% off of it, would put me in the hole because of how I was living. What I had to do now was to make arrangement for the 10% in other areas which forced me to be a better manager of the money.

So you give 10% out of every paycheck? Right. What I'm trying to help somebody here or somebody online to understand is that it took a consistency over time. I didn't see the money coming in, but I saw the money being saved because of the forced thinking. That caused me to have to adjust. If I don't have this money, I have to start borrowing. That means that I might have to go without this. That means that I need to stop spending money in those vending machines. It meant that I couldn't go to the supermarket every week, going to the store every week. Then when the children came, it's like you got to start buying bulk. That's how I got into Costco and Sam's Club. I started buying and you know that little box you got up on top of the refrigerator, it's not going to sustain you. You need a bigger freezer. That's when I began to see the savings, just as all of this adjustment in my thinking. Once I started seeing it then I got to this whole concept of giving an offering. Then at one point, I dedicated a certain amount of money every week. That was well over the tithe and offerings because now I've gotten to a point where I'm going to test God. You have to commit to doing it and once you commit to doing it, then you'll start seeing. It's a matter of being committed to it regardless of what you see because you understand it belongs to Him. At some point you'll see Him responding at least that's the way it was for me. Anyone else?

**Question:** Is there an offering with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tithe?

**Arthur:** An offering? Well the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tithe is a tithe. This tithe is designated. The 1<sup>st</sup> Tithe is designated. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe is designated. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe is designated. It's not to be used for any other purpose. So we can't take your 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe and pay bills. We can't take it and buy a camera. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe goes straight to the Levite, the stranger, the widow, the fatherless, and that's the only thing that money can be used for.

**Question Continues:** No, like an offering with the tithe. Like with the 1<sup>st</sup> Tithe we give tithe and offerings. So there is no offering with that 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe?

**Arthur:** I personally believe that when Malachi is talking about the tithe and offerings, he is talking about the tithes and Firstfruits. But also there are other offerings, free will offerings that are involved in the offering and of course that is upon the individual. So, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe is specific, there is no offering commanded to be with it. Because the understanding is that you're already giving your offering, whatever that may be.

**Question:** How would you tithe off of a business? For example: If my business made \$40,000 this year but my profit was only \$4,000 would I tithe all of my profit?

**Arthur:** Yeah and see this is where things get somewhat tedious. When a person tithes off of their Gross... Let's say I made \$1,000 and I tithed off of that Gross and then I say this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe and I take that one out, then if it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year I would take that out. Then what is left there is what I use to take care of my family and invest into my business. Well that which is left that I use to invest into business has already been tithed. So those are monies that I'm spending. Now if there is a profit, an increase from where I took \$30,000 that I've already tithed on to invest in the business, and now the business brings in let's say \$40,000. Now the first \$30,000 is the investment and the \$10,000 is the increase. That's what I would tithe on because I have already tithed on the \$30,000. Now if I decided I wanted to tithe on all of it then I'm free to do that too.

It all boils down to... Father is not trying to nitpick us. He really isn't. He is not trying to get every dime He can get out of you as much as He is saying,

“Listen in everything you do trust me. You put your trust in me and then if I say I want you to do this with that ...”

Just because you had \$30,000 left from the income that you've tithed off of ... Can I let you in on a little secret? That \$30,000 belongs to Him too. It's all His. So let's not make the mistake of trying to split hairs as much as we try to inquire of Him as to what He wants. Because if I'm investing in something that He is not leading me to invest in, I'm mismanaging that money. If it's a flop, it's like He says,

“Listen I told you not to do it. Did you even inquire of Me when you did it? Was it a good idea or was I inspiring it?”

This is where it goes back to acknowledging Him in all our ways. You see, **I firmly believe that if we walk in obedience in all the things He has given us to do, He has made some promises that He is obligated to.** So for me, it's not really that difficult. It is to grasp the concept and embrace it, and then to walk in it. I think that's the most difficult part. Father already knew, especially with this, you going to let the land rest. It's like really? How is that supposed to work? Well, let's begin with this, Father is smarter than we are. Let's just start there. And if I'm completely committed and dedicated to Him in that which He has entrusted to me, then it's my responsibility to go to Him to inquire how to manage and how to distribute that which He has entrusted me with.

**Question:** Shabbat Shalom. My question is a simple one I guess. Can you tithe time?

**Arthur:** Can you tithe time ... time? Well I've heard of that concept, and I don't see where Father requires us to tithe time. Or if a person says I've got 10 waking hours and the person says I'm going to give one of my 10 hours to charity, I'm going to volunteer. You know that's something that we can do. You can call it a tithe, or you can call it whatever you want. I've heard of people saying well you know my tithe to the ministry is my time. It's like okay, well, what about your resources?

So if a person is trying to replace a tithe with time instead of resources that would be problematic. If a person wanted to do that, there is nothing anybody could do, because as I've said from the beginning the tithe is between you and YeHoVaH. I mean I don't know. People here say, "Hey, I tithe to this ministry." I have to take their word for it. I mean I can look at your record and say this person is consistent at giving this amount of money each month or each week. But what I don't have is, I don't have your pay stub. You know what I'm saying, and your pay stub isn't any of my business. I'll tell you that right now, your pay stub isn't my business. So if you say you tithe, I just have to take your word on it. I can't prove it one way or the other, nor am I going to try because that's between you and YeHoVaH. You can lie to me all day long, but you can't lie to Him. Ananias and Sapphira tried to pull that one. So if you say you're tithing then tithe. If you're not tithing then you're not tithing.

What I've done and I've made this a commitment, my role, my job is to minister to YeHoVaH's people, and it's not predicated on whether a person tithes to our ministry. A person calls here and needs help or council ... Here is what I do know, is that our priorities are here. My priorities are Arthur Bailey Ministries and House of Israel as far as ministry is concerned. That's my priority. My priorities are that which I've been called to specifically. So when it comes to tithing Brothers and Sisters, that's between you and YeHoVaH.

As far as tithing time versus a 10% of your increase, I would encourage somebody not to do that. You can give all your time away if you would like, but then you have to still make sure you can provide for yourself and your family if you have a family.

Any other comments or questions?

**Question:** Shabbat Shalom, Arthur. Is giving tithes monthly the same as the tithe of the 1st year?

**Arthur:** If a person saved up the tithe for the whole year and gave it once a year, it's the same thing. Whether you give it week after week or biweekly or monthly or annually because there are some people that get paid monthly and that's when they tithe. Some people get paid weekly and that's when they tithe. Some people get paid twice a week; they tithe then. There are a few people out there who tithe annually. There are others out there who will tithe, they will save up the tithe and when they come up to the Feast, they will bring the tithe that they have accumulated since the last tithe.

What is important is that on an annual basis you tithe 10% and you trust that you can hold that 10% for the whole year without borrowing from it or using it. Because the moment you touch it, you have got to add a 5<sup>th</sup> part to it. The moment you touch it you have got to add 20% to it.

**Question:** How will HOI determine who will receive money from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tithe?

**Arthur:** You know that's a good question. As a matter of fact that is a very good question. And David kind of let the cat out the bag a few weeks ago. One of the things that we're going to do, because when it came down to the overseeing of that which was given to the widows, there were Deacons who were installed. They chose 7 men, and they gave that responsibility of caring for the widows to those individuals to make sure the distributions were proper from that which was set aside for that purpose, that's an example.

For me, you know we just raised \$10,200. On Monday morning I'm sending a check to Houston Texas. That's going to Dr. Albert and Prophetess Marcelia Anderson who have identified 7 families. I gave them some specifics on what they were to identify. Like I said, this money is not to go into the pastor's pocket, it's not to go into the ministry. This money is to go directly to the family that needs it. Now once I have given those directives and send the check out, you know it's on them.

You know I have to trust what they are going to do with the resources, just like if somebody comes to the ministry desiring part of that 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe. Once we give them that money, we just have to trust that they are going to do what they said they were going to do. That's between them and the Almighty.

So when it comes down to how we will distribute it, we will have to establish some kind of process. Certain people that money goes into their hands, and they become responsible. Then they release that money into the hands of those who inquire of it, then they become responsible. My number 1 role is that's not money for the ministry. I mean it is for the ministry, but it's for the people. It's not for cameras, it's not for water bills, it's not for light bills, it's not for anything else other than for people.

That's where we, and it's not just ministry, it's all of us, we have to make sure we are managing the resources that Father puts in our hands and they are being utilized for the

intention He is giving them to us. Once you start mismanaging money... Once you start mismanaging His resources, you are no longer trustworthy. If you become no longer trustworthy, Father will cut you off. I'm going to tell you right now, there ain't no 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe, no matter how much money it is, worth being cut off. Because there is a whole lot more than that 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe, you hear what I'm saying? There is nothing worth being cut off by the Almighty because of some greed or some mismanagement or some misappropriation. It ain't that kind of party. Not here.

**Question:** How do you comment when others say that we're not in the land? We know YeHoVaH owns all the land. But they say it's only in the land of Israel. Thank you for the teaching, Arthur.

**Arthur:** Yeah, well you know, I think that is a legitimate question. The earth is YeHoVaH's. Israel was supposed to be a light to the world. Israel was supposed to be the example that all the other nations looked to. I'm not in the land of Israel, but I am Israel. So wherever I am, Israel is. The moment I began to apply, and there were specific things that were required, to where Father said to let that land rest. However when a nation saw the blessings that Father bestowed upon Israel and they decided to join themselves and begin to adopt and begin to inquire and apply the Torah to their lives, and all of its aspects and they too as a people, and as a land, would begin to see it.

Because let me tell you something right now, in America, we are eating from depleted soil. We're eating things that don't reproduce. As supposedly the wealthiest nation, we are the sickest. We are some sick, fat, obese people. We consume more drugs, we have more doctors, more hospitals and more cancer treatment centers that we can shake a stick at. Now I personally believe, and that's regardless to what my neighbor does, the land that He has given to me, I'm going to apply His principals. I'm going to let the land rest and I've already seen what I would consider a huge benefit from what we did in 2015-16. I've already seen that. My land will rest every 7<sup>th</sup> year regardless of what your land does.

So as a Torah observant person the question becomes, what part of the Torah do I apply here in America as a Torah observant person? You hear what I'm saying? You know, do I apply the Sabbath? You know now that I'm not in the land, can I eat what I want? Well, and there are those that say that goes even into the tithe. Well we're not in the land, so we don't have to tithe. There are a lot of things that people simply want to confine to the land that in doing so they kind of cut themselves off from the blessings. Because the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 is associated with the Torah.

I'm not looking for stuff to try to get out of. I'm looking personally how to get as close to the Almighty as I can to get everything He has got for me. That's what I'm trying to do. So far it's working for me. I've seen those people who are applying and if it's working for you stand up. So for those of you who it ain't working for, that's on you. So you know keep doing what you're doing, and you'll keep getting what you got. I know



for me and for others, we have had to make some adjustments in our lives. Every adjustment we have made... Yeah, it cost me initially, but the benefits of what I paid, compared to what I'm reaping, I'd pay it over again in an instant, without hesitation this time. Halleluyah.

**Question:** Greetings HOI, I just need you to elaborate a little. In Leviticus, it says that Shemitah year there should be no sowing, reaping and harvest. So why are you picking from your garden and bringing it to the people?

**Arthur:** Well to reap is you can eat from it and others can eat from it. For me it was a matter of, we don't live in a place where people just walk by or drive by. It was a matter of bringing it to the fellowship and letting people take from it. That's why. So I wasn't harvesting for the sake of trying to sell it or take it to market or anything of that nature. It would have been no different than me going out there and picking it, bringing it into the home and eating it. Instead of bringing it into my home and eating it, I brought it to share with my Brothers and Sisters in the place of worship.

**Question Continues:** I am from a tropical country with lots of fruits and vegetables. Based on what you taught during a Shemitah year, I should not be eating from these fruits and vegetables.

**Arthur:** No, during the Shemitah year, you can eat all day long. You just can't harvest. That means you don't go into your fields and work and collect it all and do what you would normally do in the other years. This generally means you're going to take it, process it, take it to market, and sell it. You can eat it, your children can eat it, the strangers can eat it, the foreigners, the Levite, the widows, the animals and everybody has access to it. So yeah, you can eat it. Harvesting means you don't go out and gather it like you normally do in any other year which implies you're going to take it to market.

**Question Continues:** I should not get or buy from farmers since they are not resting the land is that correct?

**Arthur:** Well you're asking some probing questions, and these are good questions. The idea of if people were applying the Commands according to YeHoVaH, there would be three years harvested in the 6<sup>th</sup> year, where individuals once they have harvested and set aside that for their 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tithe, then they can do with the rest of it as they see fit. There's no restriction on what they can do with the remaining of that three-year harvest that comes in the 6<sup>th</sup> year. So, they can process it and store it, they can process it and sell it. The restriction is on the land itself. They can't sow on that land; they can't harvest from that land during the 7<sup>th</sup> year. They have already harvested 3 years from the 6<sup>th</sup> year.

**Question:** Some people have heard that you don't pay a tithe in the 7<sup>th</sup> year.

**Arthur:** Yeah, I've heard that, and I say it doesn't make sense. There is no reason why a person wouldn't pay a tithe in the 7<sup>th</sup> year. The land rests, you can't harvest the

land. So no you won't pay a tithe on produce because there is no harvest. The harvest, Brothers and Sisters, was the income for the farmer. You also have to understand that there were people who had other types of skills. Even coming from Egypt, there were skilled craftsmen in specific areas and that was their income. Folks here is where you have to use some common sense. I beg people to start using your brain and stop taking what these people on the internet and Judaism teach and preach at face value as if it's the gospel truth.

If I'm not a farmer and I don't raise animals, let's say my craft is a carpenter. As a carpenter or skilled craftsman or a fashioner of metal, because when the armies go to war, somebody has got to make that equipment, the shields and breastplates and weapons. That requires skilled craft labor. Individuals who have that skill and have that craft, chances are those individuals are not growing a garden or planting a field and they're not raising animals. If they don't raise animals or grow their food, how are they going to eat? They can't eat the medal. So they're going to have to sell their craft to buy their food. You have to ask yourself is it fair that the Almighty says to the farmer you tithe but to the craftsman you don't have to. To the person who raises animals you are responsible to tithe, but to all you people who don't harvest or raise animals, you all don't have to tithe. You're exempt from tithing. Because this is what people want us to believe? It's not logical.

So, the farmer is not just raising food to feed their family, that's an income for them. The herdsman, the ones who are raising sheep, goats and cattle, that's their income. If they're raising, they are generating their income. That income is going to buy them whatever they need, so there is a bartering system going on. But let some people tell you only the people who raise crops and the people who have animals are responsible for tithing and no one else has to tithe.

Secondly in the 7<sup>th</sup> year, when the land is resting, the animals are still having sex, still getting pregnant. They are still producing young because that's what they do. They reproduce, reproduce, reproduce. The first one that breaks the matrix, if it's a male, it gets redeemed. The 10<sup>th</sup> one is a tithe. Every 10<sup>th</sup> one is a tithe. So even though the land rest, the animals are still reproducing, which means every 10<sup>th</sup> one is a tithe. Are they no longer required to tithe for that year? Where is that at in the Scripture?

"The 7<sup>th</sup> year we don't have to tithe"

Well where is that at in the Scripture?

From what I read only the land rest, but the animals continue to reproduce.

**Question:** Is the tithe related to increase? Say you're on a fixed income and it's the same all the time with no increase, is there still tithe? I'm not trying to get out of anything I'm just not sure what the Scripture says.

**Arthur:** Here is what an increase is; I didn't have it, now I got it. So everything that comes to me that I didn't have is an increase.

Now when it comes down to a fixed income, I've said it before, I'll say it again, we have to get out of that mindset. Because who fixed it? That's the issue. Who fixed your income? If you limit yourself to what the government says ... and there are people who have.

Even that which comes in month after month is an increase. Some people may say, "Well I don't agree with that." and that's okay. The fact that you would ask that question, suggests that it's doubtful or it's questionable. If I'm receiving Social Security or a pension thing of that nature, then I have to decide am I going to involve the Almighty in this or am I not going to involve the Almighty in this? Is this coming from Him or is it coming from them? Should I tithe off of it or shouldn't I?

For me personally I would probably err on the side of caution. That means that I would more than likely tithe and adjust my income to accommodate for it with the expectation that I'm expecting Him to do what He said in His word, to where I don't have to rely simply on this paycheck which could go down or up I don't know. The point of it is, I'm not looking to the government for my provisions. I'm looking to YeHoVaH and if He uses them, it's one thing. There are ways He can get resources to us. So I'm always reluctant to deal with that kind of a question because it puts me in a position where I feel like I'm telling a person what to do. That again is between you and YeHoVaH. I can say to you, if I was in that position, this is what I would do and why I would do it. You've got to figure that out yourself. I have determined that I am not called to be the answer to every question that a person will have because there are things that I have to inquire of YeHoVaH for. The same person that I inquire for answers to those questions, I say you should inquire of Him.

"Well I can't hear Him; I can't hear Him."

We have to get ourselves in a place to where we can hear Him. And what do we think He is saying? What do we believe He would have us to do? What do you believe He would have you to do? That's a good place to start.