

To Tithe or NOT to Tithe – Part 1



From the very beginning of time, YeHoVaH made a distinction between what man is to freely enjoy from what is forbidden.

Adam and Eve

Besides the Genesis account in the Garden, the Bible does not tell us much about Adam or Eve. It gives their genealogy but doesn't tell us much about how they lived. So, we must piece together as much as we can from various other passages.

Here is what we do know:

- **Adam and Eve were made in the image and likeness of YeHoVaH.**

Ge 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: **and let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

- **Adam and Eve were given dominion over creation and were ordained to rule together.**

Ge 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Ge 1:28 And God blessed them, **and God said unto them**, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth

- **Adam and Eve were spirit-filled.**

Ge 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The first rebellious act of man and woman was taking that which belonged to YeHoVaH, which was forbidden, and eating it as if it was theirs. This was based on deception. As a result of this deception, they gave their authority away to hasatan/satan.

Adam Rebelled

Job 31:33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

Eve was Deceived

¹Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Today, men are still rebelling, and women are still being deceived.

The people today, that teach or rant against Tithing, are people who have been deceived for years by churches collecting Tithes, that had no right to do so.

Those who teach we are not under the Law have no right to teach or collect Tithes.

The church, that teaches those who keep the Law are under a curse, is placing people under a curse by demanding that they Tithe, which is under the Law.

Arguments abound concerning the Tithe. This is usually from people who don't want to Tithe. People make passionate arguments against the Tithe by stringing verses and passages of Scripture together to support their dubious arguments.

Unfortunately, many young believers to the faith, or people whose foundation is not yet established, get caught up in these arguments and get confused.

Some say a Tithe is restrictive, that they would give more than a tenth; but usually many of them don't.

They say, there was no Tithe given after Yeshua the Messiah initiated the ReNewed Covenant.

They argue that we are all Priests and Kings now.

They argue that there is no Temple.

They say there are no Levites today.

They say the Tithe can only be from the produce and from the flocks and herds.

Those who make such statements relieve/exempt all who do not raise flocks or farm from the Tithe and leave the responsibilities of Tithing and Offerings to a select few.

They say Tithing is done away with, but giving Offerings are New Covenant. Both Tithing and Offerings were commanded prior to the New Covenant.

To these people, only the Offerings survived the Old Testament, not the Tithe.

The Offerings they say are free will which translates to: "they will give when they want to or not at all".

They argue that Abraham gave a Tithe once and that was from his spoil. They conclude that was the only time Abraham Tithed as if everything Abraham did is written in the Bible.

Some argue the Tithe was only for the Jewish people.

Others say, we are no longer bound by that portion of the Law.

The arguments are redundant and endless.

I see a MAJOR distinction between people who Tithe and people who don't Tithe.

People who Tithe seem to be healthier, wealthier, and wiser.
They seem to be happier and enjoy life more.

People who don't Tithe seem to be lacking, sickly, miserable, confused, worriers, never having enough, and struggling to make ends meet.

Human beings, by our fallen nature, are law breakers, lazy, and will only do what is required. Human beings will rarely go over and beyond the call of duty.

Never has this been more realized than in this technological generation.

If you are not taught a solid work ethic, then you will try to do as little as possible and get away with as much as you can.

Few people today have solid work ethics. Few people today are willing to go beyond what is expected.

Few people love to give. More and more are takers, not givers.

Few people are excited to get the True Gospel of The Kingdom to the Whole World.

Most people are looking to see what they can get out of people.

What can you offer Me?
What can you do for Me?
What programs can you offer Me and My Family?

This problem has existed since mankind was created!

People come to God for a variety of reasons.
People get "saved" for a variety of reasons.
People follow Jesus for a variety of reasons.

People go to church for a variety of reasons:

- Some because of Relationships they establish
- Out of Habit
- For Fellowship with others

People go to church:

- For the Programs the church offers

- For their Children
- For their Spouse
- For their Parents

There is no Biblical account or record of Adam or Eve ever presenting an Offering to YeHoVaH.

However, the second act of rebellion surrounding the second generation of man, Adam's sons, concerned the giving of Offerings. (Firstfruits)

Cain's and Abel's Offerings

Ge 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an **offering** unto the LORD.

Ge 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the **firstlings** of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his **offering**:

Ge 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering **he had not respect**. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

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Ge 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Ge 4:7 **If thou doest well**, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, **sin lieth** at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Who said YeHoVaH is no respecter of persons?

Peter

Ac 10:34 Then Peter opened *his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons*:

But what else did Peter say?

Ac 10:35 But in every nation he that **feareth him, and worketh righteousness**, is accepted with him.

The Hebrew writer wrote:

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was **commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings**. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

Ac 10:31 And said, Cornelius, **thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance** in the sight of God.

There were four things about Cornelius that GOT YeHoVaH's attention.

Ac 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*,

Ac 10:2 *1. A devout man, 2. and one that feared God with all his house, 3. which gave much alms to the people, 4. and prayed to God always.*

Why did YeHoVaH have respect for Abel's Offering and had no respect for Cain's Offering? Let's look at what they offered.

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— **bkowrah**, *bek-o-raw'*; or (short) hr;koB]b**korah**, *bekoraw'*; feminine of 1060 *bek-ore'*; the firstling of man or beast; abstractly primogeniture: — **birthright, firstborn**(-ling). *bkowr*, *bek-ore'*; from 1069; firstborn; hence, chief: — eldest (son), firstborn(-ling)

bakar, *baw-kar'*; a primitive root; properly, **to burst the womb**, i.e. (causatively) **bear or make early fruit (of woman or tree)**; also (as denominative from 1061) to give the birthright: — make firstborn, be firstling, bring forth first child (new fruit).

tso'n, *tsone*; or **tsoawn**, *tsehone'*; from an unused root meaning to migrate; a collective name for a flock (**of sheep or goats**); also figuratively (of men): — (small) **cattle**, flock (+ -s), lamb (+ -s), sheep((-cote, -fold, -shearer, - **herds**)).

Abel's Offering was special, specific, and meticulously given.

There was nothing Special about Cain's Offering.

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1Jn 3:12 **Do not be like Cain**, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. **And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.**