

The Blessed Life 2

“What Test?”

(Malachi 3:6-12)

1) Tithing is a test.

Tithe = tenth part or 10%

Ordinance = a principle of ordinary behavior

God chose 10% because it is fair for everyone.

The number 10 has to do with testing.

- 10 plagues in Egypt
- 10 commandments
- Israel tested 10 times in the wilderness
- Jacob's wages were changed 10 times
- Daniel was tested 10 days
- 10 virgins were tested
- 10 days of testing in the book of Revelation

God is testing you.

But God is also asking you to test Him.

There are principles that were “under the law” that we should still follow.

2) Tithing is biblical.

(Genesis 14:18-20) Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

(Genesis 28:22) "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to you."

(Leviticus 27:30) And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.

(Deuteronomy 26:1-2, 13-15) (Read from screen.)

(Matthew 23:23) "Who to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law; justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."

(Hebrews 7:8) Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

3) Tithing has benefits.

(2 Chronicles 31:4-10) (Read from screen.)

You will never be able to afford to tithe until you begin to tithe.

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