

Are you Sinning by Tithing?

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24th day of the 1st month?5849 years after the creation of Adam

7th Day of 3rd week of Counting the Omer

The 2nd Month in the Fourth year of the third Sabbatical Cycle

The Third Sabbatical Cycle of the 119th Jubilee Cycle

The Sabbatical Cycle of Earthquakes Famines, and Pestilences

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Shabbat Shalom Family,

Why do good Messianic teachers have to resort to selling you subscriptions to their web site information in order to survive? Many of you wonder why these same ministries must sell you the things they teach. It is because YOU DO NOT SUPPORT THEM financially.

We read in Nehemiah that the Levites were not getting the tithes and so they left their offices to work the fields.

Neh 13:10 And I saw that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them; for the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each one to his field. 11 And I contended with the rulers and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together and set them in their place. 12 And all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil into the treasuries. 13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah. And next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah. For they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute to their brothers. 14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds which I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices of it.

You will notice that the tithe was collected at the Headquarters in Jerusalem and then distributed to the Levites doing the work. It was not collected by each Levite and kept for themselves.

But we do not all get along and we do not have an organized headquarters to collect and distribute the tithes.

In the Book of Numbers the Levites were charged with ministering to the Kohanim (priests) and keeping watch over the Tabernacle:

2 And with you bring your brother also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may join you and minister to you while you and your sons with you are before the tent of the testimony.3 They shall keep guard over you and over the whole tent, but shall not come near to the vessels of the sanctuary or to the altar lest they, and you, die.4 They shall join you and keep guard over the tent of meeting for all the service of the tent, and no outsider shall come near you.5 And you shall keep guard over the sanctuary and over the altar, that there may never again be wrath on the people of Israel.6 And behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the people of Israel. They are a gift to you, given to the Lord, to do the service of the tent of meeting. Numbers 18:2-6 (ESV)

The Book of Jeremiah speaks of a covenant with the Kohanim (priests) and Levites, connecting it with the covenant with the seed of King David:

Jer 33:22 As the host of the heavens cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so I will multiply the seed of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me. 23 And the Word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 Do you not consider what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which Jehovah has chosen, He has even cast them off? So they have despised My people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

The prophet Malachi also spoke of a covenant with Levi:

Mal 2:4 And you shall know that I have sent this command to you, to be My covenant with Levi, says Jehovah of Hosts. 5 My covenant with him was life and peace, and I gave them to him for fear; and he feared Me, and he is awed before My name. 6 The Law of Truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips. He walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and turned away many from iniquity.

Malachi connected a purification of the “sons of Levi” with the coming of God’s messenger:

Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send My messenger, and He will clear the way before Me. And Jehovah, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Angel of the Covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He comes, says Jehovah of Hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire, and like fuller’s soap. 3 And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. And He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may be offerers of a food offering in righteousness to Jehovah. 4 Then the food offering of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasing to Jehovah, as in the days of old and as in former years.

In ancient Israel, the Levites were not given territory like the other tribes, who were able to pass down their God-given land to their descendants. Instead, the Levites’ inheritance was Yehovah himself (Devarim / Deuteronomy 10:9). They were to serve Yehovah primarily through caring for the sacred articles of the Mishkan (English: Tabernacle) and later the Temple, and by assisting the priests with the sacrifices. They were also teachers and judges of the people. Under King David they became Temple musicians as well.

Today we do not know for certain who the Levites are. Some may claim it, and for certain false teachers claim they have replaced the Levite and as such you should send your tithes to them. But is that right? No it is not right.

Some of you may be surprised to know the Jews do not tithe and neither should you. If you are tithing and not sending that tithe to the Levite to maintain the Temple then you are sinning.

<http://www.askelm.com/tithing/thi003.htm>

Jews Do Not Tithe Today

Thankfully, Jewish theologians know better than their Christian counterparts. They are well aware that only Levites have the right to receive tithe of the people. After all, the Jewish leaders have the Old Testament as their Scripture and that's what it commands. And since there is no Temple in existence (and consequently no ordained Levites or Priests serving in a Temple), then a major factor in fulfilling the laws of tithing does not exist in our modern world.

In regard to this, it may be profitable to relate an event that happened to me over thirty-five years ago when I was just starting to study theology in college. A letter had been given to me for answering. It was from a woman who heard that modern Jews were not tithing. She wanted to know whether the information was true, and if so, why the Jews seemingly violated the plain laws of the Bible which spoke of tithing as a law to be obeyed?

Having read the letter, I began to share her concern. To resolve the matter I telephoned three rabbis in the Los Angeles area for their explanation. Much to my dismay, all three independently of each other informed me that no religious Jew should tithe today. I was startled at their replies. This appeared to be evidence that the Jews were so lax with their biblical interpretation that they were abandoning even the simple words of their own Scripture about the laws of tithing.

By the time I spoke with the last rabbi, my youthful indignation was beginning to emerge. But that rabbi then wisely began to show me my ignorance (not his) in the whole matter. First, he admitted that none of his congregation paid one penny of tithe that was demanded in the Old Testament. He then said: "If any member of my synagogue paid tithe in the scriptural manner, he would be disobeying the law of God—he would be sinning against God."

I was staggered by his answer. He went on to inform me that since the Bible demands that the tithe be paid to Levites, he said it would be wrong to pay it to anyone else. And further, because there is presently no official Levitical order of Priests ministering at a Temple in Jerusalem, this makes it illegal at this period to pay any biblical tithe. He went on to say, however, that the moment a Temple is rebuilt, with its altar in operation and with the priesthood officiating at that altar (and the Levites there to assist them), then every Jew who lives in the tithing zones mentioned in the Bible will be required to tithe according to the biblical commands.

This teaching was a revelation to me (as it may be to some of our readers), but the rabbi gave the proper biblical answers. To pay the biblical tithe at this time, without Levites and Priests in their regular ordained offices and doing service in the Temple, would be "sin" both to the giver and the receiver. The rabbi told me: "If we are to obey the law, we cannot pay tithe unless we pay it to the ones ordained by God to accept that tithe."

The rabbi explained that though he was the chief rabbi of his synagogue, he was not a Levite. He said he was descended from the tribe of Judah and was thereby not eligible to receive tithe. The same disqualification applied even to Christ Jesus while he was on earth since he was also reckoned as having come from the tribe of Judah. This same restriction was applicable to the activities of the apostle Peter (because he was as well from Judah) and it applied to the apostle Paul (because he was from the tribe of Benjamin). Neither Christ nor those apostles were Levites so they were all disqualified from receiving any part of the biblical tithe. It is just that simple.

And listen, if Christ, Peter and Paul did not use the biblical tithe for any of their work in teaching the Gospel, Christian ministers today should not use the biblical tithe either. The Jewish religious authorities are wise enough to read what the Word of God states about the tithe and, thankfully, they abide by it. But our Gentile preachers and priests care very little what the biblical texts actually state and go merrily on their way by devising their own laws of tithing which are different from those of the Bible.

The rabbi then gave me some information on the method that many Jews use today to secure adequate funds with which to operate their religious organizations. He went on to say that the activities of his synagogue were financially supported through the adoption of the "patron system" by its members. That is, families would buy seats in the synagogue for various prices each year. The rabbi mentioned that many of his congregation actually paid more than a tenth of their income to get better seats in the synagogue. This method for raising funds is perfectly proper (from the biblical point of view) if Jews wish to use it. This is because the money is paid to the synagogue and not to an ordained Levitical priesthood.

The final rabbi was correctly interpreting the teaching of the Holy Scripture. While many Christian ministers today teach that Christians may be in danger of missing salvation itself if they do not pay tithe to the church, Jewish rabbis know better than to say such a thing. They realize that it is biblically improper (actually, it is a blatant disobedience to the laws of the Bible) for anyone to pay or to receive the biblical tithe today. And any minister or ecclesiastical leader who uses the biblical tithe (or anyone who pays to a minister the biblical tithe) is a sinner in the eyes of God.

What a number of Messianic teachers are doing is a good idea. That is selling subscriptions to their teachings. And having read this article about tithing I agree with those Messianics that have sold subscriptions. After all some of you subscribe to National Geographic Magazine or other magazines each year.

What many of you do, who learn from these different leaders, is you forget that they too have mortgages and families and bills to pay. They too need to eat three times a day. You have come to expect them to teach you for free and take up much of their time arguing your points or having them sort out your problems for you. But you do not treat them like you do a lawyer or Doctor or Dentist or therapist; all of whom you would pay for the visit.

Those teaching you Torah, you do not give anything to and their value is higher than any Doctor.

You do not value it by the way you conduct your life. You have money for an exotic coffee and a treat daily if not weekly. You go out for a meal on the town that cost the same as a week's groceries. You expect to have your torah study ready and yet you have done nothing to ensure it is there for you next week nor thanked those who did this work for you this week. Yet most of you are ready to condemn and attack those who stick out their necks to teach you those things they have come to learn. And some outwardly do attack those teaching you. I did not set out to be doing this and yet this is what I find myself doing. And there are those who liable me and attack me because they think they can.

2Ti 3:1 Know this also, that in the last days grievous times will be at hand. 2 For men will be self-lovers, money-lovers, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Are you one of these you loves only themselves and their own interests? Are you one of those who never gives thanks for those things Yehovah has provided through many men's teachings? Do you blaspheme the Torah by condemning those who teach thing you do not understand or agree with? Are you so busy remodeling your home or buying properties that you have no time to help those who feed you spiritually? Are you that far away that you can't post a money order once a month to help them continue to research subjects and articles for your edification?

I want to tell you about what I do here at sightedmoon.com.

We have a small group with 4 great leaders in that group that I attend with on Shabbat sometimes. I want to record some of these teachings to share with those of you who are alone at home with no one to teach you weekly. I also have 4 other ladies from around the world who help me to promote the message of The Sabbatical Cycles.

I also want to do a weekly and if possible a daily radio show with one of the leaders in our group.

I have just published my second book about the Sabbatical Years. I have the third one done and being edited now. And I have sent out dozens of letters looking for a literary agent and have received many rejections. I also have three other books about the Sabbatical Years ready to be written, all of which explain Prophecy and Chronology and the Sabbatical cycles in great detail for these last days. But I have no time to get all of this done.

We have about 11,000 who get the News Letter each week and we have blown past the 2 Million hit mark on the web site.

We have built a new web site and it is ready to begin using.

Those are things I want to do now and or have done.

I have produce a weekly News Letter each week since 2006. I speak on various radio shows from time to time about the Sabbatical and Jubilee year cycles and the prophecies they show us. I answer you phone calls and emails and skype conversations all of which take hours for

each one. I spend time between two groups here in Ontario. I have traveled to other groups in other countries to bring this teaching to their understanding. And I work on updating and providing new power point presentations for future teachings and especially for the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles.

But the biggest problem I am having is finding the time to do all I am currently doing and that does not include those things I want to do.

The main reason I have no time is because I have to spend all of my time during the week running the business that pays for my family and repairs to the equipment I use at work and this web site and the publishing of these books.

We have been given money for the vineyard in Israel by some of the brethren and I am grateful for this and we have spent all of it on this project. But there are other projects that just go by because we cannot do them. We have not accepted those cheques that say they are tithe money. Yes we turn them down because we do not want to sin.

We have hosted tours in Israel and each and every one I have done was for free on my part. I never receive money for showing you our Fathers Home.

I am curious to know just how many teachers out there would still be teaching if their incomes went to zero; If their tithes stopped coming in. I also wonder why so many of you continue to support those ministries that continue to teach falsities.

I bring this up with you because of this.

Most of you know what I am teaching. That is that the Sabbatical and Jubilee years are showing us that after 2017 North America will be at war and that in 2020 we will be defeated in that war. Many of you know this, but few of you actually believe it.

Many of you have proven this from the Sabbatical cycles as well and are excited to know this. But knowledge brings a responsibility to share this with others.

How am I and how are you going to share this message with the rest of North America?

You have not heard me begging for money each week. Nor will you. You do not see me driving around in Royal Royce's or living in Penthouses. I have grease and dirt under my fingernails from working to pay for what many of you have had the pleasure to learn from. And after working 12-16 hours a day I do the Newsletter and answer emails and phone calls.

We must take this to the rest of the USA and UK and CAN and Australia. But I cannot do this alone. We have just seven years to get it done. We need financial help each week and each month until we have it all done. You see all the signs in the nightly news and you know how it is tied into the Sabbatical and Jubilee cycles.

Will you now stand up and fill that gap in the wall and help support this message that no one else is teaching. I have tried to share it with the other groups and none will listen. Will you

stand with me and support this drive in these last years in North America and UK and Australia? And when we get done here will you then stand with me as we go to the Beast power and to Asia and to India and to Africa and to Russia. This work does not end in 7 years, but it does for North America and UK and Australia. Canada and New Zealand too.

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Brethren I am not doing this to get famous and I am not doing this to get rich. I am doing this because no one else is warning the brethren and the world about the penalties of not keeping the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. I have come to understand this and so have many of you. It is now our responsibility to share this knowledge with others so they can escape the curses that are coming and the ones that are already here.

No matter which you decide, you will have to answer to the Father and to the King about how you responded.

We are warned in Mathew about the servant who took the money and buried it for fear of losing it. He did nothing with what was given him. You have been given this understanding and you have been given it at this time, in this the last Jubilee cycle of this age. It was not for you alone that it was revealed to you. What are you going to do with it? Will you invest it to gain tenfold or fivefold or will you do nothing and bury it and then have the King take what you had and give it to others who did a work.

How is your treasure buried in the sand? It is when you have gained the great and awesome knowledge of His Torah and of His Sabbatical and Jubilee cycles and you think that that was nice and you do nothing with it. You tell no one and you do not help to promote it in any and all ways that only you can. By doing nothing you are the same as that servant who took his coins and buried them.

Those who had the 5 or 10 coins, they DID a work in these last days. We have proven to you these are those last days. Will you now stand and do that work in this vineyard of people while we still have time to do so?

Some of you are saying we have no money and cannot give anything. OK I understand. Then I am making you an offer. Sell 10 copies of Remembering the Sabbatical Years of 2016 for \$25 US each. That is the cost of the book and shipping of about \$5. If you can do that then send me the \$250 US and I will send you 11 books. One is yours for free. This will also help us to raise funding for these projects we would like to go forward on. If you sell 20 then I can send

you two books for you to keep and if you want you can sell those two and keep the money for yourself.

You are also helping others to learn about the Sabbatical years and at the same time helping us raise the funding needed and getting a copy of the book for yourself. You can approach church groups or you assembly or home group or place an ad in your local paper. You can invite your family and friends over the same as you would for a Tupperware party or make up party. Only now you're explaining why these disasters are happening on the nightly news. It is because they do not keep the Sabbatical and Jubilee years and with Remembering the Sabbatical Years you can now explain it in detail to them.

If you do not want to sell the books then tell people to buy them directly. Every book sold does result in a royalty that I can use to buy these cameras and pay for the those doing the editing work. But you need to sell lots of books to cover this.