

AN EXTRA NOTE: TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We are no longer under the Law. But let's take a moment to note how giving an offering or a tithe can be seen to be how a person honored Yahweh. From Abel's offering (ref. Genesis 4:3-4), Jacob's verbal tithe vow (ref. Genesis 28:20-22), even to Abraham through covenants in Yahweh's service (prophet covenant: Genesis 20; friendship covenant: Genesis 18). Also review Hebrews 7 to see how Christ is our High Priest.

Throughout Scripture, to honor Yahweh was often manifested through a substance of giving.

(6) Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. (7) You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

—2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NLT

But in the Church era, only the standing of giving an offering is required. But an individual can give a tithe vow and not be under the Law. **Give how Yahweh says to**, and stay away from attempting to gain wealth, health, and a version of prosperity based on the amount given.

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YAHWEH SAYS:

Servant, was Abraham's giving to Melchizedek given in the form of money, or was it a tenth of all, including his spoil? Understanding giving is where the people have confusion. King Jesus is the High Priest. Give ten percent or more of all, including time.

(1) For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he returned from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, (2) and Abraham gave him a tenth of all [the spoil]. He is, first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, which means king of peace.

—Hebrews 7:1-2 AMP

YAHWEH CONTINUES:

It's not just about money; it's about communion.

(23) The [former successive line of] priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were each prevented by death from continuing [perpetually in office]; (24) but, on the other hand, Jesus holds His priesthood permanently and without change, because He lives on forever. (25) Therefore He is able also to save forever (completely, perfectly, for eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to intercede and intervene on their behalf [with God].

(26) It was fitting for us to have such a High Priest [perfectly adapted to our needs], holy, blameless, unstained [by sin], separated from sinners and exalted higher than the heavens; (27) who has no day by day need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices, first of all for his own [personal] sins and then for those of the people, because He [met all the requirements and] did this once for all when He offered up Himself [as a willing sacrifice]. (28) For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak [frail, sinful, dying men], but the word of the oath [of God], which came after [the institution of] the Law, permanently appoints [as priest] a Son who has been made perfect forever.

—Hebrews 7:23-28 AMP