



THE BIBLE STANDS

*The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,
For the Bible stands.*

Lesson 27: STEWARDS OVER GOD'S FINANCES

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1. Who owns the world? Psalm 24:1.

"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

2. What does God claim as His? Psalm 50:10.

"For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

3. What about the world's wealth? Haggai 2:8.

"The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the LORD of hosts."

4. What is the kingdom of heaven likened unto? Matthew 25:14.

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods."

We are "stewards of the mysteries of God." 1 Corinthians 4:1.

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God."

5. What happens to treasures laid up on earth? Matthew 6:19.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:"

6. What are we to do with the treasures entrusted to us? Matthew 6:20.

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

7. What do our investments show? Matthew 6:21.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

8. What question will we ask if our heart is right with the Lord? Psalm 116:12.

"What shall I render unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me?"

9. What are we to bring when we come into the courts of the Lord? Psalm 96:8.

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts."

10. How much offering shall we give? Deuteronomy 16:17.

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which He hath given thee."

11. What happens when we give? Luke 6:38.

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

12. Is it possible for a man to rob God? Malachi 3:8.

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.”

Notice that tithe and offerings are two different things.

13. What happens if I rob God? Malachi 3:9.

“Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation.”

14. To whom does the tithe belong? 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 unto the LORD.”

15. What are we to do with what belongs to God? Matthew 22:21.

“They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.”

16. What else are we to do besides performing the weightier matters of the law? Matthew 23:23.

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

17. How should we feel about anything we give to God? 1 Chronicles 29:14 (last half).

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given thee.”

18. Did Abraham, the “father of the faithful,” pay tithes? Genesis 14:20.

“And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.”

Jesus is “made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.” Hebrews 6:20. Notice that tithing was practiced by God's people even before the Levitical priesthood came into existence.

19. How much do we pay when we pay tithe? Hebrews 7:1, 2.

“For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;”

20. How much shall be holy unto the Lord? Leviticus 27:32.

“And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.”

21. What did Jacob vow to God? Genesis 28:22.

“And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.”

22. Do we separate God's tithe after we have paid everything else, or do we separate His tithe first? Proverbs 3:9.

“Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.”

23. To whom were Israel's tithes given? Numbers 18:24.

“But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.”

24. What service did they perform which qualified them to receive tithes? Numbers 18:21.

“And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.”

25. How are the ministers of today to be supported? 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14.

“Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?”

26. Bring ye all the tithes into what? Malachi 3:10.

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

27. That there may be meat in what? Malachi 3:10.

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“The house of God...is the church of the living God.” 1 Timothy 3:15.

28. If we faithfully return His tithe, what will God do? Malachi 3:10, 11.

“. . .Prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.”

29. What else does He promise? Proverbs 3:10.

“So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”

30. What is one way of laying up treasure in heaven? Matthew 19:21.

“Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow Me.”

31. How does that kind of investment bring returns? Proverbs 19:17.

“He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.”

32. What should we remember about God? Deuteronomy 8:18.

“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.”

33. If we don't have as much wealth as we would like, what should we do? Hebrews 13:5.

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

“Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.” Proverbs 15:16.

“He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?” Ecclesiastes 5:10, 11.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” 1 Timothy 6:6-11.

34. What should we concentrate on? And what is promised? Matthew 6:33.

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Thought Summary:

God has designated the tithe for the support of the gospel ministry, a tenth of our increase belongs to Him for that purpose. God also asks for freewill offerings according as He has blessed us, these offerings reveal the condition of our heart toward Him. Will you choose to faithfully return to God His tithe and your offerings, because of your love for Him?