

(AMP) Pro 8:20-21

20 I [*Wisdom*] walk in the way of righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude **in every area and relation**), in the midst of the paths of justice,

21 That I may cause those who love me to inherit [*true*] riches and that I may fill their treasuries.

Title

SHIPS

RelationSHIP – FellowSHIP - SonSHIP

DiscipleSHIP - WorSHIP - FriendSHIP

StewardSHIP

God is a PACKAGE God

Ref. (NLT) **Rom 12:2** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...

RelationSHIP (to God - Vertical)

The Main SHIP - all others flow from

RelationSHIP (to other)

(horizontal)

StewardSHIP

(ref.) **1 Cor 4:2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one **be found** faithful.

STEWARDSHIP n NT:3623 oikonomos a house-manager, or overseer, a fiscal agent (treasurer)

a person who has been entrusted with the guardianship and supervision of another person's belongings.

FAITHFUL NT:4103 pistos (pis-tos'); to be trustworthy and reliable, constancy

Q & A Tithing

Question: What order of priesthood is Jesus' ministry and for how long?

***Heb 5:5-6**

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:

"You are My Son, Today I have begotten You."

6 As He also says in another place:

"You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek."

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10 called by God as High Priest **"according to the order of Melchizedek...."**

Heb 6:19-20

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even **Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**

Heb 7:11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise **according to the order of Melchizedek**, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

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14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident if, **in the likeness of Melchizedek**, there arises another priest

16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

17 For He testifies:

**"You are a priest forever
According to the order of
Melchizedek."**

Heb 7:21 for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him:

"The LORD has sworn

And will not relent,

**'You are a priest forever
According to the order of
Melchizedek'".**

**Answer: The order of Melchizedek,
forever.**

**Question: What does the Word of God
reveal to us about Melchizedek?**

Heb 7:1-4

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met

Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also **Abraham gave a tenth part of all**, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch **Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.**

Gen 14:18-20

18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out **bread and wine**; he was the priest of God Most High.

19 And **he blessed him** and said:

*"Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;*

*20 And blessed be God Most High,
Who has delivered your enemies into
your hand."*

And he gave him a tithe of all.

Answer: He blessed Abraham, received his tithe, and shared bread and wine (they took a type of communion).

The tithe is a sacrament used in a covenant transaction, which allowed Melchizedek (Jesus) to empower Abraham to prosper.

Question: Is tithing only from the Law or Old Testament?

Gal 3:16-18

16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

17 And this I say, that **the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later**, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.

18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Matt 23:23 "Woe 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.**

Answer: Tithing pre-dates the Law by at least 430 years, and Jesus revealed to us that tithing is in the same category as Justice, Mercy, and Faith (which are not just Old Testament).

Question: What are some of the benefits of tithing?

Mal 3:6, 8-12

6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change...."

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8 Will a man rob God?

Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say,

'In what way have we robbed You?'

In tithes and offerings.

9 You are cursed with a curse,

For you have robbed Me,

Even this whole nation.

10 **Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,**

That there may be food in My house,

And try Me now in this,"

Says the LORD of hosts,

"If I will not open for you the windows of heaven

And pour out for you such blessing

That there will not be room enough to receive it.

11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,

So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,

Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"

Says the LORD of hosts;

12 And all nations will call you blessed,

For you will be a delightful land,"

Says the LORD of hosts.

Answer: There will be so much blessing that you won't be able to receive it all and the Lord will rebuke the devourer so that the fruit of your blessings remain.

Question: What is the **STORHOUSE?**

STOREHOUSE H214 'ôtsâr o-tsaw'

a *depository*: - armory, cellar, treasure (-house) (-y).

1Ki 7:51 So all the work that King Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things which his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and the furnishings. He put them in the **treasuries (H214)** of the house of the LORD.

Answer: The treasury in the house of God

Question: What else does the Word of God reveal to us about the importance of the tithe?

Lev 27:30-32

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.**

31 If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

Answer: The Tithe is the Lord's and it is Holy.

Question: What is God's purpose for the tithe?

Num 18:21-24

21 "Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

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24 For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up as a heave offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites as an inheritance; therefore I have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.'"

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

26 "Speak thus to **the Levites**, and say to them: 'When you take from the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you **shall offer up a heave offering of it to the LORD, a tenth of the tithe.**

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30 Therefore you shall say to them: 'When you have lifted up the best of it, then the rest shall be accounted to the Levites as the produce of the threshing floor and as the produce of the winepress.

31 You may eat it in any place, you and your households, for **it is your reward (wages) for your work in the tabernacle of meeting.**

32 And you shall bear no sin because of it, when you have lifted up the best of it. But you shall not profane the holy gifts of the children of Israel, lest you die.'"

Answer: To support His ministry with holy revenue. The Tithe is designated for consumption.

Closing

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

"Recap"

1. Abraham tithed to Melchizedek (who is the Old Testament manifestation of Jesus).
2. Tithing pre-dates the law by at least 430 years.
3. The tithe belongs to God and it is Holy.
4. Tithing is a covenant exchange that puts us into financial covenant with God.
5. Jesus revealed that tithing transcends the Law by revealing to us that tithing is in the same category as Justice, Mercy, & Faith.

6. The tithe is designated for consumption. It's God's system to support His ministry.

7. His ministers are not exempt from tithing.