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Homework

I provide this document of tithe verses with homework exercises so that the faithful researcher and good steward has an academic method to make a one-to-one comparison between the typical Church doctrine and scripture.

The serious student of biblical truth (characterized by weighing God's Word as more important than man's word) shall invest 10 hours in meditating on these scriptures. Measured in years, 10% comes to 4.5 years of earnings assuming 45 years of work. Considering the stakes, 10 hours is a small investment. My promise is that after the 10 hour investment, the good steward will, at the very least, begin to suspect that the typical Church doctrine on the tithe has serious errors.

The verses listed on the following pages are the result of a word search (tithe, tithes, tenth, tenths) in the NET Bible run under Accordance for Mac OSX. Verses having nothing to do with the tithe have been removed: "tenth month", "tenth of an ephah", etc.

The following is the homework assignment for researching the scriptures as to the proper place of the tithe in the Christian Church.

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Step 1: Answer the questions below with your current understanding of the topic.

1. Why was the tithe instituted?
2. Who has the authorization to receive the tithe?
3. Who has the duty to pay the tithe?
4. To where is the tithe delivered?
5. What is the tithe? What material is it?
6. What is done with the tithe?

Answers from a typical Christian would be the following:

1. Why was the tithe instituted? Fund the Church
2. Who has the authorization to receive the tithe? The Pastor
3. Who has the duty to pay the tithe? The Christian
4. To where is the tithe delivered? Local Church
5. What is the tithe? Money
6. What is done with the tithe? Pays for Church projects/activities/payroll

Step 2: After filling out your thoughts, print the verses on the following pages, read all the verses, mark up the passages that deal with the questions.

1. Why was the tithe instituted?
2. Who has the authorization to receive the tithe?
3. Who has the duty to pay the tithe?
4. To where is the tithe delivered?
5. What is the tithe? What did the tithe payers bring to the tithe recipients?
6. What is done with the tithe?

Step 3: Meditate on your marked up verses for 10 hours.

As you think about the biblical answers to questions 1 and 6, consider what the final end result of what is done with the tithe. Hint: what is the main issue of Numbers 18? What is the main calling for those who receive the tithe? What problem do those who receive the tithe remediate? Numbers 8:17-19 will help as well.

Reading the context around the verses will greatly aid your understanding the tithe. Doing this homework will ingrain the tithe of the Bible into your heart so that when someone teaches something contrary, you will immediately recognize it. Renewing the mind to God's will is the goal.

Step 4: Compare your initial answers to your marked up scriptures.

You will find a chasm between your the typical answers and the marked up scriptures. At this point, you have a decision to make: believe God over man or man over God.

Step 5: Feedback

I'd be thrilled to hear about the results of your study. Send testimonies to info@his-kingdom.net.

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Prior to the Tithe Law [2]

Genesis 14:20 "Worthy of praise is the Most High God, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Abram gave Melchizedek a **tenth** of everything.

Genesis 28:22 Then this stone that I have set up as a sacred stone will be the house of God, and I will surely give you back a **tenth** of everything you give me.

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Leviticus 27:30 Any **tithe** of the land, from the grain of the land or from the fruit of the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD. **31** If a man redeems part of his **tithe**, however, he must add one fifth to it. **32** All the **tithe** of herd or flock, everything which passes under the rod, the **tenth** one will be holy to the LORD.

Numbers 18:21 See, I have given the Levites all the **tithes** in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they perform—the service of the tent of meeting.

Numbers 18:24 But I have given to the Levites for an inheritance the **tithes** of the Israelites that are offered to the LORD as a raised offering. That is why I said to them that among the Israelites they are to have no inheritance.

Numbers 18:26 You are to speak to the Levites, and you must tell them, 'When you receive from the Israelites the **tithe** that I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you are to offer up from it as a raised offering to the LORD a **tenth** of the **tithe**.'

Numbers 18:28 Thus you are to offer up a raised offering to the LORD of all your **tithes** which you receive from the Israelites; and you must give the LORD's raised offering from it to Aaron the priest.

Deuteronomy 12:6 And there you must take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your **tithes**, the personal offerings you have prepared, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

Deuteronomy 12:11 Then you must come to the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to reside, bringing everything I am commanding you—your burnt offerings, sacrifices, **tithes**, the personal offerings you have prepared, and all your choice votive offerings which you devote to him.

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Deuteronomy 12:17 You will not be allowed to eat in your villages your **tithe** of grain, new wine, olive oil, the firstborn of your herd and flock, any votive offerings you have vowed, or your freewill and personal offerings.

Deuteronomy 14:22 You must be certain to **tithe** all the produce of your seed that comes from the field year after year. **23** In the presence of the LORD your God you must eat from the **tithe** of your grain, your new wine, your olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the place he chooses to locate his name, so that you may learn to revere the LORD your God always.

Deuteronomy 14:25 you may convert the **tithe** into money, secure the money, and travel to the place the LORD your God chooses for himself.

Deuteronomy 14:28 At the end of every three years you must bring all the **tithe** of your produce, in that very year, and you must store it up in your villages.

Deuteronomy 26:12 When you finish **tithing** all your income in the third year (the year of **tithing**), you must give it to the Levites, the resident foreigners, the orphans, and the widows so that they may eat to their satisfaction in your villages.

Government Tithe Law [2]

1 Samuel 8:15 He will demand a **tenth** of your seed and of the produce of your vineyards and give it to his administrators and his servants. (this in reference to the king).

1 Samuel 8:17 He will demand a **tenth** of your flocks, and you yourselves will be his servants. (this in reference to the king).

Historical Record of application of the Tithe Law [12]

2 Chronicles 31:5 When the edict was issued, the Israelites freely contributed the initial portion of their grain, wine, olive oil, honey, and all the produce of their fields. They brought a **tenth** of everything, which added up to a huge amount. **6** The Israelites and people of Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also contributed a **tenth** of their cattle and sheep, as well as a **tenth** of the holy items consecrated to the LORD their God. They brought them and placed them in many heaps.

2 Chronicles 31:12 they brought in the contributions, **tithes**, and consecrated items that had been offered. Konaniah, a Levite, was in charge of all this, assisted by his brother Shimei.

Nehemiah 10:37 We will also bring the first of our coarse meal, of our contributions, of the fruit of every tree, of new wine, and of olive oil to the priests at the storerooms of the temple of our God, along with a **tenth** of the produce of our land to the Levites, for the Levites are the ones who collect the **tithes** in all the cities where we work. **38** A priest of Aaron's line will be with the Levites when the Levites collect the **tithes**, and the Levites will bring up a **tenth** of the **tithes** to

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the temple of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury.

Nehemiah 12:44 On that day men were appointed over the storerooms for the contributions, first fruits, and **tithes**, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions prescribed by the law for the priests and the Levites, for the people of Judah took delight in the priests and Levites who were ministering.

Nehemiah 13:5 He made for himself a large storeroom where previously they had been keeping the grain offering, the incense, and the vessels, along with the **tithes** of the grain, the new wine, and the olive oil as commanded for the Levites, the singers, the gate keepers, and the offering for the priests.

Nehemiah 13:12 Then all of Judah brought the **tithe** of the grain, the new wine, and the olive oil to the storerooms.

Prophetic References to the Tithe Law [3]

Amos 4:4 Go to Bethel and rebel! At Gilgal rebel some more! Bring your sacrifices in the morning, your **tithes** on the third day!

Malachi 3:8 Can a person rob God? You indeed are robbing me, but you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In **tithes** and contributions!

Malachi 3:10 Bring the entire **tithe** into the storehouse so that there may be food in my temple. Test me in this matter," says the LORD who rules over all, to see if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until there is no room for it all.

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References to the Tithe Law in the Gospel Books [3]

Matthew 23:23 Woe to you, experts in the law and you Pharisees, hypocrites! You give a **tenth** of mint, dill, and cumin, yet you neglect what is more important in the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness! You should have done these things without neglecting the others.

Luke 11:42 But woe to you Pharisees! You give a **tenth** of your mint, rue, and every herb, yet you neglect justice and love for God! But you should have done these things without neglecting the others.

Luke 18:12 I fast twice a week; I give a **tenth** of everything I get.

References to the Tithe Law in Hebrews [7]

Hebrews 7:2 To him also **Abraham apportioned a tithe of everything**. His name first means king of righteousness, then **king of Salem**, that is, king of peace.

Hebrews 7:4 But see how great he must be, if Abraham the patriarch gave him a **tithe** of his plunder. **5** And those of the sons of Levi who receive the priestly office have authorization according to the law to collect a **tithe** from the people, that is, from their fellow countrymen, although they too are descendants of Abraham. **6** But Melchizedek who does not share their ancestry collected a **tithe** from Abraham and blessed the one who possessed the promise.

Hebrews 7:8 and in one case **tithes** are received by mortal men, while in the other by him who is affirmed to be alive. **9** And it could be said that Levi himself, who receives **tithes**, paid a **tithe** through Abraham.