



ACCURATE BUILDING CONCEPTS

Open Window or Open Heaven

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Mal 3:10-12

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.(NKJ)

THE BLESSINGS FOR TITHING:

- OPEN WINDOWS
- OVERFLOWING BLESSINGS
- THE DEVOURER REBUKED – RESULTING IN FRUITFULNESS IN YOUR FIELD.
- ALL NATIONS WILL CALL YOU BLESSED
- YOU WILL BE A DELIGHTSOME LAND

Tithing existed before the law. Abraham tithed to Melchizedek.

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.(NKJ)

Abraham's blessing was bread, wine and deliverance from his enemies. Abraham tithed after he was blessed. His tithe was a declaration of his deliverance. Abraham did not tithe to get delivered. Abraham tithed because he was blessed.

Lev 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 to the LORD.(NKJ)

Lev 27:32

'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.(NKJ)

Under the law tithing was an act of obedience. Blessings are activated by obedience(Deut.28). Because the tithe belonged to God, returning it to the Lord was an act of obedience. The blessing for this act of obedience is outlined above.

NO DOUBT TITHING ACTIVATES BLESSINGS, EVEN IF IT IS RETURNED WITH A LEGAL MINDSET.

Even unbelievers who live by this principle are blessed.

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AS REGENERATED BELIEVERS, WE RECOGNISE THAT EVERYTHING BELONGS TO THE LORD – NOT JUST THE TITHE.

1 Cor 10:26

for "the earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness.(NKJ)

WE RECOGNISE THAT WE ARE OWNED BY GOD – NOT BY OURSELVES.

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.(NKJ)

Rom 14:8

For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.(NKJ)

WE RECOGNISE OUR POSITION -WE ARE IN HIM:

Acts 17:28

"for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'(NKJ)

BECAUSE OF THE RECOGNITION OF THE ABOVE, OUR LIFESTYLE SHOULD CHANGE:

2 Cor 5:15

and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.(NKJ)

Gal 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.(NKJ)

THE MACEDONIAN CHURCH RECOGNISED THIS:

2 Cor 8:5

And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.(NKJ)

THE APOSTLE PAUL TAUGHT THIS.

Rom 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

(NKJ)

AS NEW COVENANT BELIEVERS WE ARE THE OFFERING AND THE SACRIFICE. BECAUSE WE HAVE SURRENDERED OURSELVES, WE CAN GIVE ALL THAT WE OWN TO GOD.(PAUL GAVE HIMSELF AND HIS POSSESSIONS -2 Cor. 12 :15 spend and be spent.)

PROBLEM: WE ARE ASKING PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN THEMSELVES TO THE LORD TO TITHE.

WHEN YOU GIVE YOURSELF TO THE LORD, YOU LIVE BEYOND TITHING.

Rom 3:31

Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.(NKJ)

IN THIS CONTEXT EVERY ASPECT OF THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN US. WHEN YOU GIVE YOURSELF TO THE LORD YOU MOVE BEYOND THE PHARISEE. THE PHARISEE TITHED, YOU WILL DO BETTER.

Matt 5:20

"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.(NKJ)

THE PHARISEE COULD RETURN HIS TITHE, BUT COULD NOT SACRIFICE HIMSELF TO GOD – HE STILL LOVED HIS TITLES, HIS POSITION ETC) THIS IN HIM, OWNED BY HIM POSITION BRINGS A GRACE IMPARTATION TO GIVE EVERYTHING TO GOD.

WHEN YOU GIVE YOURSELF, GOD BEGINS TO WORK IN AND THROUGH YOU.(THE CONTEXT OF PHILLIPIANS 2 IS SELF-DENIAL.)

Phil 2:13

for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.(NKJ)

WHEN GOD WORKS IN YOU, YOU CEASE TO LIVE IN LEGALISM.

Rom 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.(NKJ)

YOU ARE NO LONGER LOOKING FOR BLESSINGS, YOU ARE A BLESSING. THIS NOW MOVES US BEYOND THE WINDOW BLESSINGS OF MALACHI 3.

Rom 15:29

But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.(NKJ)

DOORS OPEN SO THAT YOU CAN BE A DISTRIBUTOR OF BLESSINGS.

YOU NO LONGER LIVE UNDER A OPEN WINDOW, BUT AN OPEN HEAVEN.

Acts 7:55-60

55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,

56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord;

58 and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.(NKJ)

STEPHEN SAW HEAVENS OPEN BECAUSE HE GAVE HIMSELF.

JOHN SAW HEAVEN OPEN BECAUSE HE DENIED HIMSELF FOR THE GOSPEL.

Rev 1:9

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.(NKJ)

Rev 4:1

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."(NKJ)

WHEN JESUS DENIED HIMSELF BEFORE JOHN THE BAPTIST – HEAVENS OPENED.

Matt 3:13-16

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.(NKJ)

TITHING OUT OF A LEGAL MINDSET TO GET BLESSED, IS THEFT – GOING THROUGH THE WINDOW.

WHY GO THROUGH THE WINDOW WHEN YOU CAN HAVE AN OPEN HEAVEN.