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I. Divine Ownership

God owns the title deed to it all. His Word has been forevermore settled in heaven, Psalms 119:89. The following scriptures prove to us that very fact.

Exodus 19:5

“For al the earth is mine....”

Leviticus 25:23

“For the land is mine...”

Psalms 24:1

“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”

Psalms 50: 10-12

“For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine... The world is mine and the fullness thereof.”

Haggai 2:8

“The silver is mine, the gold is mine saith the Lord of Hosts.”

Ezekiel 18:4

“Behold, all souls are mine...”

Romans 14:8

“Whether we live thereof, or die, we are the Lord’s”

When we understand His divine ownership, knowing we came from the dust, and we belong to God according to Ecclesiastes 12:7;

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.”

Also, I Corinthians 6:20 states;

“For we are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Now we are ready to love, serve Him and to give to Him our time, money or whatever He requires us to give.

II. What God's Word Has To Say About Paying Tithes

Paul allows us to know that the things that are in the Word are for an ensample to all. With that thought in mind let's look to these scriptures. Seven hundred years before the Law of Moses, Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. Genesis 14:18 states that he was priest of the most high God.

Genesis 14:20 states

"..and he gave him tithes of all."

Genesis 28:20-22

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying....; ..and of all that Thou shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

Leviticus 27:30

"And all the tithe of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord."

Proverbs 3:9-10

" Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thin increase: (10) So shall the barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

Jesus put His approval on tithes,

Matthew 23:23 –

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Tithing was the order when Jesus was on the earth,

Luke 18:12

"I give tithes on all that I possess."

Jesus said in Mark 12:17;

"...Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marveled at Him."

This scripture also further establishes the fact of giving to God.
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III. Key To Blessings

We can be cursed or blessed according to Malachi 3:8-10;

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. (9) Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. (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.”

Even though our main reason for giving should not be just to receive back. It should be because we love God. But God’s Word promises a return according to 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 our bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal shall be measured to you again.”

In Malachi 3:11 God’s Word states that He will rebuke the devourer. Being aware of the natural setting of that scripture, that the devourer was that which was destroying their harvest, I believe that we also can take that spiritually. Satan is a devourer. He seeks to steal, kill and destroy each one of us. I believe that God will give us power over Satan when we have fulfilled what God requires of us.

IV. Making God's System Work

There is no doubt that giving of tithes and offerings is the answer to financial pressures. They are not only the key to unlock the windows of Heaven; they are also the key to establishing proper priorities in our lives. These scriptures tell us how to do so:

I Corinthians 16: 1-2

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia even so do ye. (2) Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come.”

II Corinthians 9: 6-8

“ But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. (7) Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (8) And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”

Matthew 10:8 (part B) states – *“freely ye have received freely give:”* Also remember III John 1:2 *“Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prospereth.”* Another scripture that emphasizes this is Psalms 1:3 – *“Whatever he doeth shall prosper.”* I believe that God is making this promise to those who love Him, and live by His Word.

In giving we put God first and in doing so we automatically surrender many selfish interests, which have been the cause of so many of our spiritual, physical, and financial troubles.

I pray that God will open your understanding of these scriptures and that they will help you to have victory in your life.

Sincerely,

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