# Tithing in the New Testament Abraham's Covenant

6/1/2025

- a. From God's perspective: all giving is an outflow of and should be motivated by Love.
- b. Giving and Love are connected. What we Love, we give to.
- God tests our Love for him, via our financial giving. (Specifically stated: 2 Corinthians 8:8)

- d. There are 3 primary ways of giving in the Bible:
  - Tithes, Offerings, and Alms
- e. Giving the Tithe originated under Abraham's Covenant, not the Law.
- f. The Tithe (10% of our income in increase/profit) is given to the Lord via his work/ministers in reciprocation for the Blessing we receive from God.

g. Abraham's Covenant began a process that Jesus finished. Abraham's covenant was the beginning of humans being able to be Blessed by God as individuals.

h. By faith in Jesus, we become Abraham's offspring and therefore, his heirs. Everything in Jesus' Covenant finds it's roots in Abraham's Covenant, and it is explained / detailed in the Law.

#### **First Fruits:**

Offering the first fruits to God was a way of demonstrating the principle of putting him first in all things. It fulfilled the first commandment in practice (Matthew 22:37-38).

Such offerings were commanded (Leviticus 23:10, 17, 20; 2:12-14; Exodus 23:16-19; 34:22, 26; Numbers 18:12; 28:26; Deuteronomy 16:9; 26:10);

and special blessings were promised those who made them (*Proverbs 3:9-10*). The offering of firstfruits typified the resurrection of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:2-23).

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# Application for today.

- It typifies the resurrection of Christ. It
  was acknowledging and giving a portion
  of the new supply that the people were
  being given.
- 2. If we raise crops, we can do it easily.

If we don't raise crops, it could be done with the first income / produce of each year showing it is the beginning of a new year of supply in our lives. Tithing in the N.T. and Abraham's Covenant.

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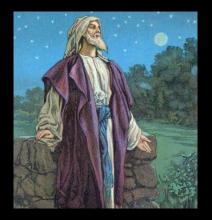


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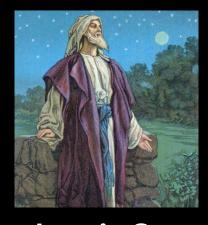
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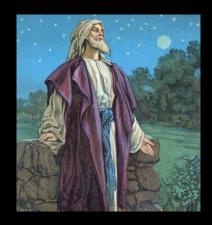
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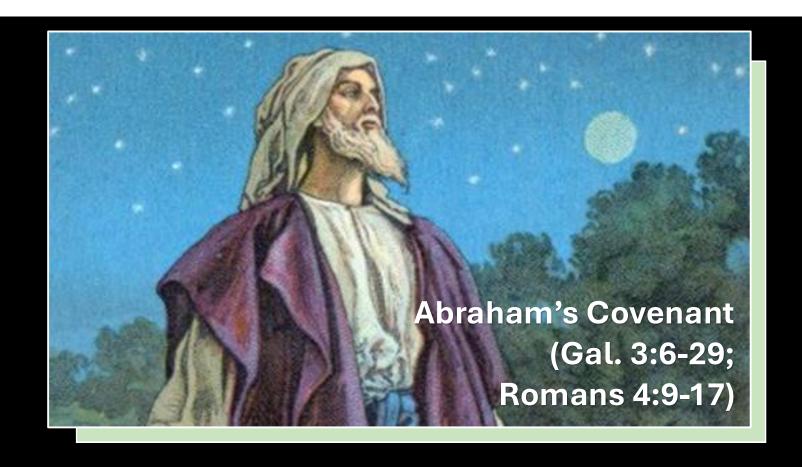
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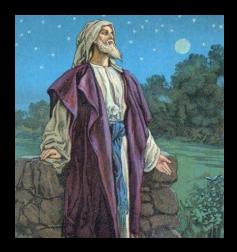
The New Testament clearly teaches that believers are part of Abraham's covenant through faith in Jesus Christ, who fulfills the promise of blessing to all nations. Key passages include Galatians 3:6-9, 14, 26-29, Romans 4:9-17, Romans 9:6-8, Ephesians 2:12-19, and Hebrews 6:13-17. These scriptures show that believers, both Jew and Gentile, are Abraham's spiritual heirs, receiving the covenant's blessings (righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and inclusion in God's family) through faith, not physical descent or works.

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5. Connection to the Abrahamic Covenant and Believers

Since your previous question addressed believers 'inclusion in the Abrahamic Covenant, it's worth noting how the Noahic Covenant relates:

• The Noahic Covenant provides the foundation for the Abrahamic Covenant by ensuring the survival of humanity and creation, allowing God's redemptive plan to proceed through Abraham's line. Believers, as Abraham's spiritual heirs (Galatians 3:29), indirectly benefit from the Noahic Covenant's preservation of the world in which God's promises are fulfilled.

 While the Abrahamic Covenant is specific to those who share Abraham's faith (Romans 4:16), the Noahic Covenant applies to all humanity, including believers, as they live in a world sustained by God's promise.

#### 6. Eschatological Perspective

The Noahic Covenant is described as lasting "while the earth remains" (Genesis 8:22). The New Testament anticipates a future renewal of creation (2 Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 21:1), where the current earth gives way to a new heaven and new earth. Until that time, the Noahic Covenant remains in effect, preserving the world for God's purposes. The absence of a flood-like judgment and the continued appearance of the rainbow affirm its ongoing validity.

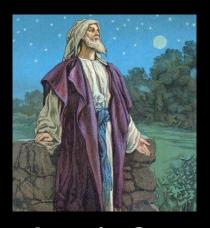
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**Jesus' Covenant** (Galatians 3:16,19, 23-26)

The New Testament teaches that the Old Testament Law (the Mosaic Law, given through Moses at Sinai) was fulfilled and superseded by Jesus Christ, marking a transition from the old covenant to the new covenant. While the Law was not abolished in the sense of being nullified, its role as a binding legal system for righteousness was completed with Christ's life, death, and resurrection, which inaugurated the new covenant of grace through faith. Below are the key New Testament passages that indicate the Mosaic Law was in effect until Jesus and explain how His work fulfilled or replaced it.

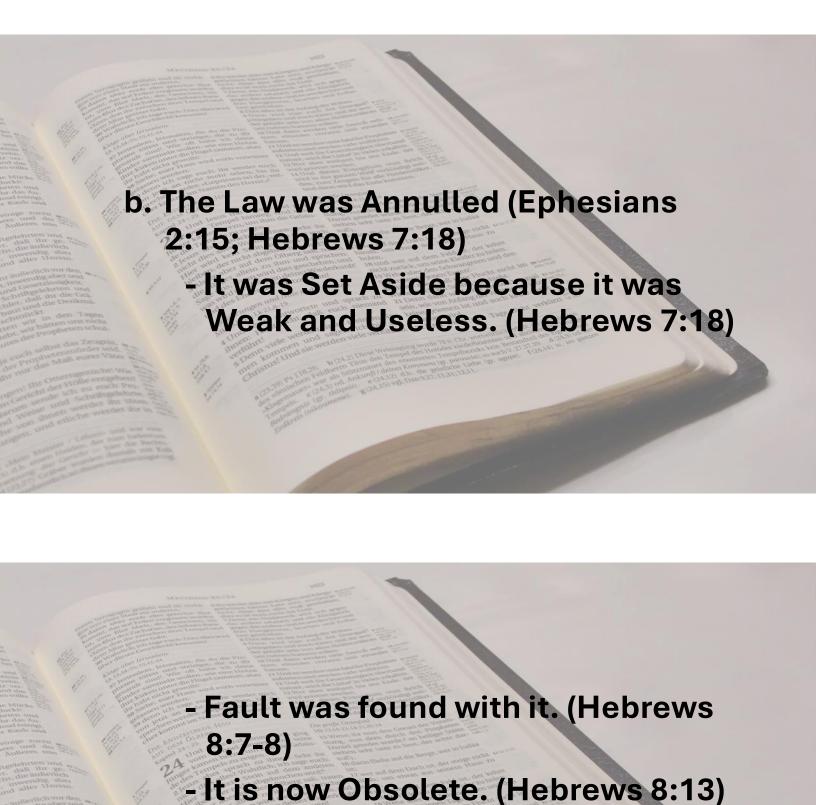
The New Testament teaches that the Mosaic Law was in effect until Jesus fulfilled it through His life, death, and resurrection, establishing the new covenant. Key passages include Matthew 5:17-18, Galatians 3:19, 23-25, Romans 10:4, Hebrews 8:6-13, Ephesians 2:14-15, Colossians 2:13-14, and John 1:17.

These texts show that the Law's role as a legal system for righteousness ended with Christ, who fulfilled its purpose and introduced salvation by faith under the new covenant. While the Law's moral principles may guide Christian ethics, its ceremonial and civil requirements are no longer binding.

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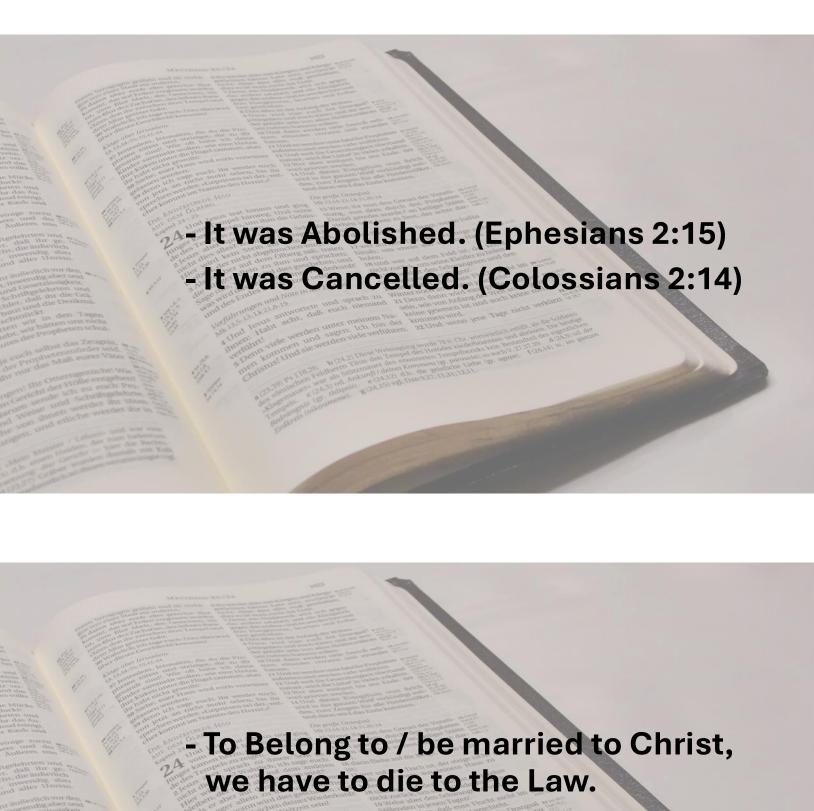
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- 3. The Law is no longer in affect for believers.
  - > It has been fulfilled and replaced by Jesus' Covenant
- 4. Jesus' Covenant is built on Abraham's Covenant. It's an extension of it. (Galatians 3:14)

- Scriptures that say Moses Covenant is no longer in affect for christians. Jesus fulfilled it.
  - a. The Law was Only Until Christ:
    - Romans 10:4; Galatians 3:10-14; 19, 25; 4:8-11; Ephesians 2:15; Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrews 7:18; 8:13; 9:8-10; 10:4, 9.



- It was Set Aside to make room for

the New Covenant. (Hebrews 10:9)



(Romans 7:4)

#### Romans 7:4-6 (NKJV)

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. 6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

> Here's the big thought: Even though the 10 commandments are a good moral guide (they don't show God to us. They don't show Love. Their purpose was to expose / reveal sin) they no longer rule over us as believers, and we are not held accountable to them.

# Colossians 2:11-17 (NKJV)

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. 16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

# Matthew 22:34-40 (NKJV)

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said to him, You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Abraham, Melchizedek and N.T. Tithing. Genesis 14:18-20 (NKJV)

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.

# **Hebrews 7:1-10 (NIV)**

1 This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, 2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. (Principle cf. –Genesis 14:18-20; Romans 15:26-27; 1 Corinthians 9:9-11; Hebrews 7)

Romans 15:26-27 (NIV) - THE PRINCIPLE:
26 For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. 27 They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:9-11 (NIV) - THE PRINCIPLE:
9 For it is written in the Law of Moses: Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain. Is it about oxen that God is concerned? 10 Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. 11 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?

**Hebrews 7:1-10 (NIV)** 

First, his name means king of righteousness; then also, king of Salem means king of peace. 3 Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.

I think this was a pre incarnate visitation by Jesus.

a. It happened numerous places in the
 O.T. and I think this is one of them.

- b. Was Jesus the physical King and Priest of Salem?
- No. But spiritually he was.
- Jesus manifested in the physical to Abraham here. (That's my belief)

- c. That's the only way you can fulfill what Hebrews declares what qualifies Melchizedek to be the Priest.
- No human Father or Mother
- No human genealogy
- No Birth and No Death
- Like Jesus, remaining a priest forever.....
- He lives forever. Did not Die. (also v. 8)

- d. I believe Abraham paid Tithes to the pre-incarnate son of God / Jesus.
- e. Who do we pay Tithes to?? (the same person)

### **Hebrews 7:1-10 (NIV)**

4 Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! 5 Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people that is, their brothers even though their brothers are descended from Abraham. 6 This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

(Principle cf. - Genesis 14:18-20; Romans 15:26-27; 1 Corinthians 9:11-12; Hebrews 7)

7 And without doubt the lesser person
(Abraham) is blessed by the greater
(Melchizedek). 8 In the one case, the tenth is
collected by men who die; but in the other
case, by him who is declared to be living.
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One might even say that Levi, who collects
the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham,
10 because when Melchizedek met
Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his
ancestor.

# Hebrews 7:11-12 (NIV)

11 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? 12 For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change of the law.

# Hebrews 7:15-17 (NIV)

15 And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, 16 one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is declared: You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

# Hebrews 7:19 (NIV)

19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. (There's the Blessing we receive from Jesus). (Principle cf. - Genesis 14:18-20; Romans 15:26-27; 1 Corinthians 9:11-12; Hebrews 7)

**Hebrews 7:21-26 (NIV)** 

21 but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: You are a priest forever.'

22 Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. 23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (There's another aspect of the Blessing we receive from Jesus) (Principle cf. - Genesis 14:18-20; Romans 15:26-27; 1 Corinthians 9:11-12; Hebrews 7)

26 Such a high priest meets our need - one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

Hebrews 7:28 (NIV)

28 For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Jesus fulfilled the picture of Melchizedek.

1. I think Jesus was Melchizedek, but either way – the principle of receiving "The Blessing" and returning "The Tithe" remains the same.

- 2. We (the lessor) are Blessed by the Jesus (the greater).
  - > Just like Abraham.
- 3. The Exchange of that Blessing is the Principle of us returning the Tithe to God. (The Tithe being a financial part of the Exchange)

This is found through out scripture. (The 7 witnesses)

- 1. Genesis in Seed Form
- 2. In the Law.
- 3. In the Psalms in Sacred Song.

- 4. The Prophets.
- 5. In the Gospels as Jesus taught it.
- In Acts as the Apostles acted on it. (Shift to New Covenant where God owns it all)
- 7. In the letters written to the church now doctrine.

# **Application to us:**

- 1. Who is the lessor receiving the Blessing? (Us)
- 2. Who is the greater giving the Blessing? (Jesus)

- 3. Who is declared to be living and a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek? (Jesus)
- > Whether Jesus was actually Melchizedek or not, Jesus is now the one who collects the Tithe, because he is the one who is fulfilling the picture of Melchizedek.

- > It is the principle of Covenant Exchange.
  - When a person receives the Blessing from a minister, the reciprocation on that financially is the Tithe.

That's how the Kingdom's earthly ministry is funded.

Both Jesus and Paul say it's funded through the temple.

How does the temple get it's money?? (Tithes & Offerings)

- Current day application of the Temple is the Church.
  - Confirmed by Jesus:
    - 1 Corinthians 9:13-14
  - Confirmed by Paul:
    - 1 Corinthians 9:1-12

# 1 Corinthians 9:13-14 (NKJV)

13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? 14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

# 1 Corinthians 9:1-5 (NKJV)

1 Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. 3 My defense to those who examine me is this: 4 Do we have no right to eat and drink? 5 Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? 7 Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? 8 Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain. Is it oxen God is concerned about?

10 Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. 11 If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? (Principle cf. - Genesis 14:18-20; Romans 15:26-27; 1 Corinthians 9:11-12; Hebrews 7) 12 If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?

# **Summary:**

- 1). Tithing began with Abraham giving the Tithe to Melchizedek
  - a. It has nothing to do with the Law.
    As believers we are no longer under or affected by the Law.

2) In the N.T. it continues on with Abraham's offspring / children giving the Tithe to the one who fulfills the order of Melchizedek - which is Jesus. ("The priest who lives forever in the order of Melchizedek" - Hebrews 7:17)

Galatians 3:29 (NIV)

29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Hebrews 7:8 (NIV)

8 In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living