



Have you ever wondered why we don't have the power like the apostles in the four gospels? When they could heal the sick and cure the blind instantly to anyone they touch. Was it only for that time period from Jesus ministry until the apostles were martyred? Let us go to Mark 16: 15 "and he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover". Yet when we drink something deadly, we get sick and maybe die. If we are bitten by a poisonous snake, we are rushed to the hospital so the doctor can save our lives. Many times when we lay our hands on the sick, we don't see results like the apostles did where the lame jump up and started dancing. Well I believe the reason why the American Christian Church is powerless is because we don't really know how to study the Bible. I start by showing one example, a tradition we follow blindly which majority of our churches teaches which is tithing. This is one of many things that are misinterpreted in the Bible, but first, I will start with the subject; how to study the Bible.

We have Old and New Testament. Another word for Testament is Covenant. So we can say old and new Covenant. If you read Genesis chapter 15: 18 "In the same day

the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.” The Lord is speaking to Abraham telling him, that the land from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates, that the land will belong to him and his generation. This is an earthly covenant, because it is here on earth where the covenant was made. Now let’s go to John 15: 19 “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” Jesus tells us that we are not of this world. Apostle Paul backs up what Jesus is saying and tells us to look for the rapture. 1 Thessalonians 4: 16 “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” This is a spiritual Covenant because the covenant is not here on earth but in heaven..

There are three types of people in the Bible. The first type we will see in Ephesians Chapter 2. 11 “Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:” So the gentiles in the Old Testament after the Israel came on the scene, had no hope, no covenant promises. They were aliens from the common wealth of Israel or we would say ignorant of the true living God.. They were lost in the Old Testament after the Israel became a nation. Now let’s check out what the second type of person is. Let us go to Hebrew 11: 13 “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but

having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth". So an average Jew that was under the old Covenant was saved by faith without the promise but they saw the promises afar off. They looked forward to the promises. The third type is found in 1 Corinthian Chapter 12: 12 "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For * * by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." So we have the Body of Christ, When we become part of the body of Christ, we lose our identity, we are no longer Jew or Gentile but part of the body of Christ.

Now as long as we remember the three types of people in the Bible and keep them in their time period. We then need to ask when, why, and to whom the Lord was speaking. We can divide the Bible into five sections. In the Old Testament, before the flood, gentiles only, the Jews haven't come on the scene yet. The second part after the flood,, when the Jews come on the scene, it was written about the Jews under the law. It is full of prophecy concerning Israel judgment or prophecies concerning the coming messiah. The third part is the four gospels, which were written to the Jews under the law. Jesus was here but he hadn't died yet. So the Jews had the promise among them but were still looking forward to the promise which they had no idea what that was. Romans 15: 8, and Galatians 4:4-5 tells us that Jesus ministered to the Jews. . Now Let's go to Matthew Chapter 15 verses 22 "And behold, a Canaanites woman came out from those borders, and cried, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a demon. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his

disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” A Canaanites woman which is a gentile and what does he do? He ignores her, and how does Jesus reply to the apostles, he replies that he was not sent to the gentiles but to the Lost sheep of Israel. Let us go back to Matthew 15: 25 “Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.” What Jesus is telling after the second time she comes to him, is his signs and miracles are a sign to Israel to show who he is. He is not ready yet for the gentiles. She agrees with him but she says don't even the dogs get crumbs as they fall from the master's table, He says by her faith, her daughter was healed. But he made it very clear that his ministry is to the lost sheep of Israel.

Let us go to Matthew 10:5, Jesus commands his apostles not to go the Gentiles or Samaritans but to the Jews only. As we study the scriptures, we learned from Acts 11:19 that the apostles were still going to the Jews only except the one time Peter had gone to Cornelius. We learn from Acts 9: 15 that the Apostle Paul is the apostle to the gentiles, kings and Jews or we can say the body of Christ. The fourth part, the Romans to Philemon is written to the body of Christ since Paul wrote those books. The fifth part is from Hebrews to Revelation which was written to the Jews explaining that the Old Covenant isn't valid anymore but they have to follow the New Covenant. As long as we remember these simple things, the Bible starts to fit like a puzzle. The Jews were under

the Mosaic Law without the promise looking forward to the promise in the Old Testament and were God's People, The Gentiles in the Old Testament remember according to Paul were under no covenant, no promises, they were a people of Pagan worship.

A lot of people are not sure where the Jews are from. Jews ancestry starts with Abraham and the Lord made a covenant with Abraham, in Genesis Chapter 12.: 1Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:3And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him: that curseth thee and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. Now this Covenant he made with Abraham. It is through Abrahams and Sarah's son Isaac that the line of Israelites is passed through, Isaac and Rebecca had twins which they called them Esau and Jacob. It is through their son Jacob and their twelve grandsons came about the twelve tribes of Israel. Now let us go to Genesis Chapter 32: 24 "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." Here we see that Jacobs name is change from Jacob to Israel. Genesis Chapter 46: 1 "And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. 2And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob,

Jacob. And he said, Here am I. 3And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: 4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.5And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:7His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt. Which were about 70 people,” They lived there for the next 400 years until Moses delivered them out of Egypt. Moses by whom brought about the Mosaic Law. If you read Genesis Chapter 15, God is telling Abraham a prophecy about how Israel will come about, and if you read Acts Chapter 7, it repeats what the Old Testament says on how the Jews became a nation. The Lord set aside these people to write the Bible so we can have Salvation. 2 Peter 1: 21 For no scripture ever came by the will of man: but men used by God, being moved by the Holy Spirit. These people were inspired by God, who wrote the 66 books of the Bible. Without these people we would not have a Bible.

The Old Testament is for our learning, like Romans Chapter 15 verse 4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now let us go to 1 Corinthians 2: 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. So we should read the Old Testament for our learning and to compare scripture with scripture. I am going to show an example. Let us go to I Corinthians Chapter 10 6 “Now these things were our

examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” Now without referring to the Old Testament, this loses some of its meaning. But Let's go back to the Old Testament to get a better understanding of what they are saying in I Corinthians, Let's go back to Exodus Chapter 32 1 “And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. 6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; **and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.**”

As you read In Exodus, you see how they lusted and did evil in the sight of the Lord.. It shows us How Exodus was for our learning. Now that puts a whole different light on the verse in I Corinthians Chapter 10 Verse 6.

When did the New Testament (covenant) really start, when Jesus died on the cross.. Let us go to Luke Chapter 22: 14 And when the hour came, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this

Passover with you before I suffer: 16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you. . It also mentions the New Covenant starting at the cross in Matthew and Mark as well. This is where the New Covenant comes in.

Tithing is mention only 8 times in the New Testament, once in Matthew, twice in Luke and five times in the book of Hebrews. All instances were written to the Jews who were or had been under the Old Covenant, not the body of Christ or gentiles.

As we study the Old Testament, we find From Numbers chapter 18 that tithing was for the Levites and is a part of the Mosaic Law. The Levites were the tribe picked to be the High Priests by the budding of their rod. The Lord had Moses set aside twelve rods, one for each of the twelve tribes. The rod that blossom, that tribe would become the mediator and priests for Israel. Let's look at tithing in Numbers chapter 18. We learn that the Levites have no inheritance and the tithes came from the other twelve tribes was theirs inheritance (Joseph's tribe was considered two tribes, Manasseh, and Ephraim). You also learn that the Levites bear the iniquity of themselves and for Israel, No other tribe could go in the temple and offer burnt offerings for their sins, only the Levites could.

If the Israelites didn't tithe, there wasn't enough food for the Levites, the widow, the orphan and the poor. They would be forced to leave because they couldn't afford to stay

at the temple without their inheritance (tithing). Let us go to Nehemiah Chapter 13 Verse 10 “And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled everyone to his field. 11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken ? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.” So in order to get the Levites and Singers back in the Temple, they had to bring first in the tithes, not money but Livestock, corn, new wine and oil into the treasuries which mean storehouse or a place where you store food and drink. They used the tithe of the tithe for a burnt offering for their remission of sins and the rest of the tithe was for the Levites, widows, orphans and the poor. Let us go to DE 26:12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the TITHES of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled.” The tithe went to feed the Levites, the stranger or poor, the orphans and the widows. So when the Israelites tithed, they tithe so that the Levites, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow could eat and ten percent of that tithe would be offer as burnt offering for temporary redemption of sins. It was a temporary redemption because they had to offer sacrifices on a regular basis for remission of sins. When Jesus Christ died on the Cross, he had to only die once which is now a permanent redemption for our sins. Levites offered a temporary redemption for the Jews only and Jesus is a permanent redemption for sins for Jews and Gentiles

I found to be an accurate quote from Wikipedia. As quoted from www.wikipedia.com “The book of Malachi was written to correct the lax religious and

social behavior of the Israelites, particularly the priests in post-exilic Jerusalem. Although the prophets urged the people of Judah and Israel to see their exile as punishment for failing to uphold their covenant with the LORD, it was not long after they had been restored to the land and to the Temple worship that the people's commitment to their God began, once again, to wane. It was in this context that the prophet commonly referred to as Malachi delivered his prophecy.” Now Let us go to Malachi Chapter 3:1” Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap”: Now as we look at Malachi Chapter 3: 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. He is going to purify the Levis because they are mediators for the sins of Israel.

Let's take Malachi Chapter 3:8 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. We have taken these verses to heart and feel that they apply to us but do they really apply to us? We tend to overlook the versus preceding this. Let us read Malachi 3: 5 “And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false

swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.” When the Israelites didn’t tithe, remember that there was no food for the Levites, the orphans, widows, poor or stranger. So God is telling Israel that the nation is robbing him by not taking care of those who are less fortunate. Jesus uses the same parable in Matthew 25 in where he separates the goats and the sheep Let us go to Matthew 25: 35 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.” Jesus is telling us here that we need to help out those less fortunate than us

Let's look at Malachi Verses 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. 4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. Now the Levites, Judah and Jerusalem, he is clearly talking about his chosen people (the Jews) who wrote the Bible. Let us go to Malachi Chapter one, where it says to the burden of the word of the Lord to the Israelites. We see that the book of Malachi is written to the Isralites.

Chapter one discusses chastising them for bringing lame and blind animals for sacrificing. Let us go to Malachi Chapter 2 which applies to Jewish Priest, Read these chapters and really ask yourselves if any of this applies to you. Your answer will be no. Then how do we decide what scriptures are meant for us or are we taking them out of context for our own private interpretation. Isn't that what Peter is warning us about in II

Peter Chapter 1 Verse 20 “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.” So we should take the book of Malachi for our learning.

They say that we should tithe because Abraham tithed before there was a mosaic law. Let's look at this, Abraham went to war to get his Nephew Lot back, and when the Lord has given him victory, He tithed of the loot from the war to a high priest name Melchizedek. Let us go to Hebrews Chapter 7:4 “Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.” Then he gave the rest of the loot to King of Sodom. If this is teaching us about tithing, then we should tithe when we go to war. Abraham's purpose was to get back his nephew Lot and have victory. Our purpose could be similar or just fighting for our country. After we tithe, we should give the rest away, so we can say that no one can claim that they made us rich. But that doesn't really apply because most of us do not go to War and the ones that do, then they would tithe only from the loot of the war. It never really ever mentions Abraham ever tithing from his own personal wealth.

So why is Melchizedek so important? He is the King of Salem and a Priest of the Most High God. The only other person in the Bible that was a King and a High Priest was Jesus. Lets go to II Chronicle Chapter 26 and read how King Ussiah had did what was right before the Lord. He was warring against the Idolaters and the Lord was giving him victory and his name was becoming known throughout the land. But what did he finally do, he let vanity set in. He thought he could be a King and a High Priest. Verses 16” But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the

LORD, that were valiant men: 18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God. 19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. 20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hastened also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. 21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several * house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.” King Uzziah was from the tribe of Judah and only men from the tribe of Levites could enter the temple. Remember that in Numbers Chapter 17 and 18 tells how the Levites were chosen to be the High Priest for Israel.

Let's go to the scriptures and find out who Melchisedek was or is. Let's start with Psalms 110 The Psalms is talking about Jesus and that he is from the order of Melchizedek. Let us go to Hebrew Chapter 6 verse 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Why is it important that he is from the order of Melchisedec because he could not be a high priest through the line of Joseph or Mary.

Joseph's lineage went through the tribe of Judah to King Solomon to King David in which the Lord had made a covenant with, II Samuel Chapter 7 verse 12 And when thy

days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. but the Lineage goes back to Abraham to show them that the Covenant he made with Abraham was also fulfilled in Genesis Chapter 12. It shows him as being King as man. Now if you follow the lineage in Luke Chapter 3 which is Mary's Lineage, it goes to Nathan which is King Solomon's brother, then to King David but Mary's side goes all the way back to Adam, who is the Son of God, It shows him being King fulfilling the promises in Genesis..

Both side come from the tribe of Judah. But in order to be a High Priest, you had to come from the tribe of Levites. But Jesus is a High Priest because he is from the Order of Melchisedec So who is this Melchisedec, Hebrews Chapter 7 Melchisedec meaning King of Righteousness which implies deity because no man is consider righteousness, or as it as worded in Roman Chapter 3 verse 10 As it is written *, There is none righteous, no, not one: That Melchisedec has no beginning and no end and he is like the Son of God, that he is the King of Peace, Isaiah Chapter 9 Verse 6 refers to Jesus as the Prince of Peace. Melchisedec King of Peace from my speculation is God the father in human form and Jesus Prince of Peace is the Son of God in human form. Both are High Priest continually.

Now the next time tithes is mention is Leviticus Chapter 27 Verse 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 unto the LORD. 31 And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. If we understand Line 31 which if we were to pay the tithe with money that we would have to pay 30 percent. God didn't want money but fruit of the land and animals. Now according to www.wikipedia, the book of Leviticus Chapter 1 - 16

and Chapter 27. The first part Leviticus 1-16, and Leviticus 27, constitutes the main portion of the Priestly Code, which describes the details of rituals, and of worship, as well as details of ritual cleanliness and uncleanness. In Leviticus Chapter 9 and 10 talk about Aaron's sons (Nadav, Avihu) offering strange fire and being killed directly by the hand of God for doing so. So we would agree that the book of Leviticus doesn't apply to us but in some strange way that Leviticus chapter 27 verse 30 about tithes somehow does?

. Deuteronomy (Greek deuteronomion, - "second law") is the fifth book of the Hebrew Bible and of the Old Testament. According to Wikipedia, The book is a set of three sermons delivered by Moses reviewing the previous forty years of wandering in the wilderness; its central element is a detailed law-code by which the Children of Israel are to live in the Promised Land. But somehow we take these verses out of Deuteronomy and apply it to us even though it is clearly Moses talking to the Jews.

When did the storehouse come in effect? Joseph made a storehouse so that he could give the people food during the seven years of drought. Then the Levites also made a storehouse because you can't give tithe of livestock every year because they would eventually become extinct. It takes 2 years for a calf or sheep to reach as an adult and that third year is when they fill out and mature. Deuteronomy chapter 14: 22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. 23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always. 24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy

God hath blessed thee: 25 Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: 26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, 27 And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee. 28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: 29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest. Actually Verse 28 is what I want you to look at, which says at the end of the third year, the year of tithing. They didn't tithe the other two years, just the third year. Also tithing was for us as well. You took a portion of your tithes and went to a place that the Lord designated for you, then you would partake of the tithing by eating and drinking of what you brought.

In Hebrew Chapter 7, we learn that Levites took the tithes of the people according to the Mosaic Law. Lets read verse 5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:. I am going to compare scripture with scripture. I am going back to the Nehemiah in the Old Testament. It explains how they tithe and that it is part of the Law. So with that, Let's go to Nehemiah Chapter 10:32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God; 33

For the showbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the Sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. 34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law: 35 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD: 36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: 37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. 38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. 39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

Now let's do a recap of what we have learned, We have learned that the tithing was for the Levites, the widow, the orphans and the poor or stranger, in which they receive from the Israelites, They had to work together to have redemption of sin. That it is only mention 8 times in the New Testament which was written to the Jews who were

under the Old Covenant. The Apostle Paul never mentions tithing when he writes to the body of Christ. The Jews tithe according to the Law. The Gentiles had no promises, no covenant and no God in the Old Testament. That tithing is not for the body of Christ.

When we do not know how to study the Bible, we can misinterpret many things in the Bible such as Tithing. Through our misinterpretations, we have taken the power of Christ out of our Churches. During the end of Jesus ministry, Jesus tells us that these are the signs of those who believe. But do we see any of those signs in our current believers in Christ? We should see these gifts becoming more manifested in our churches.

If we learn how to study the Bible, we learn that since Paul is the apostle to the body of Christ. It is in Paul teaching that teaches us to give in Corinthians, that we give freely with a cheerful heart. That we give according to what we feel that the Lord is laying upon our hearts. Paul teaches us on how we should give in II Cor Chapter 9: 6 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.

We are not to teach tithing because tithing implies to us in giving ten percent, it is obligating us to give a portion of our income, and what does the new testament teaches us, if we feel obligate, not to give because you are only robbing yourself, He wants us to give willing and with a cheerful heart, in other word we are free from the law(obligation) and are now saved by grace.

Let's go to I Corinthians chapter 9 Verse 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar. 14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the

gospel should live of the gospel I believe that this teaches us that one who teaches shall be compensated. II Corinthians 8 and 9 also teaches us on Giving

People think that when we give of money to Jesus, we have to give it to the church. Remember that the church is not the mediator for the finances of God. How do we give money to God? It is by helping those less fortunate than us. A effective way to help those less fortunate than us is doing it as a group or Church which means called out assembly. So when you give money to a church, give knowing where the money is going and help your church to have a outreach for those less fortunate.

I wonder if everyone learned how to study the Bible, if we would see more manifestation of the Spirits, like healing instantly or speaking in tongues and I don't mean that gibberish that they do in some churches. I mean like when you send missionaries to Russia, they prophecy in Russian or to Mexico and they prophecy in Spanish. I heard on TV that 95 percent of the gospel that is taught is here in the United States which is 6 percent of the population and 5 percent of the people teaching the gospel to 96 percent of the people elsewhere.

I showed here by scriptures the Tithing is not for the body of Christ today by just studying the Bible. Most of us don't read the Bible at all or in rare cases. Even people who read on a regular basis really don't know how to study the Bible. I learned that tradition has a strong hold our beliefs. I was considered dangerous with a Bible when I was among the presence of my relatives. When I tried to teach them the proper way to study the Bible, they hid their Bible and defended their tradition by testimony. It is sad when our beliefs that have been taught by tradition are more important that what the Bible say. As I present the truth to churches and family, we need to ask ourselves do we really

know what the Bible says or are we following tradition because it is more convenient?

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