

Why We Will Believe God For Our Financial Freedom

I. To live long and prosper is God's will

(NIV84) Pr 3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

(NIV84) Pr 3:16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

(NIV84) Dt 32:46 he said to them, “Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. 47 They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

(NIV84) Dt 33:25 The bolts of your gates will be iron and bronze, and your strength will equal your days.

A. Now, remember

Leviticus 27:30 “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

1. Holy to the Lord and a allows a curse to be over you and the things you do if you keep it

B. Honor God with your tithe

(NIV84) Pr 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

(NIV84) Mal 3:7 Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ 8 “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the LORD Almighty.

II. Now before the Law

(NIV84) Heb 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

Tithing: The sign of a covenant relationship with God

A. Tithing affirms [a covenant relationship](#) with God

B. When God's offer is accepted....

The tithing obtains the favor of God and also puts us in agreement with God and brings about manifestation of his will in our lives.

God Promises a covenant

Genesis 12:1-3,7

1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.

2 “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

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(Ge 12:6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Abram builds an Altar and gives an offering to God

Genesis 13:14-17 - God Promises

14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. 17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.” 18 So Abram moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD.

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- A. So far this is only a promise, it is not reality yet
- B. Then he wins a battle with 318 trained men born in his household

Genesis 14:16 He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

17 After Abram returned from defeating Ked-or-la-omer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

- 1. *He gets the spoils of 9 kingdoms with just 318 men. The wealth of the wicked is stored up for the righteous*
- 2. *Now he does something strange. He goes to meet the man of God*

18 Then Melchizedek (Possibly Shem, Noah son) king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

- 3. He could have kept the spoils of war for himself but he goes and gives to the man of God. To Melchizedek. He was priest of God Most High
 - a. See he goes and gives, he takes his tithe to the man of God
- 4. He addresses the man of God before the king
 - a. He gives his tithe to God before he gives payment to government.
 - b. This is the spoils of war representing nine different kingdoms. You think of the wealth he has!
 - c. His tithe sets him up for the next round of blessings from God
- 5. *(Then after He gave God his share)*

21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." (See now all the goods belonged to Abram because he won the battle)

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, (EL ELYON) Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath 23 that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.' (He is saying he will not trust in riches but God alone)

24 I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them have their share."

VIII. Tithing binds God to the covenant.

Genesis 15:1 After this, (A tithing of the increase) the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." 2 But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household

will be my heir.” 4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.” 5 He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

.....7 He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.” 8 But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?” 9 So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.” (*an offering*)

10 Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. 11 Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. 13 Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.

- A. He is saying how can I be certain Lord. God says make an offering
- B. Thus after tithing God enters a covenant with Abraham to confirm his promises, but notice there is a offering asked for first after his tithe!
- C. Then God enters a contract with him! A Covenant as assurance he will do what he said he would!
- D. The reason the blessings continue now is because he tithed and continues to offer offering to God
- E. The tithe showed his agreement with the blessing and the promise of future blessings from God. It showed his faith was in God and God alone

.....18 **On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—**

- F. See as a results of his tithing God made a blood covenant with Abram on that day right after tithing!
 - 1. KJV “*In the same day*” *The day of his offering!*
 - 2. His tithing brought about the covenant with God. The highest promise God could make!
- G. The tithe showed his agreement with the blessing and the promise of future blessings from God. It showed his faith was in God and God alone
- H. He is saying how can I be certain Lord? God says make an offering
- I. The reason the blessings continue now is because he tithed and continues to offer offerings to God
- J. Thus after tithing God enters a covenant with Abraham to confirm his promises, but notice there is an offering asked for first, even after the tithe!
- K. Then God enters a contract with him! A Covenant as assurance he will do what he said he would!
- L. Verse 18 says “*to your descendants*” and Abram has none!
 - 1. Tithing sets him up for divine and supernatural favor!

2. Therefore, don't let your circumstances dictate to you your place in life.
 - a. Tithing gives you supernatural ability to overcome them

IX. Tithing overflows in benefits to those close to you

A. Tithing will bring blessing on those close to you

Genesis 13:5-7 *See now Lot is also prosperous because he is with Abrham.*

5 Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. 6 But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. 7 And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

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Abram builds an Altar

- B. So far this is only a promise, it is not reality yet
- C. Now in 14 Lot is carried off as a prisoner and Abram takes 300 men and defeats the enemy
- D. See also Lot was not focused on God to do for him, he was lured away after the lust of his eyes and became poor. He lost everything

X. Tithing overflows in benefits to your generations

Tithing creates a Covenant relationship with us and benefits our children

How does this apply now? Wait!

God continues to add to the terms of the covenant as Abram is continuously faithful

Genesis 17:1-8

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. 2 I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." 3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

- A. Now notice he calls him the father of many nations, and as of yet he has only one son
- B. We must also understand Abram continued his faithful to God all these years regardless to his circumstances.!
- C. Up until this point the covenant is only with Abram. Now in verse 7 it changes.

7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

KJV Genesis 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

- D. See now the covenant is with his descendants. or his seed
- E. But remember what Abraham did to get the covenant with God! He gave a tithe to Melchizedek, then God made the covenant.
- F. See now the covenant is expanded to include his seed. That which caused the establishment of the covenant was tithing.

1. Now who is Abraham’s seed or descendants?

Galatians 3:29

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

- G. Whatever God did for Abraham he is obligated to do also for his seed

H. Genesis 13:2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

I. What did Abraham do to get blessed? When he brought what to Who?

- 1. So who then is Melchizedek that we may take our tithes to get blessed like Abraham?

(NIV84) Heb 7:1 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. 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. 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. 7 And without doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater. 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. 9 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. 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. 13 He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. 14 For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. 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.” 18 The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. 20 And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, 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.