

Tithing

Columbus

Once in a while my congregation gets sleepy. not because the preaching is ~~drumzy~~ (3) but because they desire more juicy subjects. So once in a while I have to break the monotony by preaching on tithing. It is right interesting to see how already you have pricked your ears.

I will pause to ask you this morning where place you are living on this year? you answer back that you live on Mr. A's or Mr. B's or perhaps on your own. But in all these answers you are wrong. When did you ever create one foot of land? If it had been left to you to create it how much land would you be cultivating to day? not one inch.

But some one says "But I cultivate the land and it would make nothing if I did not work it" you mean to say then that you must have all you make. All right. Next year you rent your land out to renters and not charge them any rent. No you will not do that. But you want to do that.

Now you rent your land for 3rd & 4th and the man makes 4 bales of cotton and 300 bushels of corn. He comes and says, "I had an expensive year this year and I went on some trip went to the picture shows and picnics, did lots of joy riding so here's ten dollars is all I have to pay you on the rent. Therefore you get ten dollars for your bale of cotton and 100 bushels of corn. That is last time you would rent to him yet that is just what you are doing to him. I have

verned a porter of many a man who made
ten bales of cotton and corn in proportion and
who thought \$25⁰⁰ a year was a way you learn
too much to give to God. Then was a man in the
church who agreed to pay $\frac{1}{10}$ on a deficit one year
and happened to think, "well I can save five
dollars in a half a minute by saying 'more
it give'" and that was what he did. There is not
one person in this church who knows how
I came to know that but the person is here to
day who did that and I am sure will not think
hard of me for using it as an illustration
since I am not calling names, but de-
fending God's cause in giving the illustration.

It is not a question, "How much of my money
will I give to God but how much of God's money
will I keep for myself?" Much Josh says, "One
done got to cut after ten! my goodness me how can a
man be mean enough to start with less?"

Why tithe?

I. It was commanded of the Jew by the Owner.
then could be no higher command no plainer order.

a. Lev. 27:30-32. You are to tithe your chickens, your lambs
sheep, cotton, corn, fruit. The question comes, "How
can I do this?"

1. Merchant. Count up rent of your house and taxes,
then count up your clerk hire. Take this from the
profits of the year, then divide by ten and that
is what you owe to God. So you do not pay your
home rent and grocery bill then take out
tithe.

2. Clerk would have nothing to take from his sal-
ary unless he had to go into work on street or
at some way that cost something. Take the rest of m.
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3. with cotton and corn you would count out ex-
pense of any extra labor, seed bill for horse etc.
tithe rest. Chickens count out feed expense, same

with fruit.

we have some people who Count College ex-
pense of their children on the 1st the. This is not right.
we are supposed to pay the way of our immediate
family out of our 10ths.

II. Nothing antedates Jewish law. Abel did it

III Christ's anointing of Mat. 23; 23.

IV. Paul taught weekly giving I Cor. 16:2.

V. Nothing was and is richer blessed of God

a. Honor the Lord with thy substance and with thy first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Pro. 3:9-10.

4. Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there
may be meat in mine house and prove me ^{honest} here-
after with, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open
the windows of heaven, and pour you out a
blessing, that there shall not be room enough
to receive it.

Some give a little and even then do not relinquish their claim to it, but want to direct the preacher as to what he shall or shall not busy with it

I am not able to pay a tithe. Let's see.

nation spends annually for

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| | \$ | 2,800,000,000 | (7 Times as much as for Rel.) |
| 1. Tobacco | \$ | 2,800,000,000 | (7 Times as much as for Rel.) |
| 2. Candy | \$ | 1,000,000,000 | ($2\frac{1}{2}$ " " " " " " ") |
| 3. Soda water | \$ | 750,000,000 | (2 " " " " " " ") |
| 4. Movies | \$ | 500,000,000 | ($1\frac{1}{4}$ " " " " " " ") |
| 5. Rings etc. | \$ | 500,000,000 | ($\frac{1}{4} \times$ " " " " " ") |
| 6. Pure | \$ | 50,000,000 | ($\frac{1}{4}$ or much less for Rel.) |

total $14\frac{1}{4}$ times as much for these other things
as for Rel. or 1% of nation's income goes for Rel.


These figures give you the complete answer to the question we ask. Namely, why so many storms, why the fall wreath and a thousand other facts?

The words you speak on mt. side are the words that
will echo back. The deeds we do here are the only kind
that will echo back from God to us. we have promise
of full bonus if we will just pay what we owe Him.

Why ~~do~~ God want the tithe? Is He
struckrizing our brothers in the flesh and to de-
velop us in the giving.

what I spent I had

" " saved I lost

 " " gave I have

we give Thee but Thine own

what'er the gift may be;

all that we have is Thine alone

A trust, O Lord from Thee