

... and God Spoke Faith Series

The Lord is my Shepherd

Part 2

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OFFERING:

God requires us to pay our tithes – before we pay anybody else.

PROVERBS 3:9 (NK) Honor the Lord with your possessions, **and with the firstfruits (tithes) of all your increase.**

10 So your barns **will be filled with plenty**, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Not only should we write the word “**tithes**” at the top of our monthly budget – but **the first thing we should ever pay from all of our salary must be the tithe.**

LEVITICUS 23:9 (NKJ) And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

10 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land which I give to you, **and reap its harvest**, then you shall bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits (tithes) of your harvest** to the priest.

14 You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain **until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God**; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

In verse 14 – God tells Israel not to eat any of the harvest – **until they have taken God’s portion to Him first.**

Imagine you buy a farm and give it to someone. You give him all the equipment he needs to plow the fields and produce a harvest.

You **give** him piles of seed to plant.

You teach him how to farm and reap the harvest.

Then you tell him **he gets to keep 90%** of the harvest for himself and **10% belongs to you.**

He may not eat of his 90% until he has brought you your portion first.

After all you have done for the person – would you not expect him to at least give you your 10% - if you are allowing him to keep the **farm** – the **equipment** – and the **90%** of the harvest?

Why is it so important for us – to give God His portion before we use any of our salary for ourselves?

ROMANS 11:16 (NIV) If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

If we tithe and give offerings to God – then the rest of our money and all our possessions are all holy.

This means **Satan** cannot **reach** it – or **touch** it. Not only is our **money** and our **possessions** out of **Satan's** reach – but so is the **source** of our income – **our job**.

When the children of Israel reaped their harvest – and brought to God the first fruits as a tithe and an offering – then **the rest of the harvest they were going to reap was all holy.**

Not only was the entire **harvest** blessed – but the **whole nation** was blessed.

All the **families**.
Everything they owned.

Everything went smoothly for them while they reaped the rest of the harvest.

Let's raise our hands and say this together –

God has given me everything I own.
It is my privilege and honor – to tithe and give to the Gospel.

As I do – I know the whole batch of dough – becomes holy.
Everything I own – and everything I do – is blessed – because I am a tither.

God's anointing to prosper is on me.

Knowing Scripture can save your life - in more ways than one

Last week we covered the following:

PART 1: God already called you blessed! King Balach and the prophet Balaam. In peace (umpire), grace (past tense), protection. See web for all past messages.

MESSAGE:

Romans 10:17

Amplified Bible (AMP)

17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

Psalm 23

Amplified Bible (AMP)

1 The Lord is my Shepherd **also our provider, ensure the well being of his flock**[to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack (**want**).

2 He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still *and* restful waters.

The rest that God provides his sheep. Stress in society today, God takes care of us regardless of the circumstances. Murky waters are still and clear there is safety. Muddy waters hides predators. Green pastures imply comfortable and pleasant living conditions.

3 He refreshes *and* restores my life (my self) **in this life**; He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake.

Spirit, Soul and Body, Soul consists of the will, mind and emotions. After stressful work at the end of the day we can be relaxed and peaceful because God is with us.

4 Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear *or* dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

Rod is used for correction. The Shepherd has used the rod on my many times. The staff has a hook on the end. Rod- Correction, Staff - Direction.

Everyone will die, but the shepherd goes with us that's why we don't have to fear it. When people die, they go on alone even if we are with them. Talk about the spirit soul and body here. God goes with your spirit, because you have been born again. 2 Corinthians 5:8 Absent from the Body, present with the Lord. Hebrews 13:5 Never leave us or forsake us. Mark 16 Jesus is with you to the ends of the earth.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

Enemies - In the face of life's challenges. Covenant blessing. Shepherds ministry is Jesus' ministry. Luke 7:46 Anointing the head with oil. When the head is anointed it represents an honored guest. At the marriage supper of the Lamb, we will be at the table of honor.

6 Surely *or* only goodness, mercy, *and* unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

If we understand the comfort and love of the Shepherd will build confidence in our lives.

Jesus is our great Shepherd.

These blessings are enjoyed by the sheep who stays with the shepherd.

Confess: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life.

Heaven is a beautiful place, but it pales in the face of the good shepherd.

What has been mentioned above is only a few of the blessings God has planned for us.

We can have confidence in our Shepherd.
When the world comes, our shepherd is there.
When stress comes, the Shepherd is there, we can rest.

Isaiah 54:8

Amplified Bible (AMP)

8 In a little burst of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment, but with age-enduring love *and* kindness I will have compassion *and* mercy on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

Psalms 86:15

Amplified Bible (AMP)

15 But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy *and* loving-kindness and truth.

Devil lies to us causing us to think that God is hard and judgemental.

Sheep that don't fellowship with their shepherd are in DANGER. They are outside the fold.
Some Christians don't, read, fellowship, pray reach out.

All Christians want to go in the great taking away. All Christians want to go to heaven when they die, but don't want much to do with God on the earth.

Many Christians will not go in the rapture. Those left behind will be forced to take his mark and when they come to their senses, they will be executed. Then and only then can they come into heaven.

Revelation 7:13

Amplified Bible (AMP)

13 Then, addressing me, one of the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said, Who are these [people] clothed in the long white robes? And from where have they come?

14 I replied, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they who have come out of the great tribulation (persecution), and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are [now] before the [very] throne of God and serve Him day and night in His sanctuary (temple); and He Who is sitting upon the throne will protect *and* spread His tabernacle over *and* shelter them with His presence.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun smite them, nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to the springs of

the waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

JESUS NEVER CEASES TO BE OUR SHEPHERD.

Confess: I serve a wonderful shepherd and he is guiding me and keeping me.

ALTAR CALL - I want to be sure, that when I die, I will go to heaven. Is there anyone here that would like to have assurance of their salvation please raise your hand.