

A man with short dark hair, wearing a black suit jacket, black shirt, and black tie, is shown in profile from the chest up. He is holding a black microphone in his right hand and appears to be speaking. The background is a stage with a large, dark cross shape. The lighting is dramatic, with a pinkish-red hue on the right side of the frame.

THY KINGDOM COME

**KINGDOM
ECONOMICS**

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Hebrews 7:1-7

1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

Hebrews 7:1-7

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:

6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

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- Once again, we want to establish the fact that tithing did not originate under the law of Moses.
 - We see the connection of faith and covenant present in both our first introduction to tithing in the Old Testament and the New Testament here in Hebrews.
 - The laws of the kingdom present a higher standard of the heart over the Old Testament, which is primarily the laws of the head or behavior.
 - Jesus is the high priest of the New Testament church.

Hebrews 2:16-18

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

1 Corinthians 12:27

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Ephesians 4:11-12

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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- Before we try to argue away the tithes in the context of the new covenant in order to make the church, worship reduced to the whims of people who are basically ungodly.

Leviticus 27:30-34

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.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord .

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

- Because unregenerated man has a carnal mentality, God could not trust him to honor him with the tithe.
- God makes it clear that the tithe is Holy unto the Lord. This means that the tithe belongs to God and it is the portion of our earnings that ensures that we honor God.
- We have the mentality that we have ownership of everything. We choose what we give God based on our opinion.
- The idea that God would have to force us to put him first or honor him is contradictory to the law of love and law of the kingdom.

Numbers 18:21-26

21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

Numbers 18:21-26

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord , I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe.

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- God preserved a tithe of people to represent him in the earth to keep God in the conscience of the people.
 - The Levites were Holy because they were set aside to represent God.
 - God has always looked to partner with men in order to push his agenda in the earth.
 - The tithe belongs to God, but he chooses to give it to the priest that he commands to work to lead the people into worship, the word, and community, with God in the center.

Romans 11:16-24

16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in.

20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

Romans 11:16-24

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be graffed into their own olive tree.

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- In the kingdom we should be humbled and blessed to be favored enough to be grafted in to the body.
 - We cannot take the goodness of God for granted and refuse to operate by faith.

Genesis 28:20-22

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.