

Tithe – literally means one-tenth. Deuteronomy 14:22-28 instructs us to give the tenth or tithe off the top – give first from what you produce. Of course in bible times what you produced was in the form of crops and flocks. Today, it is our salaries. The tithe is to be off the top, so when budgeting this should be at the top of the list.

The Tithe is to be given to your place of worship to support the purpose of the church.

In Malachi 3:10-11 we find two promises:

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 there will not be room enough to store it. **11** I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the LORD Almighty.

If we tithe to our church, God makes two Promises:

1 – He will bless us with more than enough

2 – He will protect what we produce

So what happens when we don't tithe? In the Old Testament, under the old covenant with God we would be punished. However, through the New Covenant

established through Jesus Christ, we are free of the punishments. We have free will to choose. God will not punish us if we do not tithe. He loves us no matter what.

To summarize:

- A tithe is a tenth of what we earn taken from the top
- The tithe goes to the church
- God does not punish us if we do not tithe
- If we do tithe, God will bless us with more than enough while protecting what we produce. He says
– Just try me and see what happens!