

39 REASONS YOU SHOULD STOP TITHING

1. We are not under the law of tithing

Tithing was part of the law. We are no longer under the law. (Rom 6:14)

2. Tithing was only for certain people

Tithing was only required of people who had increase from the land (farmers, etc). (Deut 14:23)

3. Tithes are food, not money

If someone wanted to turn tithes into money, they had to pay a 20% penalty. (Lev 27:30-33)

4. The church is not God's covenant people

The old and new covenants were made with Israel and Judah, and so the requirements were never intended for Gentiles (Heb 8:8). Gentiles could be blessed by honoring Israel, and worshipping Israel's God.

5. The Levitical priesthood does not exist today

The most popular tithe today is the tithe that went to the Levitical priesthood (Num 18:21). There is no Levitical priesthood today.

6. The pastor does not replace the priest

Preachers and teachers in the body of Christ church are not priests. Christ is the only mediator (1 Tim 2:5).

7. We do not inherit Israel's land

The tithe given to the Levites was because they had no land inheritance (Numbers 18:21).

8. Tithes are to be brought to the temple in Jerusalem

Jews today don't tithe because there is no temple in Jerusalem to bring the tithes. (Deut 12:5-11)

This resource is not intended to dissuade giving generously to the Lord's causes. God loves generosity as a reflection of your thanksgiving to Him. While Paul's doctrine teaches you to stop law tithing, God does not teach lesser generosity.

9. No more temple sacrifices today

Since Christ paid our sin debt, there is no need to pay (tithe) someone else to do this service for us.

10. The local church does not replace the temple

Know ye not that you are the temple of God not your building! (1 Cor 3:16)

11. The church does not observe required feast day celebrations

It was three times a year in Deut 16:16. At certain feast days is when the tithes would be offered. One tithe even allowed you to stay home and spend it on what you desired (Deut 14:26).

12. Law tithing requirements were greater than 10 percent

Deut 14:28 is one example of the tithe on the increase every 3 years that was above the regular Levitical tithe. There are other required offerings also according to Mal 3:9.

13. The law of tithing is weak

A required tithe does not change the heart or the action. It always requests more, is not a gift, and is merely fulfilling an obligation. (Mat 23:23, Gal 4:9, Rom 8:3)

14. Law tithing obligates the doer to the entire law — (Gal 5:3, James 2:10)

15. Physical blessings are no longer granted

The law tithe taught physical blessings to Israel from God for tithing (Mal 3:10). Without a covenant with God, a priesthood, a promise, or a temple, tithing for profit will not work.

16. God provides all our needs today

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

without tithing

Phil 4:19 says your needs are supplied according to his riches in glory in Christ. What you need is not physical, it is spiritual.

17. Peace with God is attained without tithing — Rom 5:1

18. Christ has given the church all spiritual blessings

Those blessings are in heavenly places in Christ. (Eph 1:3)

19. We work to provide for our physical needs in this dispensation

Paul makes it clear that if we don't work we don't eat (2 Thess 3:10). Mat 6:11 and Mal 3:10 are not effective now since the church today is not Israel. If we do not provide for our own today we are "worse than an infidel". (1 Tim 5:8)

20. The tithe was required

Giving today is not "of necessity" (2 Cor 9:7). This is an important distinction between generosity and obligation.

21. The law tithe places you under a curse

If you do not continue tithing then you can be cursed. (Gal 3:10)

22. Christ has redeemed you from the law of tithing

Law tithing represents ignorance or negligence of Christ's cross. (Gal 3:13, 1 Cor 1:17, Gal 2:21)

The following reasons not to tithe explain why Abram's tithe to Melchizedek is also not a pattern for the church today.