

## What God Did for Abraham, He'll Do for You!

Yesterday, I shared with you about tithing. It was God's idea of supporting the priests. It's your spiritual storehouse that you're supporting; it's where you're getting your spiritual meat. The Word of God is spiritual food for our spirit man the same way that physical food nourishes our physical bodies. As Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

And Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3: 1,2: **<sup>1</sup>And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I have fed you with milk, and not with meat:**

Paul also said in 1 Corinthians 9:11, **If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?**

And as we read in Malachi 3:10, **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.***

People need to faithfully tithe and give to support the ministry that is feeding them the Word of God, because God wants His people to be fed on His Word, as Jesus said in John 21:16, **He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, FEED MY SHEEP.**

"Sheep" refers to God's people. We are the sheep of His pasture. In order for any ministry to be able to continue feeding God's people, it needs to be supported financially. So therefore, when people do not tithe, or give sacrificially, it can hinder the work of God. But when people do faithfully tithe and give, it gets them in the position that they can receive from God. For, God promised that He'd open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing and He'd rebuke the devourer for your sake.

Did you ever notice how much power and authority you have as a believer when you've been obedient to God, vs. when you're not? The devil knows if he has to obey you or not (refer to Acts, chapter 19, verses 13-17). You can't fake Satan out; he knows if you've got the goods or not. God wants you to obey Him and Satan wants you to disobey God. ***But when you obey God, He's able to protect and bless you and back the words that you speak in a faith command.*** When we obey God, he's able to bless us and come through for us in that time of need.

On the other hand, if you're in disobedience, Satan doesn't flee, mountains don't move, and life doesn't get better. And worse than all that, your heart becomes guilty. And when your heart isn't dealt with and changed, it can become hardened.

I read my tithing scriptures every day, along with Malachi 3:10-12. **<sup>10</sup>Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.* <sup>11</sup>And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before**

**the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.**

I remind the Lord and myself that I'm a tither. I believe it's the greatest financial investment one can ever make, as well as the best insurance policy one can ever have. When situations arise to you and your family and loved ones in the area of finances, you can boldly rise up and say, "*Satan, I refuse that in Jesus' Name. I'm a tither and it's written in God's Word...*" and open up your Bible and read out loud Malachi 3:10-12 and do it all day long. I typed my tithing scriptures on an index card and I carry them with me and I just pull the card out and read it to myself. This helps calm me down in the face of fear, doubt, and unbelief.

I want to encourage you, if you haven't been practicing tithing, **start today**. Always put your tithe first, before all your bills. That way, you're showing God that He's first. Just remind yourself that you've got the same God that Abraham had, and Abraham gave tithes of all to God when he gave to Melchizedek, his priest. God blessed Abraham and his family long before the law was given. **And what God did for Abraham, He'll do for you!**

Your partner in reaching the world with the Word of faith,

**Brother Rich**

**Remember, God wishes above all things to you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).**