

Guilt free money... Jesus, the Meat in the Storehouse

I will now talk about guilt. I also want to talk a little bit about Jesus, Who took away the sin of the world, and we took sin upon Him in baptism and connected it to tithing and what tithing is all about.

One of the most destructive forces, that there is, is fear. The Bible says that fear involves torment because we have not been made perfect in the love of God. The moment we understand the agape love of God, the first thing that will leave you is fear. I found that fear is a platform for guilt... guilt and obligation.

Guilt is such a destructive force! We have seen guilt almost as something pious. We saw guilt as something that at least when I do something wrong, I feel guilty about it, meaning it's kind of your penance toward the wrong that you have done. I'll pay with feeling guilty for a day and then I can feel good again because I felt guilty for a day.

I remember when I was in Bible school and I was a very spiritual guy. If I would do something wrong, it would be difficult for me to pray for two or three days. I would feel at that at least God would see how sorry I feel for what I had done. When He sees my heart and the sorrow and the guilt that I carry, then He will forgive me. I made guilt my savior because guilt was the one, that I would think, saved me from the anger and wrath and punishment that comes from God. In some way we have incorporated guilt into our gospel where we feel guilty when it comes to going to church, where we feel guilty when it comes to supporting missions, where we feel guilty in our financial contribution towards the church.

The worst thing you can ever do is to start your month with guilt. What I mean by that is, if you start your month with feeling that you are indebted to God. If you start your month thinking you are behind in paying God what you owe Him, your whole life will be flooded with the guidance of guilt.

I got the following notes from a website on psychology. They have come to realize that guilt is a very important factor in contributing to obsessive, compulsive disorder systems. They say that guilt is a state in which somebody lives when he experiences conflict in his inner man because he thinks he should have done something which he didn't do.

If guilt is a conflict in the inner man, then I can think of Romans 7 where the Bible talks about the conflict that was in the heart of Paul. Paul said that when he became legalistic again, and when he started to embrace the Ten Commandments after he came to the knowledge of grace, and he tried to obey the Ten Commandments which said that you should not desire, he found an inner conflict inside of him. He said, "*The good that I wanted to do, I could not do and that which I didn't want to do, that I did.*" To me, that spells guilt.

This is my definition of guilt: guilt is not something that happens to you once you have committed a sin. Guilt is something that happens to you the moment you become legalistic. You don't have to do something wrong before you feel guilty. You must just feel that you owe something, you are obligated to, and the emotion of guilt, the root of guilt comes into your heart. Guilt is the unconscious force within an individual that contributes to illness and most psychological disorders. It's an unconscious force. It's not something that we consciously feel. I found so many times when it comes to God, especially to God, there is an unconscious force that drives people toward guilt. It's unconscious. You don't know about it. It's in the subconscious mind. Than can only be present in the atmosphere where you are obligated or where you need to measure up to a certain standard.

Guilt cannot exist in the Trinity! It is impossible because the One doesn't feel He owes the other One anything, neither is there a set of rules on how any one of them should act. Because of the life that is in these three Beings, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the way that faith has been shed abroad in their lives and the way the foundation of love is present in their lives, there is no such thing as the Father telling the Son, "If You do this and if You do that, then I will do this and I then will do that."

If you want to get guilt out of your life, you must get the system, that contributes or gives life to guilt, out of your life. Guilt is not something you can decide not to have. Romans 8:1 says, "*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ.*" We have taken that verse and what we have said, in great circles, is, "If I do something wrong, I don't have to feel guilty." And what people actually ran off with was, "Even if I live under the Law and bear the fruit of the flesh, I don't have to feel guilty." Listen, if you live under the Law, if you bear the fruit of the flesh or not, you will want to feel guilty all the time. You're going to feel guilty toward how you raise your kids. You are going to feel guilty toward how you love your wife, how you love your husband, and guilt will be the foundation of your life and it shall destroy you.

I think the obstacle of the unconscious force of guilt is the most powerful of all obstacles to overcome. It would be impossible to overcome outside of believing the true Gospel. Guilt is the conflict in the emotions that all people will have once they are under a rule keeping system. Guilt is very closely related to obligation and indebtedness. You don't have to do something right or wrong in order to feel guilty. Indebtedness is not a feeling that comes once you have done something wrong but it's a state in which one feels a demand toward a certain system. This is important: **As what the Holy Spirit is your Guide under grace, guilt is your conscience once you are under legalism.**

Guilt has a voice. Guilt can lead you. Guilt can tell you what to do. Guilt can kill your life. Fear and guilt go hand in hand.

I do understand the scripture that says we should fear the Lord. That word, fear, means to have reverence or respect. You cannot have reverence or respect for somebody who doesn't carry himself in a way that you can revere him. How can you have respect for somebody who will kill your children. How can you have respect for somebody who got ticked off at Adam and now he just needs somebody to kill and Jesus said, "Well, Father, because You got so upset and You really need to kill somebody, then You can kill Me and feel better." You cannot have respect for such a person! You cannot have honor for such a person! Honor and respect is something that drives in your heart when you see something that is honorable. You can only believe in someone who is believable. Any other thing would just be, excuse the word here, but it would be raping your conscience, wherein you say that you are trusting this person although all the attributes about him tells your heart that you cannot trust him because he will allow sickness, he will allow disease, he's going to test you, he's going to put you through hard times to purify you. If he does all these things, then it would be impossible for you to trust such a person! It would be as a wife must trust her husband when she sees all the time, the hair of another woman on his clothes when he comes back from a trip, or finds another woman's clothes in his suitcase or things like that. Then he says, "Nothing is wrong, everything is okay. I don't know how it got there!" Then you say that you trust him. There's no reason to trust him! There's no reason to have respect for him or honor for him, because there's no facts, there's no substance, in your trust.

When we fear God, or have reverence towards God, it's not just supposed to be a decision of the will. It must also be something that is based on some facts.

Here is a Being Who came and gave His life to deliver you while you were yet a sinner! Here is a Being Who didn't walk in the consciousness of sin when He found the woman caught in the very act of adultery and He removed those who accused her, from her, and He gave her life! Here is this super Spirit Being, Who incarnated Himself into human flesh so that He could dwell and fellowship with us and make us His friends! Now when you put those facts down in front of you, then you start to realize that it is very easy to have reverence for God!

When we look at fear and when we look at guilt, you will find that guilt does not match a voice of those who are under the Law as to what the Holy Spirit is the voice of God to those who are living free from guilt and condemnation.

I remember, years ago, when I was still in Bible school, I wanted to evangelize the world! I just felt that God gave me His Son and if God gave me His Son and did everything for me, then I must, at least, go and do something for somebody else. It was not out of a revelation of the value of the other person, it was an indebtedness. I felt that I owed God and I must do something for Him.

In marriage counseling, we will see that the first thing that any counselor would like to get out of the relationship between husband and wife is guilt because the moment there is guilt, there cannot be a healthy relationship.

The moment the husband comes home from work and he feels guilty because he worked too long or he has been away too long, then when he gets home he will start to mow the lawn which he normally would not do, because he feels guilty. At least the lawn is mowed but the guilt will frustrate him and what is going to happen is, not long after that, a month or two down the line, you will find that he becomes very nitpicking concerning the things his wife does because he hates what he's doing for it's born out of guilt. At the end of the day, the marriage cannot work.

Unfortunately we have used this very system of guilt in the Church, maybe not willfully, but that is what has happened.

We find that the number one thing that has hurt people in church is money. The number one thing. The other day I had a person ask me, "Why do you want to have a whole series on finances again? Why talk about money?" I said that the Bible says that the love of money is the root of all evil...not some evil, all evil. All evil's root is the love of money.

So if there is some evil somewhere, the love of money must have something to do with it. So you are missing the mark in talking about finances in looking up some evil that there is.

And, secondly, money is the very thing that everyone needs all the time. As long as what you have money somewhere or anything to do with money, you have guilt. And if you connect money and guilt with God, at the end of the day, God is going to irritate the life out of you. Church is going to irritate you.

I'm not against giving. If you have listened to my messages, you know that very well. We don't want the guidance of guilt. Years ago I would go out and preach. I would think that I owe God, I felt indebted and if I didn't do it, I felt guilty. I would decide, in a moment of greatness, that I'm going to pray so much and I will do so much Bible study and we are going to do so many outreaches in a year and then when it doesn't work out, I felt guilty. If I felt guilty long enough, it gives me a sense that I felt guilty long enough and God accepts me now. Once I was in the presence of that acceptance, instead of enjoying acceptance, I would think that I had to raise the bar even higher to do even more for God... and eventually you die.

Guilt is not your finest action towards the bad you have done but it is the unseen force driving you to full destruction. We can never and should never incorporate this into receiving money from people. We will destroy people. It will destroy our lives.

With that in mind, let's read a verse from Joshua 3. This is where the people went from the desert into the promised land. They crossed the Jordan River. Verses 14-16: *"And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, and the priest bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for the Jordan overflowed all its banks all the time of harvest,) That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far up to the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan..."*

So what it says here is they took the ark and as they went into the river for the people to pass, and as the priests put

their feet in the Jordan River, the river started to dam up. The river was already overflowing its banks, it was a full river. As they went into the river, it was like they put a dam wall there and the river would just dam up to a place called Adam which is very significant. Then the people crossed over on dry ground. That is very significant especially in the light of John the Baptist. **The place where these people crossed over the Jordan River was the exact place where John the Baptist was baptizing!** It was called the Place of the Crossing. There is a lot of significance in this because it is a type and a shadow concerning this. When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist He was baptized with the baptism of sinners. What actually happened there was these people were afraid for the coming of the Messiah because they knew, as Jews, they had to keep the Law to be partakers of what was called the *olam ha-ba* which is the reign of the Messiah. So for them to be a partaker of this

Messianic Reign, although they were Jews, they had to keep the Law. They knew that if they did not keep the Law, then you could go to John the Baptist and you could repent of all your sins and be baptized signifying that, "I am a sinner and now my sins are being washed away and now at least I am clean enough for the Messiah to come." That was the baptism of the sinner. And here was John baptizing people who were confessing their sins and were baptized.

What is significant to me, in Joshua, is the water dammed up to a little town called Adam. What he is talking about, I believe, he is talking about sin. I believe it talks about sin. When the priests came in and the people had to cross over to the Promised land, the flow of sin had to stop. The priest that went into the river signifies Jesus, Who is our Priest... the Carrier of the Covenant! The covenant was between the Father and Jesus. The Bible says that the promises was made to Abraham and his **seed** --- not as to many seeds but as unto One, Who is Jesus!

So here is Jesus, the Carrier of the covenant, He puts His feet into the water, signifying the sin of man. The moment He walked into the sin of man, not by Him sinning but by Him representing man under sin, the sin that He walked into dammed up to the original sin. Then He was baptized into the original sin carrying the sin of the whole human race thus stopping the flow of all sin forever! And then those who followed Him crossed over into the Promised Land on dry ground! What that means is, that because of Jesus, the sin was not on the people and they could enter into the Promised Land, sinless, because of the Lamb of God!

John 1:29 says that when John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him in the Jordan River, he said, "*Look at the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the whole world.*" He said that because it is so! "*This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the whole world.*" Can you see the prerequisite that there might be in order for us to enter into what God has promised us? You need to be sinless and the only way that you could ever become sinless is if somebody could stop the flow of sin even from Adam and then grow up and be baptized into it and then walk into the desert carrying the sin of all people. For three years, He proved, beyond a shadow of doubt, that the sin of all of mankind was not on man but on Him. Matthew 9 says that He healed the sick. After healing the sick, the Bible says this was to fulfill Isaiah 53 where it says, "*He carried my sickness and bore my diseases.*" He carried well! In Matthew 9 He carried it already. Then sickness and disease died on the cross. Glory to God!

Jesus did all those miracles, not because of the fact that He had the Holy Spirit but it was also contributed to Him being able to do miracles was the fact that those that He performed the miracles on were innocent because Jesus carried their sin. This message makes me extremely happy! I feel joy in my heart when I think of this!

You see, I am talking about guilt today... and money. Outside of no shadow of a doubt that I am innocent before God, you will still have the root of guilt and you will not know if it is God guiding you or guilt guiding you. You will find a life that is born from, "I feel obligated", instead of feeling, "I'm loved!"

I've said it many times when I preached Jesus Christ took the sins of the world upon Himself in baptism, I'm not taking away anything from the cross. I am magnifying the cross. We might think here is Jesus Who performed all these miracles because He was so holy and all those kinds of things. Jesus was holy, He is holy, but the very holy Being took the sin of the whole world upon Him!

Look at Leviticus 16 which is the greatest explanation of the scapegoat. This is what it says. There were two goats, one for God and one for the prince of darkness which lived in the desert. *Then they would cast lots* and the one for God was slaughtered there and the other one also signified what Jesus came to do, both hands were laid on the head of that goat. The sins of the whole nation (not just of an individual but the whole nation) was confessed onto the head of that goat. Then that goat (they would use a good man who would take that goat and lead him into the desert where he would meet with the prince of darkness and die.

And here comes Jesus, baptized in the Jordan River and John takes his two hands and puts them on His head and baptized Him into the sin that ends up to Adam the sin of all people for all time even up to the original was put on the head of this goat and then He went into the desert led by a very good man, called the Holy Spirit, to be tempted of the Devil. And in this state of carrying sinful flesh,

representing every sin that could ever be, He was tempted by the Devil and He conquered. He's not settling to find His life based on how He could do a miracle or His works. But He said, "I don't live by the ability to do miracles but I live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Then from there, Matthew chapters 4, 5 and 6 relates the signs, wonders, miracles, all the time, where He was proving that He had already bound the strongman, which is sin and Satan. Three years later, He took all of the guilt of man and we could see the man under the Law, we could see His blood flow out of Him and we could vividly see Him die, so that we never have to be sin conscious ever again.

The Bible says in Hebrews 10 that the worshippers, once purged, shall have no more consciousness of sin. And the Bible says, "*He, through one sacrifice, once and for all, cleansed us.*"

1 John 2:2 He was not just a propitiation for our sins but for the sins of the whole world! Is it okay to tell that to the world? We just want to have that for the church. No, that is for the world! Glory to God!

And I am not going to be ashamed of sharing that with the world! We tell the world that their sins were on Jesus. We tell the world that Jesus carried their sins. We tell the world that their sins were taken from them. We tell the world that all their guilt and all their shame have died upon the cross and that life of that guilt flowed out of Him and He was completely dead.

The way that the Blood washed our minds is like this: Six or seven years ago I was taking my kids to school and a guy stood next to the road. He was an elderly man about eighty. He couldn't see very well and he was deaf. He didn't see me coming and he walked right in front of my car and I killed him. When I look back at that I remember that Abrie had such a fright. It was a busy road and he jumped out of the car and ran over in the road and ran back to the car again. It was just this terrible thing that was happening! I walked to this man's body that was lying in the road and I saw his body mangled because he went under the car and I saw his blood flow out of him. He was dead and half of the road was covered in blood.

In my mind, you can never tell me that he is living today in a physical human body on this earth. I saw him die. His blood that flowed out of him erased every thought, in my mind, that he could ever be alive in a human body today. In the very same way, the Blood of Jesus washes our minds from every thought that there could ever be any possibility that I am a Law man or that my sin is alive. It died. The Blood flowed out of Him. It is finished!

We must get rid of guilt. First the river must be dammed up. Jesus did it so that we can cross over, without having a drop of water on our bodies, on dry land with guilt free living.

Now when it comes to tithing, we will look at Malachi 3 and money. We can not have the slightest hint, the slightest form of guilt, when it comes to finances because we will find that people will never cross over into what God has promised him concerning peace in their finances with some form of hint of we owe God anything.

Concerning community property... When God married man, He married us in community property and not outside of it. That means He owns holiness, He owns righteousness, He owns life, He owns love but He has married us but we are co-owners of it. Should we behave, then He will share a bit of what He possesses, with us. No! When we were united with God in Christ, when we married God, we were married inside the community of property, not outside. We are both in holiness now. He is not the sole owner of holiness. We are co-seated. Aren't we co-heirs? What does co-heir mean? It means co-owner. We don't sit with this command that you better be holy. No! You are now an owner of holiness. You are an owner of righteousness. Let this be the revelation that washes your mind from every form of guilt! Glory to God!

How can we owe God ten percent of our money! It is impossible! We are co-owners of all the wealth that there could possibly be! You cannot owe God your money! It is impossible! It is outside of God's logic. It's outside of family logic. It's outside of relationship logic. You can never do that. To say that

the tithe belongs to God, thinking we must give the church ten percent of our money because it belongs to God, will dump you in a place where you start every month with, "I owe God! I feel guilty!"

Let the love of God set you free from all guilt! Sometimes "fear of not having" is the father of our so called generosity because unless we give, God cannot provide for us. God provides for us on the basis of Who He is... to what we do. The scripture is clear, "*But my God shall meet all your needs according to His riches, which is in His glory, by Christ Jesus.*" Glory to God!

I say this not because I am antagonistic towards any system. I am saying this because I want to embrace what God has given for the Church and for man that we can see the fruit of eternal life being born in the lives of people from the foundation of true innocence and union with God. Glory to God!

Malachi 3:8-11 says, "*Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say, 'Wherein have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, says 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. 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, says the LORD of hosts.'*"

That passage is such a beautiful passage pointing to Jesus Christ and the cross. It's a million times closer related to communion than to giving money to the church.

When you look at Malachi 3, and read from verse 1, we see the following.

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, he shall come, says the LORD of hosts."

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me..." When you read the New Testament, you will see that the Bible says that the messenger is John the Baptist. John the Baptist came to prepare the way for the Lord. So Malachi 3 is a prophetic word.

Do you know that Malachi was a prophet? He is called a small prophet, a minor prophet. And Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the prophets. Did that include Malachi? Yes! Does it include chapter 3 of Malachi? Yes! Let's get even closer... does that include chapter 3 verse 10 in Malachi or is that excluded because Abraham tithed before the Law? Because that's the only thing it could ever do this. You don't want to say that, then just say Abraham tithed before the Law. No! It is included. It is included in the small prophets and Jesus Christ came to fulfill this verse.

He came and when Jesus read Malachi, He didn't read it to see what others must do! He read Malachi to see what He must do!

You got to read Psalm 40 one of the key psalms in the whole of the Bible to understand the Old Testament and see what the Law really is.

Jesus comes and He says, "Father, You have opened My ears, You have opened My eyes. I understand what this whole thing is about. You don't want sacrifice. You don't want offerings."

What He was actually saying was, "God, You don't want anybody to bring any lamb. You don't want anyone to wring the neck of any turtle dove. You don't want any of those things!"

Hebrews 7, explicitly says, "*You don't want any of these things. You have prepared a body for Me.*" So what He was saying is, according to Psalm 40 as well, He said, "*In the fullness of the Scripture*", or in the Hebrew is actually says, "*In the heading, in the title of the Book, it is written about Me.*"

It would be like driving in Malmesbury and you just go into the first house you see. You open the mailbox there, you take mail out of the box and you open it up and start to read and you say, "Oh, my goodness, I haven't paid the bank this month!" And you see another summons there and your life is all in turmoil because of, "Look at what I received in the mail!" No, you are reading someone else's mail that's from another town! And now you are stressing about that, wondering how you are going to pay. If we look at the Law, you must first see who it is addressed to! What does it say in the heading? It says, "Unto Jesus!" So Jesus said, "In the volume of the Book, in the heading of the Book, it is written about Me. You don't want sacrifice! You don't want offering! You don't actually even want the tithe! What You have prepared is a body for Me, prepared to break the curse. All these laws, all these sacrifices, talks about what Jesus Christ had to come and do to save man. It was His law, or His prescription on how to bring salvation to mankind. That's what it says!

If we refuse to read it like that, we will be utterly confused and the church will be doomed to guilt. Guilt will become the father of our actions and our thoughts and the whole thing will never work and people will be so deeply upset and say, "What's wrong with God!"

People have become very antagonistic toward church. Church is like this and church is like that. I sat in churches like that. Last night I listened to what my friend posted on Facebook. She had gotten very hurt at church. Then a musician said, "Listen, I realize that you can have a band that makes the perfect music. Then you can take that music and you can go into a soundproof studio and you can take five thousand dollars worth of speakers and you can listen to this music in the clearest form. You can play it over a sound system and it will become very close to the original. Not like the original but, very close. Then you can take it and play it on a phone for somebody. The music is still authentic but the speaker is messed up. So it doesn't help if we get upset with the authentic music because of the device it plays through. This is what has happened. We get the device so broken down, a mixture with the old legalism, that when it is preached it is such a distorted message that we want to confuse the message with the device it plays through. I hope you hear what I am saying. When you look at what Jesus Christ has come to do for us in Malachi 3, we must see Him restoring the priesthood. This is what it was all about.

Malachi 3, in short is this: "Listen, you have messed up the priesthood, you've even messed up the type and shadow. I'm fed up with this. I am cutting you guys out as priests and I am restoring the original priesthood as I had intended it which is the priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek and I am restoring that priesthood now and let me explain to you how it will happened. If the true tithe can come to the storehouse, there can be meat in My house." Who is the house of God? We are! Amen! If the true tithe can come to the storehouse, that tithe will be something that the house of God can eat. There will be meat in the house of God.

And then Jesus comes with an astounding thing that He says in John 6, (I thank God that it was recorded!), "*My flesh is meat indeed!*" So what Jesus was saying was, "I never really wanted anybody to actually tithe! What it was actually about was about the body that was prepared for man so that the curse could be broken from their backs and that body would be meat that they can eat in remembrance of what I have done for them. And so shall the curse, which is being under the Law, be broken from their backs. Then God says, "I will rebuke the devourer for your sake." Under the Law, you were a sinner. Under grace, God was sin for you.

I don't have to bind the Devil with my money every day. There are teachings in how to chase the Devil. It makes me think of an example that I had forgot about until I am reminded of it now. It's like going to the beach and you find people swimming there. They are really training and you ask, "What are you busy with?" We've got this thing where the person who can swim from here to New York will get five million dollars. We have people here who can now swim a hundred miles now. It's really going well. In the meantime somebody went to New York, got all the money and put it on the shore! And now everybody is swimming to New York. And even if you can get there, once you get there, it's not there. It's where you are!

He brought salvation close. He brought blessings close to us. He's not a God of separation. He's the One that says, "I will stop what separates you, this flow of sin and then you can cross over without any water on your feet... in dry land! Glory to God!

So here we can clearly see Malachi 3 talks about Jesus Christ, the body of Jesus. For those of you who want to study this out, you can go to the Bible that says, "Bring ye..." The word, ye, in the Hebrew is two Hebrew characters. That word is used over seven thousand times. In the Old Testament it's translated fourteen or seventeen times. It is the word most used in the Bible and almost never translated. The very simple reason is the word actually has no meaning. It's just two characters Aleph and Tav. Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet and Tav, the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. When it is put in the Greek it is Alpha and Omega.

"Bring Alpha and Omega, the tithe, into the storehouse." In the Hebrew it says that word is a sign of a futuristic event. Go and study it out. Search the Greek definitions and type it in and look at the root word. This is what it says: *an omen, a sign of a futuristic event, a sign of something*. They don't know. It's like me writing you a letter and in the middle of nowhere I just write in a character, for no reason.

And then Jesus comes and says, "I am. I am the Aleph and the Tav. I am the Alpha and the Omega." That word, Aleph, was translated twice in that verse. "First bring *ye all the tithes in the storehouse...*" And then the other word where it was translated was where it says, "*.. if I will not open y|You the windows of heaven.*" So what He was saying is, Jesus. **This is the Father speaking to Jesus.** When Jesus read this, He didn't read what was God telling people. He said, "I am reading this to see what I must do to save people for the volume of the Book was written about Me." It was God's command to Jesus.

In Jesus' time, He couldn't tithe. Jesus could have never tithed because He didn't own land nor did He have any cattle, nor did He have any grain. He was not a farmer. Only farmers could tithe. Plus, if Jesus would have received a tithe from anybody, the Pharisees would have murdered Him the very same day because He was stealing from somebody! Only the Levites were allowed to receive tithes and He was from the tribe of Judah. He never received a tithe when He was on the earth nor did He ever give a tithe because He **was** the tithe!

Hearing this can make you think, "Have I ever heard any truth?", because we have been deceived by this for so many years and we can't look into that truth. He said, "See if I will not open **You** ..." He said, "Aleph Tav, bring meat to My people that they can eat that meat and prove Me herewith..." The Father says, "Jesus, would You come and provide Your body as meat to people so that they can eat and prove Me here with Jesus," says the Father to Jesus, "If I will not take that body and open that body up so there will be poured out a blessing out of that body that there will not be enough room or people to receive the blessing that is poured out of the body that was opened up upon the cross in Jesus Christ. That's what that means! Glory to God!

Just to prove to you that the tithe was what you had to eat. Deuteronomy 14:22 says, "*You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed...*" This is basically laying down what the tithe is and how to tithe. Malachi 3, you guys didn't tithe right!

Now let's go to the prerequisite, how should you tithe? Deuteronomy 14:22, "*You shalt truly tithe all the increase of your seed, that the field brings forth year by year. 23 "And you shalt eat before, the Lord your God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of your corn, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks; that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.*" Beautiful! What He was actually saying was, "You will not be able to fear God without the tithe. You will not be able to have respect for God without the tithe." Now it makes sense! Now it makes perfect sense! **Without Jesus coming how could we ever respect God? Without His flesh and we partaking of His flesh, we could never have real respect for God.**

The Bible says that God came and sanctified His name. Does His name need sanctification? No! His name is clean! But the way in which His name was preached His name became dirty in the minds of people. By Him sending His Son, He cleansed His name, He sanctified His name again by taking away the sin of all people, loving all people, and inviting all people to the banquet!

So what are you supposed to do with the tithe? You will eat your tithe. Verse 24: "*And if the way be too long you, so that you are not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from you, which the Lord*

your God shall choose to set his name there, when the Lord your God has blessed you: Then shall you turn it into money, (this is the first mention here that tithing is money) and you will bind up the money in your hand, and you shall go unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose: And you shall bestow this (tithe) money for whatsoever your soul lusts after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever your soul desires, and you shall eat (that tithe) there before the Lord your God, and you will rejoice, you and your household..." Thank You, Jesus!

So what is the tithe? The tithe was whatever you desired. What it actually was saying here, it was a type and shadow, you take that tithe money and then you will go to the place that the Lord your God has shown you and your whole family, and you will have party, to the point that we could see that you are happy. That's what is actually written there because the type and the shadow of it. What this was talking about is the absolute bliss when you can eat the meat provided at the storehouse. That's the type and the shadow. The type and shadow is, "When you eat this, I want to see your joy!" That's what God had in mind. He had in mind, "I will provide My flesh to the storehouse and they will eat My flesh and be exceedingly joyful, having great joy and their whole household." That's the type and shadow of that verse.

Then it goes on and says, *"And in the third year (every third year) you will take the tithe and you will not eat it (because now it is another type and shadow again) but you will lay it at the gates of your city so that the widow, the orphan, the stranger and the Levite, for he has no inheritance, can come and eat it."*

What is that talking about? Jesus, in the third year of His ministry, was crucified outside of the gates of Jerusalem and provided meat for those who, by their own power, could not feed themselves. Who was this talking about? Mankind! **For they had no inheritance but He provided His body as that inheritance** that we can eat it in remembrance of God!

This beauty was used, mostly ignorantly, to manipulate the Church, into building projects, into feeding, and all those kinds of things, which I am for that. I am about to go on a mission's trip to Zambia. We are going to preach the Gospel. We are going to reach out. We are going to win souls. We are taking clothes there. I'm going to bless those people. I absolutely believe in that but it is wrong to use guilt to get God's people to live like God! God has not supplied guilt to the Church to do something. He has supplied His very nature and His very being to the Church so that the Church can experience what it is to be exactly like Him! That we can feel what it feels to have the gut caring compassion that moved the Almighty to stretch out His hand and embrace a leper. Why do we want to rob the Church from that.... because we have only one thing, we have something to pay at the end of the month. Grace can pay everything! The generosity that is born from a true love relationship between the Father and you is more than enough --- way more than enough in what the Church would ever need to reach the whole globe!

One of the best things that has ever happened to me is when contentment settled in my heart. I found that I am not chasing growth --- just loving the one in front of me. That's all! Just love the one in front of you and when you see again, God manifests His already built kingdom in your life.

You know, for a pastor to say this, it's a very radical thing to say. Others will say, "You're crazy to say this, especially on the air. Are you crazy?"

The other day I was driving and I felt the Lord say to me, "What would you do if I give you a million dollars right now?" I said, "Lord, nothing different than what I am doing right now!"

It's not the lack of money that keeps me away from what I want to do. I am living my passion! Glory to God! And if the passion is for something else, or more, or whatever, the Lord provides. That's it! "Nothing, Lord!"

The life of God has come to bring to us the wisdom that is from above is first peaceable... first peaceable. That's it. I want to encourage you never to allow anything that has the faintest form of guilt

in your life. You're a King's kid now. You're a co-owner of holiness. You became a co-owner of the very righteousness of God. (That would take a one hour session just to explain that.) A co-owner of God's righteousness... You became the very dwelling place of the Almighty. You are someone that the Almighty is not ashamed of. God is not scared to be caught red-handed at your house. He wants to be at your house. He wants to fellowship with you. He loves you!

I want to encourage you when it comes to generosity. Never have guilt as the foundation of your generosity. Those two words are actually contradicting each other but for lack of a better word, I want to explain this, this way. **Never let guilt be the father of your giving!** When you feel the love of God and the generosity of God, rise in your heart as this awesome thing that you are expecting God to do in you because you want to experience His quality of life, all you do is **you live what you feel in your heart, you give accordingly.**

The Bible says that God loves a cheerful giver. Do you know what that means? Years ago I would preach that God loves a cheerful giver, and I would hear and then I felt that I better get my smile ready when I give. What Paul was actually saying is, "God doesn't want you sad!" That's what he was actually saying.

If a person has a need and you are at a place where you are stressed out concerning money, God doesn't want to add more stress to you. If a person has a need, leave it and let God love you and you will get set free and grace will come upon you. You will also come to a place where you can enjoy what it is to have a compassion that pushes you forward that you cannot but help people and give and be generous. You don't have to fake until you make it! Glory to God!

I'm not settling for a life where I give by manipulation and control and neither am I settling for a life where I am bound by fear of not having. I am free! Free to love. Free to give. Free not to be manipulated and controlled.

Let me pray for you. Father, thank You so much for the honor of knowing this Word. Thank You so much for the honor of preaching this and you've gifted me to share this with people.

I just feel, by the Holy Spirit, I want to say this: the vision I have is not to lead you to me. I'm just pointing you to Jesus. Have your own relationship with God.

Father, I want to thank You that everybody who has heard this word, that this word would just ignite a fire of belief, a fire of joy, a fire of Your quality of life exploding into them. As pertaining to finances, the fire of where there is absolutely no more guilt or fear where they know that the warm embrace of the Almighty includes all provision. Thank You for that.

I also thank You, Father, that those who have and feel generosity in their hearts can be encouraged to give and to help those around them where they see a need or where they feel prompted to give. Thank You that You enable us, not to be just givers, but to experience Your quality of life. You are a good God!

Lord, I think of people who say, "I wish I never lived. I wish I just never existed. It would be better than the guilt and turmoil I live in." If you never existed, you'd never have the opportunity to know what it feels to feel like Him. That's the opportunity that God has come to give you! Thank You, Father! Amen and amen!

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