

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TITHE

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Brethren, that is the theme of our revelation this morning. This is to indicate to you that God does not wish that we should perish at this end of time. If it were his wish that we should perish, he would not have sent to us this good news, just as he has done this morning. I want everybody to pay rapt attention. Let everybody open his ears, hearts and minds. If you had been doing something else, only concentrate on these words because they constitute the glory of God. Faith goes always with work. And faith without work is dead. Just as the body without the spirit is completely dead. It does not only end in calling upon God. What then is your faith? Death, sickness, poverty, problems and encumbrances besetting all the inhabitants of the world emanate from this Gospel.

THE ORIGIN OF TITHE

Payment of rent does not start today. Payment of tax does not also begin today. That is only to indicate to you that a certain place belongs to somebody. Right from the time of Abel, it had been instituted that people should pay tithe unto the Almighty God. God uses that to help us. Abel paid his tithe unto God and that is why it was counted unto him as righteousness. What is very pathetic is that a great many people even here in Brotherhood continue to come here everyday but have never paid tithe to God. "The first Step to God" has explained much on the Payment of Tithe. You have always been told that our store house depends on payment of tithe. Your faith is based on payment of one-tenth of your income. If you do not pay your tithe, it means that you do not believe in God. Shouting on the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ will mean nothing if you do not pay your tithe. Do you think that calling on Jehovah Jah, Jehovah Jireh, Jehovah Nissi, Jehovah Shalom, will save you if you do not pay your tithe?

KINGDOM BUILT ON RIGHTEOUSNESS

This Kingdom was given unto Abraham because of righteousness by faith. Whoever pays tithe; it will be counted for him as righteousness. If it were not difficult, why should a hen not urinate? You are here in Brotherhood, and you claim to have seen God face to face, but have you been paying your tithe? If, you who claim to have seen God face to face, to have seen Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit, cannot pay your tithe, what then will be the state of those who know nothing about Jehovah God and His Christ. More especially if you came in here penniless but you are made rich by God, and yet it is so difficult for you to pay your tithe. But you continue to shout upon Our Lord Jesus Christ, that shows that you are a liar.

FAITH WITHOUT WORK IS DEAD

You believe that there is only one God in existence. Satan also believes that there is only one God. Satan does not only believe but trembles. Can your belief alone save you? The necromancer believes in God. That is why he always calls on God of heaven and earth. Even members of secret societies believe that God is in existence; that they have seen God conversed with him during their astral journey to the sun. Government believes that there is God in existence. That is why people often say, Pray to God to restore peace in the Government. That shows that the Government believes in the existence of God. All the church denominations believe that God is in existence. That is why they often pray for help from Jehovah; and call on angel Michael, angel Gabriel to help them. The moslems also believe in God. The Hinduist believes that God is in existence. Even those who do not attend any church believe that God is found in the heart of men and that God is in existence.

But faith without work is dead. That is what has hampered the work of God. That is what has caused the church denominations to be empty, and why the government is always wanting in its duties. Who has accepted to pay one tenth of what he is given to God? Whatever may be your daily or monthly or yearly income, you have to divide it into ten parts and pay one part of it to God. If you fail, it means that your contract with God is terminated.

FAILURE TO PAY TITHE INCURS UPON YOU GOD'S CURSE

Brethren, failure to pay tithe is the source of your problem. That is why it is said, ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Do not toy with the word of God. There is no word of God which has ever fallen to the ground, rises up empty handed. Read the book of Malachi chapter three, from verse seven. It says, "You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed me, even this whole nation." You would ask, "Where in have we robbed you?" And the answer is in one-tenth of all your earnings and in offering. For this reason you have been cursed with a curse. It is said, Bring all the tithes into the storehouse and there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Consider the orthodox churches, if all the millionaires and wealthy people in the church had paid their tithe, tell me what the church would have done with the amount of money. If all the Spiritual churches, prayer houses, and individuals were to know that it is a bounding duty for every person to pay tithe then there would have been no problems. This is our bounding duty in this kingdom. That should be the source of our joy. Long

prayers will not save you. Crying will not save you. Lamenting will not save you. As soon as this Gospel ends, experiment on it. It does not mean until you come to Brotherhood. You may remain anywhere. Pay your tithe and see whether you will not prosper.

THE WORK OF GOD CANNOT PROGRESS BECAUSE PEOPLE DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS IT

Brethren, if all the millionaires in the world were to pay their tithe, if all the Banks in the world were to pay their tithe, if individuals and every institution were to pay their tithe, what do you think would have been done with such money? What would have caused the work of God to dwindle? Who then would not like to serve God? All of you are anxious to serve God but the problem is that, there is no food. Right now a person who decides to serve God has become a laughing-stock, a mockery and a demented fellow. That is so because people have refused to pay their rent. That is land rent we owe to God. God has started to demand for his rent.

PAYMENT OF TITHE SUBSUMES BELIEF IN GOD

Whatever you may be; whether a Bishop, or Archbishop or a Pastor, you have to pay your land rent. Have you, therefore, seen the reason why our Lord Jesus Christ said, How difficult is it for a rich man to pay his tithe? Can you see how difficult it is for you to pay your tithe? The business men can have ten million naira just in one business transaction. One million will be their tithe to God. But who is prepared to pay it? Now that you have refused to pay out one million as your tithe out of the ten million God has given to you, where do you think you will be? It means that you are lost. Can you not see how empty the world is? There is neither food, nor good health; nor money, nor peace, nor life, nor spirit.

ABEL THE ORIGINATOR OF TITHE

Take Abel for example. That example has been used from time immemorial. Of all the sheep he reared, he chose the fattest of the rams for a sacrifice to God. That was recorded for him as righteousness. Abel believed that he himself, the animals and all the things he had, belonged to God. Therefore in order to show his appreciation to God, he used the fattest of the rams for a sacrifice unto God. God counted that as righteousness for him.

Do not forget that Cain committed no murder. His only conflict with God was that, he was a farmer but held that God only requires the heart. He therefore used a lean yam eaten up by beetle for a sacrifice unto God. That is what brought the conflict between him and God. You always preserve all what you have to yourself, claiming that God does not need those things. You continue to assume that those things should only be for you. Brethren, can you, therefore, realise the source of your problem? Can you realise your nakedness and the nakedness of the government, and of Africa and of the whole world? Whoever does not pay his regular tithe does not believe in God.

THE KINGDOM IS ENTERED BY FAITH NOT BY WEALTH

It is said, you can only enter the Kingdom of God through faith. No one enters the Kingdom of God through wealth but by faith which goes with works. It is exactly the same words spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ when the people went to tempt him. But the flesh, which is Satan, has given it quite a different meaning. They asked him whether it was lawful for them to pay tribute. He told them, show me a coin. A coin was brought and he asked, whose image and superscription is this? They replied that it was Caesar's. And so Our Lord Jesus Christ said, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. This means that you should give unto God his due tithe. Since you have paid your tithe unto Caesar, pay also your tithe unto God. Now that you have paid your tax to the government, you should also pay your tithe unto the Almighty God. You obtain your vehicle licences, and renew them yearly, you pay rate to the Local Government, you are thereby paying tithe to the Government. You pay rent for the land you acquire. It therefore, stands to reason that you should pay tithe unto the Almighty God. This is the fulness of time that you must pay your tithe unto God.

AS YOU PAY TAX TO GOVERNMENT PAY TITHE TO GOD

Right now the Government has claimed ownership of all the land, but all lands belong to the Almighty God. And therefore, you must pay tithe for all the lands unto God. The earth you walk on belongs to God. The water you drink belongs to God. The air we breathe belongs to God. Since the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit has now come, it is incumbent upon all the inhabitants of the world to pay tithe unto Him. If you choose, you may go to church or may refuse to go. But one thing is sure and that is you have to pay your tithe. You may decide to remain in your house but have to pay tithe unto the Almighty God. It is compulsory.

TITHE IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR SALVATION

That is the only requirement for salvation in this kingdom of God. Do not wage war with any person that he has been the cause of your poverty. You are poor because you have robbed the owner of everything. He has therefore locked up everything and held the key Himself. Think of this: Each country of the world mints its own currency. In Nigeria, you have your own currency. Ghana has hers, and America has her own currency. Despite that there is scarcity of money. That is because you have refused to pay your tithe to God.

That is why this tiding of great joy is released unto you and indeed to all the inhabitants of the world. God does not desire that you should perish; does not desire that the whole world should continue to lament. Therefore, let every one begin to clear debts he is owing to God.

THE SYSTEM OF ONE-TENTH OF ALL GAINS

Brethren, even if you have only ten eggs yet unhatched, one of them is the one-tenth which must be given unto God. You must not wait to be told by any person, or through a vision. If you have twenty eggs which have all been hatched, two of the chickens must be paid immediately as tithe unto God. If you take ten Naira to the market and purchase some article of trade, and then sell them at twenty Naira, you have immediately to pay your tithe of one Naira which represents one-tenth of your profit. Whatever gains you make you have to divide it into ten parts and pay one part to God. You have to pay your tithe out of every gain you make. Do not be indebted to God and he will in turn not be indebted to you.

If God brings one thousand Naira to you in your house, you do not have to put it into your pocket. First of all pay your tithe of one hundred Naira before putting the nine hundred Naira into your pocket.

DEFRAY ALL YOUR INDEBTEDNESS TO GOD

It has been revealed to one brother in the University why money has been minted in various denominations of ten kobo, fifty kobo, one naira, five naira, ten naira, twenty naira. It is for the reason of tithe payments. If you pick up ten kobo on the ground, you have to pay a tithe of one kobo, while the other nine kobo belongs to you. If it is one naira, ten kobo is the tithe, while ninety kobo belongs to you. In what way then has God cheated you? It is only human beings who continue to cheat God. It is only you who continue to look for food, land, clothes, and money but you feel that God does not require anything.

The people of old wanted to pay tithe but had no opportunity. If you remember what happened during the colonial rule, if a person was indebted to you, the debt will be written off after seven years, as bad debt.

Tithe is not a matter to be read in literature. It is not a matter for one to be advised. I am only reminding you what has brought about the downfall of all the inhabitants of the world. I am standing on the highest heaven to deliver this Gospel to all the inhabitants of the world, both human beings and angels and spirit. Brethren, I do not wish to overload you, let the first lesson be read.

1st Lesson:

Hebrews 11 : 4

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead yet speaketh."

Make no mistakes. Whatever you have, divide it into ten equal parts and pay one part to God. If you are working and earning a salary of one hundred Naira a month, know that ten Naira is your tithe unto the Almighty God. You have to count your salary as ninety Naira, when it is not even paid to you. Right from today, if your monthly salary is one thousand Naira, you have to estimate your salary as nine hundred Naira, so that you may not have problems. We always commit theft within our heart. If after receiving the one thousand Naira, you conceive in your heart that one hundred Naira belongs to the FATHER, then will it not be cumbersome unto you. If you pay your tithe regularly, you will see the glory of God revealed unto you. That is only a matter of salary.

PAY TITHE TO GOD FOR THE LAND YOU HAVE

If you have landed property, which accrues to you some rent, you have to pay one tenth of the rent as your tithe. If you have an acre of palm trees which also yield you some money, you have to divide the money into ten parts and pay one-tenth as your tithe. You have to pay your tithe out of every commission you receive, for whatever thing. If you pick anything on the road, you have to pay tithe out of it to God.

WHERE TO PAY TITHE

Remember Hannah, you have already heard of her. She was barren. She requested God for a child. When she was praying silently unto God, Prophet Eli saw her soliloquizing and so asked her, "Are you drunk?" She replied, "My Lord, I am not drunk. I am conversing with my God." When God heard her prayers, He gave to her Samuel. She had never got a child from her birth. Her first child was paid as tithe unto God. In your own case, you would ask, "Where am I going to pay the tithe?" If you do not know the place, go and throw the child into water. Every time you argue that you do not need to honour any man, Did Hannah throw Samuel into the bush? She did not instruct that Samuel should only stay with Eli for a short period of time and then return. She handed over Samuel completely unto God. Do not forget that she had no other child. She did not hand over Samuel to Eli as a Servant. Prophet Eli did not ask her to send the child to him so that he may teach him. Because I have told you that it is only a person who believes in God can pay tithe. Do you know what the Father did unto Hannah? God gave her five more children.

REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR

In your own case, even if your children are hundred in number if any should decide to serve God, you will frown and tell him to go to school. You will also ask whether he has not seen his brothers, that he should work and get them educated, that the Leader does not prevent people from going to school. You can serve God from any place. It is one and the same thing. Except when you discover that your child is a thief, or is sickly, or a disobedient child, then will you pay him as tithe unto God. That is exactly like the offering of Cain.

GOD IS THE ONLY TEACHER

Himself is good. Many people here pay their tithe with counterfeit money. Some people who desire to pay tithe with clothings do so with torn dresses and claim to pay tithe. Is that payment of tithe? Brethren you have been taught to the final stage. Because it was written in the prophets that God will teach them everything. And all those who hear and learn of the Father will follow me. There are certain persons in this kingdom of God who do not joke with the payment of tithe. There are others who will develop long faces with you and be prepared to strain relations with you the moment you remind them anything about tithe. They will want you to realise afterall how much are they earning a month. Many people claim that they have the will to pay their tithes but that they are only indebted to the Father. If the debt continues to accumulate when do you think it can be defrayed? This is not a matter of indebtedness. It is just like gum and paper. If you fail to pay your tithe you will score zero because it will mean that you do not believe in God.

ONE-TENTH IS NOT ENOUGH

This kingdom of God belongs to those who believe fervently in God. What do you have to give to God afterall. Anything you claim to be yours, belongs to God. This is the little thing He requires you to do so that He can prove you. Even the ninetenth you reserve for yourself belongs to God; the one-tenth also belongs to Him. He is the only one to dictate what you should do for Him and if you do it He will continue to pour to you knowledge, wisdom, wealth and many other virtues. Why are your eyes not opened?

ABRAHAM ACCEPTED TO SACRIFICE ISAAC FOR HE KNEW GOD HAD A BETTER ALTERNATIVE THAN ISAAC

This world was given to Abraham to rule over with his children. Who are the children of Abraham? All those who do what Abraham did. If you do not pay your tithe you have no share in this kingdom of God. You can remember that Abraham has no child for a long time; but the moment he was given Isaac by God, the same child was demanded of Abraham for a sacrifice unto Him. What do you think is the meaning of that statement, that request by God? Do you think faith is that simple? It is only one thing that God gave to Abraham. This is just to indicate to you that Abraham believed fervently in God and that was why he became a friend of God. Abraham did not hesitate to accept to sacrifice his only begotten son. Who in the whole wideworld would have done exactly what Abraham did? Having only one child and determining to sacrifice that only child to God? Even if you were told in a vision, you would pronounce woe unto such a visioner and his household. Can you go to sacrifice the only child you have unto God! And so brethren Abraham was not reluctant to go and sacrifice Isaac because he knew that he himself belonged to God, Isaac and everything he had belonged to God. Should God decide to take his own life and that of Isaac he would do nothing. There was therefore no alternative. That was why he decided to sacrifice Isaac.

ABRAHAM THE FRIEND OF GOD

When Abraham had kindled the fire and it began to burn, Isaac ignorantly asked the father where the Lamb for the sacrifice was. Abraham answered and said unto his son, Isaac, that God would provide for Himself the sacrificial Lamb. The moment Abraham held Isaac and raised up his knife ready to cut off his head for the sacrifice he heard a voice telling him to do nothing to the child but rather he should turn to his right and would find a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns with which he would sacrifice. Who brought that ram? Abraham turned and found the ram, he sacrificed it and went home with his son and immediately became a friend of God. Can you see what faith can do?

DO WHAT YOU MAY IF YOU HAVE NO FAITH IN GOD YOU WILL NOT SEE THAT BEAUTIFUL CITY

You have heard about others and the marks they left in the world. In the case of Abraham, he is the father of all nations. Why is this so? It is because Abraham had the faith and belief in God. His faith was his readiness to sacrifice Isaac unto God and to give one-tenth of what he had to the Almighty God. Show me any person in this world who had communion with God but had no faith. It is asked in the Scriptures whose work are you doing? And the reply given is that I am doing the work of God. The warning is that whatever you do if you do not have faith and believe in God your efforts are wasted because you will not see that holy city. You spend all that you have in serving satan and the flesh; but when it comes to serving God you will complain you have no kobo. Even in this kingdom of God you profess to see God face-to-face, (I have not seen Him face-to-face myself, I only hear His voice), you have refused to do something to prove that you have seen Him face-to-face. And so brethren that is why these glad tidings of great joy are brought to you today.

Fasting cannot take away your poverty; neither can prayer, even if you pray till your voice is choked up. You people have cheated the Almighty God. And so the world is under that curse. Now brethren you have to go back and implement this principle given to you. The moment you begin to pay your tithe regularly your ways will be opened, you will be blessed with wealth, wisdom and everything. People are prepared to do the work of God in all other church denominations. Why people steal money, smuggle, or do one thing or the other is because of hunger. The government is in chase of the carnal functions of God while the church performs the spiritual functions. If you take care of the flesh what about the spirit? People of the world have ignored the spiritual side and that is why you find the whole world in a state of collapse; everything turns topsy-turvy. And so brethren, let us retire to our houses and do exactly what Abraham our first father, did. What did he do? The second lesson will now be read and you have to listen attentively because there are so many highly educated people in the world

who would like to question you as to whom you pay tithe. Listen to what is going to be read to you and you will know to whom Abraham paid his tithe.

2nd Lesson:

Hebrews 7 : 1-2,

"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;

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;"

PAY TITHE TO GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON EARTH

Brethren have you heard that? This story refers to that same Abraham. Is it an easy thing for a human being to divide all that he has; his money, land, and other property, and give the tenth part of them to a human being like you? Abraham did not regard Melchisedec as a human being; he believed him to be God. When you shout at the top of your voice to Jehovah God that you want this or that except you pay your tithe you are wasting your time. Go away with your deceit. If you claim to see God face-face why do you refuse to pay your tithe? Melchisedec was a priest for God, the King of peace and righteousness; from time immemorial it was the responsibility of his priesthood tribute to collect tithe from people. So when Abraham returned from the slaughter of the Kings, he did not wait to be given a vision or to be advised by any body to go and pay tithe to Melchisedec. He recognised Melchisedec as God and so he gathered all that he had from the war and he gave the tenth part to him. If you fail to pay tithe to God, you will definitely pay it to satan. If you fail to pay tithe from your salary or wages to God you will do so to necromancers, soothsayers, secret societies, prostitutes, to court cases and other carnal things.

PAY YOUR TITHE TO THE APPROPRIATE QUARTERS

Tomorrow you will argue that you have been paying your tithes when you give money or build a bethel or to poor people, or do other things. All these are not tithe. You have to pay your direct tithe, which is one-tenth of what you have like Abraham did to Melchisedec who had neither father nor mother nor genealogy. He had neither beginning of days nor the end of life. All tithes had to be paid to him because he was a priest forever as the Son of God.

If you pay your tithe to the government you have paid it. If your child attends a secondary school and instead of going to pay his fees at the school compound or Ministry of Education you rather pay it to Ministry of Works, that school fees has been paid to a wrong source. Therefore everything has its own appropriate quarters, and it is only at such a particular place you can do any appropriate thing related to it. Take our father Abraham for example; but look at this man, Melchisedec, a priest for ever without any genea-

logy, has neither the beginning of days nor the end of life, without father or mother, and looking after the affairs of man and God. Abraham did not need any person to tell him to pay tithe to him. Every person in those days paid his tithe to Melchisedec.

TITHE IS FOLLOWED WITH BLESSING

Can you now see why the people of old did the work of God undisturbed. They were dutiful because people paid their tithes regularly. There was food and everything. Without the priest nobody had anything to eat. And so there was no poverty with priesthood. The man we are talking about was only a priest in the flesh not a priest in the spirit. We are not arguing the fact that it is the elder who should bless the junior. Tell me the truth, if Abraham did not pay tithe to Melchisedec do you think he would have blessed him. If he was not blessed by Melchisedec, do you think Abraham would have been as great as he was? The payment of tithe portrayed Abraham as a believer in God.

ONE COMMON PURSE

Now that you argue that you cannot worship any person, who is the worker of God, was Our Lord Jesus Christ an animal? Tell me whether He was an animal or a spirit or a tree? You loquacious fellows, who continue to argue that you cannot respect, honour or worship any man, was Our Lord Jesus Christ that you are worshipping an animal? Was Melchisedec a stone or an animal or a spirit? He was a priest of God who was making intercession for every person in the world throughout his time. Our Lord Jesus Christ too is a priest of God who looks after the affairs of God. That was why during the time of Our Lord Jesus all those who believed, abandoned all that they had. Matthew was a millionaire, Luke was a Doctor so Levi and other people of great substance. They all brought together their wealth and established a common purse.

TITHE PAYMENT IS AN OBLIGATION NOT A CONDITION

Think also of the four wisemen. The moment they heard that Our Lord Jesus Christ was born, each of them went to see and worship Him with his gift. The first person went with gold, you know how costly gold is. The second went with frankincense, the third went with myrrh, and the fourth went with his own gift too. You know what this means. Each of these four wisemen sold all he had and then spend all the proceeds, in buying the most precious gift to bestow on Our Lord Jesus and honour Him. At that time the Lord was only two years old. When they arrived, were you told that Our Lord Jesus Christ offered them any prayers or did anything to them? When you tell somebody to pay tithe that he may have a child or that his sickness may be cured, does it mean that it is through the payment of tithe that you can have a child or your infirmities can be healed? Is this not the height of insult?

PAY YOUR TITHE AND DO NOT TEMPT GOD

What was the main reason Abraham paid his tithe to Melchisedec? Tell me? It was not for any other thing, but was fulfilling the obligation at the time. He took cognisance of the fact that Melchisedec was God. If you were Abraham would you have gone to Melchisedec to give your money? You would have gone to complain to him that for some days running you have not eaten any food, that your family has driven you and that you have nothing to wear. That is the way your faith takes you to. God has given you everything but you continue to tempt Him by asking for more. The only thing we have to do so that it will be written for us as righteousness is for us to pay one-tenth of all what we earn. To a great many of you in Brotherhood this is the cause of your problems and difficulties. Because a great number of you have never paid even one kobo tithe. You are so much indebted to God by tithe payment that you feel you will not be able to defray and so you resort to the slogan "as the Father likes it."

DO NOT DEFAULT IN YOUR TITHE PAYMENT

When you were jobless if somebody gave you ₦10.00, you would quickly pay your tithe from it. If somebody is so kind to give you ₦1.00, you will quickly pay your tithe out of it. But the moment you are employed and money begins to come, you will argue that your salary, is insufficient for your expenditure because of other more important expensive capital projects. You will then resolve to owe God and to pay back whenever money was sufficient. A miser does not realise that to give is to lend. If you fail to pay your electricity bill the light will be disconnected from your house. You are true witnesses to the fact that if we fail to pay our electricity bill for one or two months, till the light will be disconnected nobody will know. The one I am telling you now is a physical contract. At home you know fully well that you have not paid your electricity bill for sometime and the people in-charge also keep their own records and have observed that you have defaulted in payment for a particular period. The people will then quietly come to your house and remove the fuse and disconnected the light. It is only when you come back home and switch on the light and find no lighting that you will reorder your priorities and then go to pay your bill. The same thing happens with the payment of rent. If you fail to pay your rent, the landlord will serve you with a quit notice or carefully pack your things outside. The same thing is applicable to annual land rent. If you are treated this way for the vain things of this world, how much more with the person who created the world and the Owner of all the things on earth.

EVEN THE NINE-TENTHS BELONG TO GOD

The payment of one-tenth of what you have to God is just the beginning of your journey, the primary stage of a thing. If you give God one-tenth, what about the other nine-tenths whom does it belong to? All belong to God. Have you not heard that among all those who believe and have one heart, they did not regard what they had as theirs, but pulled their resources

together for a common goal. I am telling you now what was promised Abraham and his children. All the descendants of Abraham must definitely pay tithe. There are certain persons here who have attained the understanding of this programme and do it properly. If you come across those who pay regular tithes to the Father they have no problem whatsoever, no poverty, no sickness and no complaints at all.

STUDY AND PRACTISE THE FIRST STEP TO GOD

Two persons come to Brotherhood but things are well with one while the other complains about life. The other person will not advise his friend because all these things are written in the "First Step To God," they have been preached and even sung to you. If you then refuse to do any of the things, you have yourself to blame. This sermon is preached to you the children of Brotherhood but through the TV to the entire world which has not yet understood these things. All those who are the children of God know for certain that it is their duty to pay tithe, contribute to freewill offerings and charity, celebrate feast and do all other things. It is said "look at the Leader and emulate his examples."

ABEL THE ORIGINATOR OF FAITH

Take Abel for example, the author of our faith, and Abraham our father? That is why we have been told to pay tithe to God. Whatever you are doing at the end of the month, make sure that you pay your barber, your washerman, your house rent, your electric bill, your tenement rate, and all that you have to pay because you have many irons on the fire. But do not forget to always give to the Father His share, the tithe. The number one thing you have to do at the end of the month is the payment of tithe.

IN PAYMENT OF TITHE THERE IS NO EXEMPTION

If you have been joking with the payment of tithe, from this year henceforth nobody should toy with it because the problem of the whole world stems from the fact that they have refused to pay their tithes. If you want to enter the house of a strong man unless you first of all tie his hands and legs you will not be able to plunder his house. If people were not beset with difficulties and problems, nobody would be willing to listen to anything. No person is exempted from this assignment; whether you are white or black, man or woman, old or young, those yet unborn and till eternity everybody must continue to pay tithe. Do not wait to be reminded by visions because this is no vision affair. Do not bring about the idea of church denominations here because the affair here does not consider them. Whether you are a church member or not pay your tithe that things may be well with you. It is lack of the payment of tithe that the world is beset with poverty and problems, and this shows that the world does not believe in God.

The payment of tithe is more significant than any other thing, more significant than raising the dead, healing the sick, building a house or doing

anything whatsoever. You cannot compare it to any other thing you do to God.

Brethren I do not intend to take you further than this. Our golden text will now be read.

Golden Text: Romans 13 : 6 – 7

“For this cause pay ye tribute also:
for they are God’s ministers, attending
continually upon this very thing.

Render therefore to all their dues:
tribute to whom tribute is due; custom
to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour
to whom honour.

TITHE CONNOTES FAITH

I know that the church denominations will be happy today because of this sermon. The pastors, Bishops, Reverend and others, will direct their members to the Father’s sermon of today, and will ask the members to take their tithe to them. If all the church denominations pay their tithes they will observe prosperity, honour, plenty, well-being and all good things.

It is quite wrong to asses people to pay a certain sum of money, or to keep a certain amount of money to be paid by a certain Rev. gentlemen. Have you not realised that the person who is serving God, who is administering unto the necessities of the saints, God’s representative is quite worthy to receive tithe and offering. They should not depend upon salary or wages.

It is better to give tithe to them than manv other things. Render to a firm what belongs to it, to the Government. What belongs to it and to God what belongs to him, what is happening now is that all what belong to the village, chiefs, societies, Government and even to diabolical things have been given to them. But that which belongs to God they will say may God be with you. No person has anything to give to God.

As there is one Government, so also is one God. Therefore all those who serve in the temple of God should eat from the temple. If people were to believe in God and pay their tithes, the churches would be much richer than the industries, firms and even the Government. This will then bring prosperity, long life and every good thing would be bestowed on the sons of men. Since God is one, all the inhabitants of the world must pay their tithes to him. Do not make that statement and mistake again that since you pay your house rent, electric bill, taxes and other things to pay you feel that you should be indebted to God. Does it mean, therefore, that a God’s worker must starve? He who looks after your souls, who ministers unto every

person and who gives the report to the Almighty God is he the one you want to go empty-handed? When you complain that a Pastor has stolen money, a Minister has misappropriated some funds from where do you expect them to feed? Do you not see now all of them look so pale and sickly. When you drive in your luxurious cars, the Reverend and all will be trekking or will be going on his antiquated bicycle and you wave at him as you pass him by "Pastor how do you do", do you think he will be pleased with you? You will erect a storey building for yourself and build a thatched roof and mud-walked room for the Pastor after which you will ironically call him master. And that is why if any of your relations wants to go into the ministry, you will ban him and threaten with a curse if he dares. He will instead be advised to go and take up a lucrative profession so that he can cater for the family.

PROPHETS ARE GREATER THAN ANY OTHER

If you go to the Government you will see how much is wasted. They waste millions of naira for things of no importance, things pertaining to the flesh. But for those who are serving in the temple of God must they go with empty hand? Why must they not be given something. Samuel was the head of all the prophets and was greater than every other Government official. When the Israelites wanted a king, they went to Samuel and demanded he made them a king. He was the person who selected Saul as the king and crowned him. It is a priest of God who has to select the president, the Governor, village heads, traditional ruler, etc. and anoint and bless them.

GOVERNMENT TO PAY TITHE

Right now the Government, individuals, firms and associations have ignored God; they have refused to pay their tithes, and have no respect for him. For this reason do you not see the state of the Government and the society? Everything is grinding to a halt and the spirit of God is completely out of them. It is the church that should be richer and wealthier than the Government and even firms. If every person pays his tithe, the church will be buoyant; it will have enough for itself and even to spare unto the Government. There will be plenty of food for everybody to eat and entire world will be living in plenty.

WHEREVER YOU ARE, PAY TITHE

If people were to pay their regular tithe, the church will be very wealthy, and when the church is wealthy, the Government and the individuals will be wealthy also. Because by such payment of tithe, the one common purse will be established and everything will be controlled centrally for every person. Whosoever does not pay tithe, it were better he was not born into the world. If you have resolved not to pay tithe, do not come to this plane of manifest again. However, wherever you may go to whether you are in this plane of manifest or in any other plane it is your bounding duty to pay tithe. Tithe serves as a sign of your recognition that there is something more important than what you see. Any person who does not pay tithe

means that he has not yet started his journey on his way to salvation. He should know for certain that he has no salvation he is walking naked and has no share in this kingdom of God neither has he life at all.

PAY TAX TO GOVERNMENT AND PAY TITHE TO GOD

Therefore give tribute to whom tribute is due because they are the ministers of God, attending continually unto every man. Can you realise the meaning of statement of our Lord Jesus Christ. Render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and render to God the things which are God's. This statement is misinterpreted by the people of the world to mean give to the diabolical things which belong to them and give to mermaid what belong to mermaid, which means that after paying tithe they also pay to mermaid, apparition and other vain things, that it is what our Lord Jesus Christ has said. That is not what he has said. You will explain this to the people in the world when you go back home, that what Our Lord Jesus Christ meant in his statement is that when a man pays his tax and rate to the government, house rent, water, rate, electric bill, tenement rate carnally, he should also pay direct tithe, free will offering, charity and other spiritual dues to God.

If you profess to be a necromancer and you pay tax and rate to the government, licence for your necromancing activities and other dues and you fail to pay tithe to God, you are in trouble with God. So brethren let us accept to be ministers of God in the real sense of the word. Stop shouting that you have seen God, because you are deceiving yourself, where did you see God. It is an irony of faith that you profess to see God but you fail, to pay your tithe. You profess to see God, yet you have not refrained from falsehood. You profess to see God, yet you are still fornicating, what type of God have you seen, where did you see him?

PAYMENT OF TITHER CONNOTES BELIEF

If we were to have the fear of God, we would have known ourselves but the Scriptures attest to the fact that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. If we believe in God we will pay our tithe and we will realise that he will pour down to us his manifold blessings and also take away from us the tendency to commit any act of sin. And it is very easy for the Father to reform the whole world. A great many people complain that churches are not good because they serve no useful purpose; what do you think will be used to make the churches serve useful purpose when people have not paid tithe; when people do not want to minister unto those who serve God in his temple.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH

It should be the function of the church denominations, to establish schools, colleges, universities, big hospital, maternity homes, big cities and large urban centres. They should also cater for the welfare of the citizens, send citizens to schools, award them scholarship, but where is the money

with which they can establish these institutions? The functions of the church cannot be performed by the government, because the church dignitaries minister unto the things of God. It is the church which looks after the government, the firm and company, the communities, the hospitals and other medical institutions, the schools and other educational institutions and many other things. The church should also look after the trees, fishes, animals, birds and even the angels.

THE CHURCH SHOULD ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT

Do you know any situation in which the Government stepped into the church when something happens there? What business has the Government in the church? Have you even heard that when something happens in the church, the firm or company steps in; is the church the business of the firm? Have you even seen secret societies and necromancers stepping in when something happens in the church? Conversely, when something happens in the Government the church should step in to correct what was wrong in the government. In the same token if something is wrong with the firm, the company, the necromancer, the towns and cities, the church should step in immediately to correct the error. You cannot find any bird on top of an unripe palm fruits. A great many people are reluctant, and even refuse to serve God, because the church has no money. Thieves, murderers, necromancers dress gorgeously, but it is the man of God who dresses with tattered and torn dresses. If a minister of God drives in a small old Volks Wagen beetle people will curse him and accuse him of misappropriating the church funds and has started developing protruding stomach, what about you who steal and develop protruding buttocks?

DO NOT BE RETROGRESSIVE

Notice, brethren that the world has missed the spiritual side of the things of God thus making the physical side of things to overwhelm everything; that explains why the whole world suffers. Whatever we may do if we do not pay tithe, we have not done anything and we will continue to dwindle and regress, but those who pay tithe are always progressing and prosperous, and healthy, if they farm, they reap good harvest, if they engage in commercial activities, they have profits, their domestic animals continue to multiply. Let all the inhabitants of the world which cheated and robbed God, go back to their homes and begin to pay tithe to God. All should take up the issue of payment of tithe as a serious matter, to give each person his due and do not cheat any person give every person his due benevolence.

THE SECRET TO FORTUNE IS PAYMENT OF TITHE

Do not consider that when you take out one-tenth of your earnings, you share it out and give to orphans, and widows and other unfortunate ones. That is no tithe. Do not conceive in your mind that when you open a Bethel and hand over the key, you have paid tithe, it is not tithe but charity. What is most precious in the sight of God is the payment of one tenth of

your earnings or profits or income. If we fail to do it, it means we are not the children of Abraham. Since we are Abraham's children, the children of promise, we must pay tithe to God.

HE WILL COVER YOU UNDER HIS WINGS

Forget about your poverty, and sickness, and your enemies, and your problems and your childlessness, but when you begin to pay your tithe and other dues, the glory of God will be manifested in you. And God says do it to me and prove me, if I will not open onto you the windows of heaven, and pour out blessing that there would not be room enough to receive it. I will rebuke the devourer and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine cast out her fruits before the time. Do you think that when thieves intent to break into your house that God does not know? Do you think that God does not know when somebody plans to collect money from you under false pretences? Do you think that when you are buying an article of trade in which you will sustain a loss, that God does not know? Since you do not want him to take care over you, he abandons you to your own way. There are angels who are set to watch over and protect all you have, but when your record is examined, it is found that you are indebted to God by not paying your tithe. If you pay your tithe, angels are set to guard your farm, your office, your house, your children, and your business and you'll be surprised how smooth things are moving with you and you will even ask why you did not pay tithe in the past. Those who pay regular tithe and understand the essence of paying tithe, if you advise them not to pay, they will die with you.

Brethren, it is said one stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise, I do not wish to be tedious unto you. Those who have ears let them hear. May God bless his holy words, Amen.