

**TRUE LIGHT M.B.  
WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT BIBLE STUDY  
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HATTIESBURG, MS**

**SERIES: CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

**SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:3-4**

**SUBJECT: "REQUIRED GIVING VS. FREE WILL OFFERINGS"**

**SPEAKER: PASTOR ARCHIE MORRIS II**

3For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, 4implore us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

**I WANT TO CONTINUE OUR SERIES ENTITLED: STEWARDSHIP: IT'S A SERIES DESIGNED TO HELP US LOOK AT CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP AND MORE SPECIFIC CHRISTIAN GIVING.**

**REVIEW: 8 CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE MACEDONIANS GIVING:**

- A. BECAUSE OF THE GRACE OF GOD
- B. WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR CIRCUMSTANCE.
- C. THEY GAVE WITH JOY.
- D. DISPITE THEIR POVERTY.
- E. GENEROUSLY.
- F. THEY GAVE PROPORTIONATELY
- G. THEY GAVE SACRIFICIALLY,
- H. VOLUNTARILY

**REVIEW: 3 QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK ABOUT GIVING:**

- SHOULD I GIVE THE TENTH? WHICH IS A TITHE. OR WHAT SHOULD I GIVE?
- DO I GIVE A PORTION?
- DO I GIVE FROM THE GROSS? DO I GIVE FROM THE NET?

**HOLES IN THE ARGUMENT ON TITHING BEFORE THE LAW**

- A. THERE WERE CERTAIN BEHAVIORS THAT EXISTED BEFORE THE LAW.
- B. THE SABBATH FOR EXAMPLE. COL. 2:16

16So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,

## **5 EXAMPLES OF GIVING/OFFERINGS BEFORE THE LAW.**

### **#1. (CAIN & ABEL OFFERING) GENESIS 4:3-5**

**3**And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. **4**And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: **5**But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

### **2 TYPES OF OFFERINGS GIVEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:**

#### **A. FREE WILL OFFERINGS.**

#### **B. REQUIRED GIVING.**

### **#2. (NOAH'S OFFERING) GENESIS 8:20**

**20**Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

### **#3. (ABRAM/ABRAHAM OFFERING) GENESIS 12:7**

**7**Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

### **#4. (MELCHIZEDEK'S OFFERING) (GENESIS 14:18-20).**

**18**Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. **19**And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; **20** And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

### **#5. (JACOB OFFERING) GENESIS 28:20-22**

**20**Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, **21**so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. **22**And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

## **2 EXAMPLES OF REQUIRED GIVING BEFORE THE LAW**

## # 1. JOSEPH'S OFFERING - GENESIS CHAPTER 41:34-36

**34**Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. **35**And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. **36**And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

## #2. MOSAIC LAW – EXODUS 34-35.

### 4 FOLD PURPOSE OF REQUIRED GIVING: BEFORE & AFTER THE LAW.

- A. IT WAS TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT (A TAXATION).
- B. TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE (THE LEVITES)
- C. TO SUPPORT THE FEAST DAYS.
- D. TO SUPPORT THE POOR

### 3 TYPES OF FREEWILLGIVING AFTER THE LAW:

- 1. FIRST FRUITS
- 2. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE
- 3. THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

**CONCLUSION:** THERE WAS REQUIRED GIVING AND THERE WAS FREEWILL GIVING . REQUIRED GIVING WENT TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OR THE INSTITUTIONS AS GOD HAD ORDAINED THEM. FREE WILL GIVING WAS GIVEN TO THE LORD JUST LIKE THE MACEDONIANS GAVE IT WAS GIVEN IN PORPORTION, IT WAS GIVEN SACRIFICALLY, AND IT WAS GIVEN FROM A WILLING HEART.

**NEXT WEEK: BIBLICAL GIVING PT. 4. 2 COR. 8:4-8.**