

Creating an Old Covenant Altar

“The enemy has knowledge and knows how to create an altar that represents the old covenant and he knows how to persuade us to enact it over and over as the Levites did”

“He knows how to make music and uses this gift to make it more important than God’s will.”

I am using these 2 quotes from heaven on just how the enemy is influencing us today. We must not be so foolish as to think he has no knowledge. He spent a very very long time in heaven. He knew our Lord and even knows how to imitate God.

He was the head of the music department. He had many gifts of ministry.

“Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created. Thou art the anointed cherubim that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou was upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire” (Ezekiel 28:13-14)

He was the covering over the very throne of God. Our foe is using these same gifts in a distorted form to carry on his mess. What mess? The mess of the old

covenant laws right in front of our noses every week. His old “covering” is still in place in the church service as it covers our ministry gifts.

This altar of repetition and music has become stronger than God’s will. It has made music and teaching a priority. We have assumed it is His best will when we actually have not asked Him. Even though the word of God clearly states “ apostles first”, we insist on putting music first and souls on the back burner. Centuries of endless music and teaching have for the most part, not included the new testament function of Ephesians 4. Excluding apostleship. By repeating this worship we crucify Jesus afresh. Claiming by our repetition loudly that it is more important and necessary than functioning in the ministry gifts. We are exercising authority over the Lord himself. And over His word. Claiming that it is more necessary to perform a ritual as though the cross is not enough. As though finding souls is not for us to do and the harvest belongs to someone else. As though the ministry gifts listed in Ephesians 4 do not even exist.



The tithe was legally tied to the Levitical and Aaronic priesthood who served the tabernacle. Numbers 8:21

For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. Hebrews 7:12

The shift arrived when Jesus was crucified on the cross. Hebrews 7:12 argues that the priesthood has changed from the Aaronic, Levitical priesthood to the eternal priesthood of Jesus is of the order of Melchizedek. The old covenant laws have changed as clearly stated by the priesthood is now changed through the cross of Christ. The order of Melchizedek- Who has an endless life and was a priest to Jesus. They have the same origin which is no origin- they both have always been. Which is why they are described together.

Jesus alone has the rightful place of an eternal priesthood. To be a priest unto us in intercession, forgiveness, direction of purpose and service.

Who is now Jesus, our high priest from the order of Melchizedek. Who had an endless life. Now this represents our high priest of an eternal order who lives to make intercession for us.

Can we even imagine the benefit of having our own personal priest? One who intercedes for our sins, and then helps us make quality decisions on how to serve Him, one who runs to us and heals us at a moment's pain ! This is who our High priest is and so much more ! Hebrews 7:25-26

The Levites could never furnish such love and abundance. The old is done away with and it is a good thing! Hebrews 7:19

Heb 7:13-14 For He of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gives attendeth at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

Jesus springs from the tribe of Judah- not the tribe of Levites. He gives no attendance to the altar of the old covenant which was of the tribe of Levites. There is a change of the sacrificial laws as the priesthood is now changed and Jesus is our high priest, and the offering, eternally.

The old priesthood is technically gone and the legal requirement for the tithe, the temple and the altar are gone with it.

Hebrews 7:5-9 highlighting a superior priesthood over Levitical priesthood

Matt 23:23 Jesus had not yet died and risen- old covenant still in place

Jesus rebukes Pharisees for neglecting mercy while tithing

Hebrews 1: 4-10 Christ is our eternal priesthood



New giving - the mindset of new testament giving is quite different from the old covenant tithe standards the enemy has set in the church today

Acts 2:44-45 having all in common

Acts 2: 32-35 one heart one mind

Acts 5:4 voluntary giving

Acts 6:1-6 deacons or ministers food

1 tim 5:3-16 taking care of widows

John 1:5-8 helping impoverished saints

1 Cor 16:1-3 / 2 Cor 8:1-4

Leviticus 27:30

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's ; it is holy unto the Lord.

Leviticus 27:32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.

The tithe was holy unto the Lord and had a very specific purpose. The tithe or one tenth of fruit, grain and the meat of the herds was the physical offering for sin. It had to be without blemish as it represented Jesus- who would be the eternal offering without stain or sin.

The tithe was used by the priest to live on - they were allowed to eat of certain offerings for their sustenance as they were being supported by the rest of Israel. Who brought in the tithe or 1/10 of their herd, grain for the sin offering. This was considered an exclusive ministry of which the Levitical

priests and the aaronic priest held an office. They were the delegated, designated authority in the temple.

The priests of the old testament had an office of ministry~ they were officiated, designated and singled out from the rest of Israel- who were considered the congregation. The responsibility of the congregation of Israel was to keep bringing the 1/10 of their herds, grain and fruit for the Levites to burn and sacrifice. The priests had daily constant work to be done burning daily sacrifices and offerings. This had to be performed in order to keep up with the requirements of the laws which God had set forth through his word for the forgiveness of sin. They had to maintain a continual flow of blood in order to abide in the forgiveness of God. Or a continual baking of bread- this was the showbread which consisted of 10 loaves a day. This was the shadow or the forerunner of Jesus. Who had not yet arrived. It is what made it holy unto the Lord. Jesus would be the final offering. They were given the right to be supported by the tithe, and to utilize it for their physical health and nutrition.

This has been twisted into something we practice today. By saying the pastor has a right to collect the tithe and live off of it- we are saying he is an old covenant priest. The enemy has cleverly reenacted the old covenant that replays every Sunday before us.

This set of rules and standards were exclusive to old covenant law. As Jesus had yet become the final sacrifice. The old laws were in place BEFORE His death and resurrection. The tithe was utilized as God commanded as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin. As an offering to God.

So important to understand, the enemy has used this concept of exclusivity to feed the body of Christ an old order that does not exist anymore. To keep

the new testament function from happening. How could he stop and render useless most of the ministry gifts described in Eph 4? By making us believe there is an exclusivity to ministry. He has taken all the above practices from the old covenant and re configured them to fit our thinking of church today. The enemy took the concepts I have just described and laid them on the new testament church.

It has been the trick of the enemy to teach these ancient laws as applicable to church today. He has set in motion the old covenant in our midst. He doesn't care how or where it pans out in format as long as it prevents new testament function in its fulness. He is happy. Priests as leaders or leadership. He has called them office holders. They are said to be the designated delegated authority within the church. He has taught that this gives them the right to collect the tithe, have an altar, and operate the church building through the tithe. Which we mistakenly call the temple or sanctuary of God. This is a subtle imitation of the old covenant. Which we accept from a few misunderstood scriptures taken out of chronological context. As the buzzwords fly around our head, we believe we are no more than the congregation who brings in the tithe for the leaders. We have swallowed an ancient lie.

We believe these lies readily by example, experience. By not engaging in the true new testament function that is detailed in Ephesians 4 a deception or a delusion has the right to cover us.

The investment of the enemy is trifold. He has pulled out his best arguments to keep us in the old testament. He fears the new. Jesus has died to give us a far better covenant stock full of new promises and functionality. He has given us a new deal that serves Him. A better lasting one. Our part of the new is spelled out in Eph 4 which we continually neglect because we are

covered with the old. We cannot embrace our new service, as we are still performing the old. Which has held us under layers and layers of authority. So many cannot see our way out of the fog and into the light that would ignite revival. The old was merely a shadow.

88 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very
The old covenant law was a mere shadow of christ

image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year
The old covenant sacrificial laws was not the Christ, not His very same image
by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Those old covenant sacrifices could never make us perfect meaning bring us to maturity~

For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

If they could have made us perfect they would have been eternal, or done with.

Let's take a look at another important new testament scripture that explains how and why the tithe is gone.

Hebrews 13:9

Be not carried about with strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied there in.

This scripture is addressing Jewish Christians who were pressured to return to Mosaic restrictions or sacramental meals to achieve holiness. Contrasting here the old transactional system with a new relational covenant with the risen Christ. Explaining that these meats which in the Greek is (broma). To eat root (bibrosko) those meats used in ceremonial regulation. Carrying a specific cultural weight referring to much more than dinner. Drinks washings- regulations imposed at the time of the reformation- "foods" refers to ceremonial

offerings, portions of tithes and sacrifices as part of the law. Levitical regulations. A warning not to go back to old covenant thinking which says that eating a specific portion of a sacrifice or a tithe makes you holy. The old covenant system is a shadow of the cross-Christ is the substance. It warns against the strange doctrine to conclude that our spiritual strength comes from observing what we eat or drink or what we sacrifice. As the Levites sacrificed the blood of bulls and goats for the forgiveness of sin.

In the context of the book of Hebrews "meats" is not just about a private diet or way of eating. It is a shorthand term for the entire sacrificial and ritual system of the old covenant. Sacred meals or food eaten by priests does not provide a better covenant.

"Meats" is used here as a literary device called a "Metonymy" - a figure of speech where a part stands for the whole. "Meats" in this context are pointing to the entire religious economy of the temple. Including the tithes that supported the priests.

Claiming here that grace, or God's free gift of salvation is better than meat or the old ceremonial laws and sacrifices which held the need for the tithe. Which could never bring the relationship with Christ which changes our hearts. In essence, this scripture is stating that tithing, which is a departure from grace, is a strange doctrine and that it is to be a shunned doctrine. As it departs from grace. To follow Christ is to fully embrace His grace and free gift of salvation without weakening the truth of that simplicity with Meats" I call it the "meats of earning". We cannot earn more than the cross has given.

What has truly changed our hearts and brought us into a relationship and covenant of love is GRACE. We are truly transformed by His love only at the cross and satisfied in this eternal relationship.

CHURCH CORRUPT

"Corrupt church power, prestige, funding go to one man making it corrupt and largely excluding the poor" quote from heaven'

This is what makes the church corrupt. It is the tithe. It is collected for one man and his family. Well that is because they do the ministry you say. This is not God's will that one man does all the ministry and collect for it.

What happened to all the other ministry gifts? Where are the apostles?

How did they move from offering grains, fruit to collecting money? It is the deception that brings in the corruption.

The financial engine of deception claiming authority was abolished in full by the new testament covenant. Fulfilled by Jesus as our high priest. The tithe has forced the body into being passive consumers instead of active participants.

EARMARKS One of the greatest earmarks that helps us discern that our christian life is still in the old covenant is the absence or the diminished power of grace. It is in the acceptance of a performance or a ritual or a payment that the cross has become less powerful. Something else must be done to achieve holiness. I am going to spell out in a form of discernment how we are still competing with the old covenant.

How can we tell if we are still in the old? The subtle agreement is barely recognized or visible today and needs a great discerning. Here are the things that make the cross of no importance that we are still practicing.

- 1) One top heavy ministry that nullifies all other ministries described in detail in the new testament
- 2) False human authority in this role
- 3) Endless moralizing citing old covenant examples
- 4) Old covenant altars that require work and repetition
- 5) Lenten holidays~ any practice that weakens the grace given at the cross
- 6) Tithing or adherence to any repeated ceremony that creates a ritual or achieves holiness apart from Christ alone. Apart from His finished work at the cross. This is a lie. As there can be no other sacrifice for sin that would make us holy before Him. No other ritual we can perform over that would make us complete or more holy than the cross already has.

7) Endless ritual and repetition of a church service- this crucifies Christ afresh saying there is more to be done over and over and the cross is not enough.

To participate in any of these practices means we have opened a door in the spirit realm. We have allowed the enemy not just to work on our human psyche but to peel away the layers of our significant role. Here is how it works to alter our effectiveness and more. To become a sheep of endless sitting and payment renders the gospel within us of almost no effect. We have accepted a misshapen identity. Or an “une identite difforme”.

We are subtly convinced to examine ourselves endlessly. Creating conditions and expectations that often we cannot meet. Perhaps if we walk around Jericho one more time we will get the victory. We are called to abstain and therefore gain greater spirituality. Endlessly waiting for favor if we tithe enough. The subtle mindset of all of this has reduced the finished work of the cross to an afterthought. Causing us to self examine needlessly and doubt ourselves and our identity in Christ. Our victory is sure only because of the cross. To weaken the cross and add layers of unneeded authority with such subtle changes to grace is the work of the enemy. Grace has arrived in the form of salvation as a free gift- it has also arrived to release our ministry to the body and to the world.

THE NEW

The new covenant offering of Christ is enough. The tithe is not needed anymore to make us right with our Holy Father in heaven.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The new covenant of the blood of Jesus has given us freedom from dead works of the old practices of tithing to a new and living ministry whereby we now serve Him. A new service has sprung forth alongside the new priesthood. Holding within it the power of released ministry to the world. Never competing for power, position only rejoicing with CHRIST FOR EVERY SAVED SOUL.

Ephesians 5:2 and walk in love as Christ also hath loves us, and has given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Christ is our offering and sacrifice now requiring us to love as we have been so loved in Him.

Hebrews 10:10 by which we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all.

The tithe can no longer sanctify us as we are only sanctified to God through the body and sacrifice of Jesus- once and for all. There is no other sacrifice God requires.

Hebrews 10:11 and every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Referring here to the old covenant priests who stood daily working and offering sacrifices for sin. It was a rare thing before Christ to have anyone come close to God. Describing the weakness of this covenant and Christ the better covenant.

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified.

The final and one offering of Christ has perfected us in God. There is no need to relive old testament rituals or imitate old testament figureheads for our salvation.

Hebrews 10:18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Now our sins are in a state of remission. They are annulled in Christ. There is no more offering as in old covenant practices for sin. He is the only way. Leave it to the enemy to try to slingshot us back to the old covenant. To make us think we have to repeat a ceremony, or do more to be saved.

Our enemy will continually seek to cause us to return to the old covenant. He knows it will weaken our walk with Christ and our effectiveness for Him. He knows it is the best he can do after our salvation. Perhaps he cannot dissolve our salvation, and we can still be forgiven of sin, so he seeks to weaken us.

To slingshot us back to the old covenant is his goal. He has to subtly move us into agreement with it. He plays the game well. We have to believe it is God. He is that clever. To make us repeat a ritual brings the secret sauce of endless repentance. And so much more. It marries us into many other related spirits. Cousins if you will.

Jesus never collected a tithe as far as the bible records. There is no record of anyone laying money down at His feet. Acts 4:34-35 Initially the early church sold their goods and parted to all men as they had needs. Later, they began to give money to the apostles to

distribute. Making them the high priests. They were reverting back to the old covenant way of doing things- treating the apostles as if they were priests or Levites. They were treading on dangerous ground. They were doing something Jesus himself did not do. This is the end of the church at Jerusalem. The root of the problem⁸⁸⁸ comes shortly after. People are now laying money at their feet. Which is a type of old covenant slingshot once again. As the tithe needed to be collected consistently in order to support the offerings of grain and meat for the forgiveness of sin. Undoing the effectiveness of the cross once again.

The enemy in this instance was seeking to distort their giving and handling of funds in order to return them to the old covenant practices once again.

He is very invested in this practice and has given us centuries of deception. He cannot move us from the cross blatantly. He must do so subtly, through deception and coercion.

The old covenant shuts Jesus out. There is no grace in the old covenant. To create any format without grace is the goal of our enemy and to get us to participate in these practices. Not blatant sin. Not open rebellion. Just a subtle participation that nullifies or weakens grace and the completed work of the cross.

MEAT INDEED- My flesh is your ministry

This is a tricky concept. One I needed to include. One that has not been preached since the early 1970's. I love it. I had to include.

Jesus has become the tithe ! The book of John is exploding with this truth. He has become the work of the priests and He claims that if you eat of His flesh- you will have work to do ! Let's take a look

John 4:31 In the meantime, His disciples prayed Him, saying Master, eat.

His disciples were concerned for Jesus' physical health and implored Him to take physical sustenance.

32 but He said unto them- I have meat to eat that ye know not of *Jesus spoke contrarily to their concerns and spoke more deeply of His work that He had to do. Meat in this instance in the original Greek (work)888 He is saying I have "work" to do that you know not of- expressing a deeper insight into His crucifixion.*

33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, has any man brought Him something to eat?

The disciples were confused and did not understand saying- has anyone brought him some other food we do not know of?

John 4: 34 Jesus said unto them- my meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish the work.

Jesus understood the perfect will of the Father. He knew He had a job to do and was to become the final offering for sin. He calls meat= his ergos or work to do 888 He keeps using the word "meat" for His work which He understood to be to sacrifice His life on the cross-this ties into the work of the Levites-

highlighting their job which was to sacrifice “meat”. Meat in this instance means work.

Let’s take note that if Jesus understood the perfect will of the Father we can too- for He said “as I am so are ye in this world.”

Let’s move to John 6:53

Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

Jesus is talking about taking His life of service within us. The ritual labor of the old covenant is over and our spiritual union would now be internal.

54 who so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed-(alethos)
Meaning truly, actually, in reality.

To know Jesus internally is to work indeed. His life within us demands to be spread and lived out in service for Him.

56 For he that eateth my flesh, and drinks my blood, dwelleth in Me and I in Him

57 As the living Father has sent Me, and I live BY the Father, so he that eateth Me, even shall he live by Me.

Confirming here that just as the Father has sent (apostello) Jesus-making Jesus the first apostle. Now what He did on earth was directed by the father.

Romans 1 Jesus is the apostle and high priest of our calling.

Jesus was called and sent by the Father, now He calls us to the same.

And gives us the same support system from heaven to do apostolic work,

If we are abiding in Christ, we shall live by Him. As we are working for Him, we shall be sustained and directed by Him. He has regarded us so highly to give us exactly what He had. Help and provision from heaven for our every

step in true service. To fulfill the calling just as He did. Even so as Jesus, lived by the Father, so we shall live by Christ. He has given us no less service ability than He had. We do it by Christ within who sustains us and provides for us~as the Father sustained Him.

60 Many disciples when they heard this said, “this is a hard saying, who can hear it? *Many tragically did not understand the simplicity of being called. And the sustainable nature of the Godhead within us for our (ergos) or work. After the understanding of the possibility of service came to them, many left Jesus and no longer followed Jesus and turned away from Him. The consequential fruit of following Jesus is that we will have work to do. We will spread the gospel as He lives inside of us and gives us His ability to do so.*



More~keep reading

CONNECTED to a ministry....YOURS

I have heard it said It is a privilege to tithe and be connected to a ministry~ they forgot one thing- YOUR ministry. Once we accept Christ we are already connected to a ministry~YOURS. As much as the life of Christ abides within us- so does our ability to spread the gospel.

Meat is the offering. Jesus said He was the meat (John 6:53-58).

And He said if you want to follow me you must partake of me. You need to serve and have a ministry. There will be work to be done as you will have entered into a priesthood for Me.

The priests ate the meat of the offering. They had a priesthood. So it means every christian is to have a priesthood of ministry to follow Jesus. By identifying Himself as meat Jesus has announced the retirement of the old Levitical system. Claiming there is a new meat of service. A priesthood every believer would hold through the internal life of Christ within us.

That which He requires of us is not hard. For His life within us with the supports of the Holy Spirit will furnish our efforts. In fact, it is Christ who will prompt us and bring His will to completion. It is a false conception to feel that ministry will be difficult. There is resistance and attacks from the enemy which we

have the final victory every time. The actual doing of the work has already been accomplished. The body of Christ needs to know this and experience the ease of new testament function. Apart from title, ordination, officiation, rigor and routine, we need only rely on the finished work of the cross within us. Continue reading.

Malachi O Malachi the sad prophet

This slingshot chapter of the old testament has been so used by the enemy to bring us back to the old covenant. It is what gives false leaders their power and their platform to preach from.

It is essential to put this book of the old testament into its right context and chronological order. The salutations are of most importance to understand WHO this prophet was directing his words to.

Malachi Chapter 1 The burden of the word of the Lord TO ISRAEL by Malachi.

The book of Malachi was written to the priests of Israel. It is not written to the new testament church ! They were picking blind and lame animals to offer. They wanted a deal and it was not to be had. They were being scolded by God. He needed them to offer the best of the flock in order to represent Jesus. The Father required the tithe meat to be without blemish as Christ would be a lamb without blemish.

Malachi 1:6-8

6...oh priests that despise my name and ye say... where in have we despised thy name?

7 ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar, ye say.. where in have we polluted thee?

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice is it not evil to offer lame and sick is it not evil?

This book is used today by then jumping to chapter 3: 8

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say- wherein have we robbed ye? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

These two verses have been abused for centuries. Claiming that they are talking to new testament believers. Serving falsehood to saints and the newly saved alike. Claiming that they will be under a curse for not tithing one tenth of their income. Omitting the entirety of the above scriptures which is clear that Malachi is talking to Israel and the old Levitical priests.

A Case of the SNIPPETS

“If you do not pay a tithe ye rob God.” They neglect to read chapter 1 and 2. They neglect to preach that the text is talking to the old covenant priests. They have preached for centuries if you don’t tithe you rob God. These snippets have not told the full story. God is not saying you rob Him if you do not tithe. He was talking to the priests of that day, and wanting the pure best part of

the flock for the offering for sin. The best of the flock was needed to represent God's son. That covenant is done away with at the moment Jesus took His last breath.

Another part of Malachi is also abused and used wrongly.

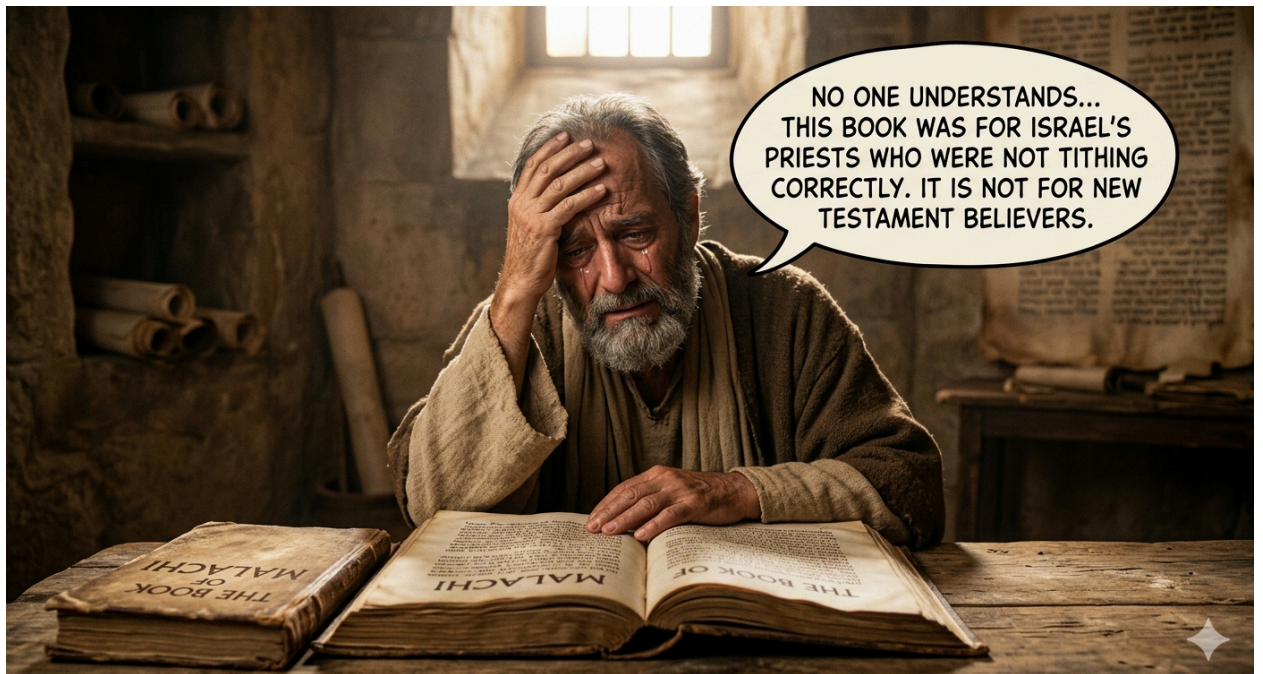
Malachi 4:10 bring ye all the tithes, into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour ye out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devour for your sakes.

This scripture is used to implore sheep that by tithing to a church God will then be able to bless you. You can count on it if you give one tenth of your income to the "real" ministry. Which by the way, makes you nothing. This action will even rebuke the enemy off of your life and finances. This kind of preaching is false as we have discussed. NO, Malachi was not talking to new testament believers. New Testament meat is Jesus. He does all the things in this promise. Blessings for obedience, rebuking satan, rewards for service. He has become the tithe for new testament believers.

Tithe to this ministry- to those who are over you in the Lord. Tithe to the delegated authority who have the ministry. Does this sound like a new testament function? NO, it is an old covenant practice. This is taken out of context and misused for centuries to promise blessing for tithing. It is a blatant disregard for your ministry , your worth, and your true service to Christ. The prophet Malachi was

not talking to the new testament church after the resurrection of Jesus. He was talking to the Levitical priests who needed to clean up their giving and not cheat God any longer. Then they would receive a blessing they could not withhold. Illustration below this section- do not want you to miss it.

Why have I called Malachi the sad prophet? Because when I first began studying this topic I had a vision of Malachi. He just looked sad. He is sad that the enemy has used his book to deceive so many.



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