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# YAIY NEWS



## Tithing: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd!

What's one way Yahweh provides for His work? The title of this short article gives a bit of an answer. A deeper look into both the old and new covenants provides a clearer picture that Yahweh does things in an orderly and fair manner, not changing, but keeping a standard for doing things that He wants done.

Since Yahweh owns everything — yes, even the chair you're sitting on now, though it may have been made by you or someone else — Yahweh provided the raw materials including the creative thinking abilities mankind has to have to make such an item.

Yahweh only says that  $1/10^{th}$  of all increase that one may have, is His. That's it. If you make little, little is required. If you make a lot, little is still required, but it is the same portion that is required even if you had made little. It is always  $1/10^{th}$ .

The tithing principle goes all the way back to Abram, whose name was eventually changed to Abraham, who tithed to Yahweh by means of the priest Melchizedek. Abraham's grandson Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, also tithed to Yahweh.

Tithing, of one's increase, was commanded and given to the Levitical priesthood so they could perform the work and duties they needed to do for Yahweh. The Apostle Paul in the New Testament set the example of not taking from the work, but working himself at a trade to provide for his own sustenance, so as not to hinder the work of Yahweh.

Today, we find that we are not normally in a position to give of agriculture, since less than 2% of the population actually works directly in it. We receive monetary increase from the work we do, and we provide a tenth of it for Yahweh's work.

In Yahweh's figurative warehouse today, there is spiritual food that is provided in the form of magazines, booklets, mini-studies, video DVDs, audio CDs, and other tools for outreach such as internet websites. All of these, and more, proclaim Yahweh's word and are likened unto spiritual food for the sheep.

Though thousands of years separate the time of Abram to our own, tithing can be seen as Yahweh's way of making sure His work continues in an orderly and progressive manner. Nothing has really changed, other than the physical form or means of the tithe.

The 1<sup>st</sup> tithe has always been and will always be Yahweh's. We are told of another, though, that is for us. Amazingly enough, Yahweh gives us the means to enjoy ourselves and to be able to travel to His commanded Appointed Times (*moedims*) or Feast days, as are listed in Leviticus chapter 23.

Scriptures tell us that we are to gather together three times a year during Yahweh's three harvest times – Unleavened Bread, Pentecost and Tabernacles. The 2<sup>nd</sup> tithe is to allow one to have the means of attending these Feasts. If, for some reason, the way is too far, as the Scriptures say, we are told to spend it on anything we would like. Attending these Feasts is like a refreshing vacation for the whole family to study, to worship, and to rest in His peace at the place where He places His Name.

Yahweh has not forgotten your neighbors in your area that may be in need. Called "the year of tithing," counted from the  $1^{st}$  of each Sabbatical year, the  $3^{rd}$  year is when a  $3^{rd}$  tithe is brought forth for the poor in your local area.

Many agencies that help the poor today are subsidized by tax dollars which we typically pay throughout each year. However, Yahweh's way is just another way to let our light shine in our local communities, by setting aside a 3<sup>rd</sup> tithe, once every 7-years, for the poor. This year of 2011 is the year of tithing, until Atonement.

### Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua

"Will a man rob Elohim? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be [Spiritual] food in My house, and test Me now in this,' says Yahweh of hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.""

- Malachi 3:8 NASB

"The earth is Yahweh's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it."

Psalm 24:1 NASB

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## **Cutting Down Trees**

Volunteers helped to cut back on the trees from the building. It's a bit of a forest in certain areas. We all had fun!



## **USA's Unsettling Weather**

With all the large tornadoes and a record death toll we've had this year in the United States, it should be a surprise we'd see something ourselves in the middle of it all. Sure enough, in June, just off the property of YAIY and past the garden to the west, there was a twister attempting to form. While it didn't do any damage, a number of other ones did. While we've also seen major flooding and fires in certain areas, Yahweh has graciously spared us. HalleluYah!



## **2011 Pentecost Weekend Photos**



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