**Pre Read.. Psalm 4**

**King James Version**

**1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.**

**2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.**

**3 But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.**

**4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.**

**5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.**

**6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.**

**7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.**

**8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.**

**Through this message the Lord has begun, I believe, to show me the path for Faith Abides.**

**The Christian has many Mandates from God.**

**Believe on the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Love the Lord with all you heart, soul, mind and strength.**

**And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;**

**This I say then, Walk in the Spirit**

**If you love me you will keep my commandments**

**go unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature**

**Bring your tithe into the storehouse, don't rob God.**

**you guys think the concept of a tithe is important. After all the bible say's if we don't do it we rob God.**

**I would that ye were hot or cold**

**study to show thyself approved a workman...**

Our little church here we try to fulfill most.

We are coming to thanksgiving probably the second biggest day that we like to give. (The first being Christmas) Unfortunately, the devil has followed that day with one of the darkest days of narcissistic self-indulgence on earth... **Black Friday**  .. The name is even dark.

The day that everybody takes their money and buys what they wanted all year.. I am guilty, I have done it and I will probably do it this year. Some use it to get the things on their Christmas list for others, I applauded you for thinking of others.

Unfortunately this how we open the Christmas season.

It is God will to Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

But in all our Giving, in all our attempts to fulfill God's mandate many time we forget what is really important to the Lord.

Psalm 51:17

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Hebrews 13:16 - But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such **sacrifices God** is well pleased

1 Samuel 15:22 **KJV**: And Samuel said, Hath the **LORD** [as great] delight in burnt offerings and **sacrifices**, as in obeying the voice of the **LORD**?

In the list of Mandates from God I Left one out, I present it here.

Mark 12:31

31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’[a] There is no commandment greater than these.”

**Jesus' ministry hinged on this. Jesus spoke his ministry in Luke when he read out of Isaiah.**

**Luke 4:16-19**[Jesus] went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath Day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he read:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
    because he has anointed me
    to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
    and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

**Not one time did he even mention those who are not in need.**

**Sure he said that the poor we have with us always, but the only thing he seemed to put above ministering to the poor is the work of the cross.**

**Jesus is a companion to the lost, the poor, the hurting, the oppressed.**

**Job 5:15**He saves the needy from the sword in their mouth; he saves them from the clutches of the powerful. So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts its mouth.

**We tend to ignore the poor, We think that paying our tithe, coming to church, supporting missionaries, doing bible studies is all that God wants.**

**The praying prophet, king David. Ps 72 An actual prayer of David, the man after God's own heart? He recognized Jesus before his incarnation on this earth, saying "The Lord said to my Lord".**

**4**He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

**7**In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

**11**Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

**12**For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

**13**He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

**14**He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

**In reality God has always been the protector of the poor, the underdog, the outcast, he even provided for Cain, He provided for Hagar, even though He knew that that line would always war against His Chosen.**

**Deuteronomy 15:11**
For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

Malachi 3:8-18

King James Version

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

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

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 you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 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, saith the Lord of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

Now We all know here that the tithe is very important. But how many of us have read the entire law of the tithe. We all know the 10th part, but we have failed to include the heart of God, Gods heart is for the lost, the poor the oppressed. As we read earlier.

We pay our tithe and believe that we are not robbing God, but I submit that many of us are robbing God! And here is how.

 (Deuteronomy 14:28) When you have finished tithing all the tithes of your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, **you shall give them to the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow, so that they can eat to satiety in your cities**.

**This portion of the tithe Called the Poor Tithe, is forgotten by today's church. In fact it isn't even kept by the Judaism church from about 32 A.D. When general giving ceased. There has been no organized mechanism for collection of the poor tithe since 135 CE**

**Friend this is a very dangerous thing. Not to even know about this portion of tithe.**

**Proverbs 29:7
A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge.**

Poor tithe

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The **poor tithe**, or **poor man's tithe** ([Hebrew](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew): מַעְשַׂר עָנִי‎ *ma'sar ani*), also referred to as the **pauper's tithe** or the **third tithe**, is a triennial tithe of one's produce, required in [Jewish law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judaism). It requires that one tenth of produce grown in the third and sixth years of the seven-year [sabbatical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sabbatical_year_%28Bible%29) cycle be given to the [Levites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levites) and the poor.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poor_tithe#cite_note-1)

The law applies during the days of the [Temple in Jerusalem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple_in_Jerusalem), and after the Temple's destruction. It applies only to crops that are harvested in the [Land of Israel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Land_of_Israel), but during the [Seventh Year](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shmita), also applies to crops harvested in Jordan and Egypt, so that the poor of Israel would be supported in the Seventh Year.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poor_tithe#cite_note-2)

**In the Bible, it is clear that those in poverty are close to God’s heart. Jesus himself was born into poverty and gave up his heavenly riches when he came down to earth. Constantly, the poor are said to be “blessed” and we are instructed to value integrity over riches**

**But in Leviticus it is a command.**

**Leviticus 25:35**If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you.

**Leviticus 19:34**
The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

**Lets look some of the Scripture, to find out What the Lord Says**

**Psalm 14:6**You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.

**Proverbs 19:1**Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

**We want to be Christ Like here is the Pathway**

**2 Corinthians 8:9**For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**Matthew 5:1-3**Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and **gives food to the hungry.** The Lord sets prisoners free. —[Psalm 146:5-7](https://biblehub.com/context/psalms/146-5.htm)

**Psalm 140:12**
I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy.

**It is the popular thing to say Jesus was rich, while on earth. I have heard it preached many times. But the truth is any money that came in went out to those in need. I am sure Jesus paid tithe on his increase, and in those day's the 3rd year tithe was still in affect fully.**

**However, we don't hear anything about Jesus paying any large tithes or where they went.**

**In Mark 14, Matt 26, John 12**

**We see that most moneys that came in were expected to be given to the poor.**

## GOD DEFENDS THE POOR

## Bible Verses About Defending the Rights of the Poor

**Proverbs 31:8-9
Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,** for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

**Proverbs 22:22-23
Do not rob the poor**, **because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the Lord will plead their cause and rob of life those who rob them.**

**Jeremiah 22:3**This is what the Lord says: **Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.**

**Zechariah 7:10**
**Do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.**

**Maybe you have a need that is not being meet, Maybe you feel that your prayers are not being heard. Well I ask you, Are you Paying Your Tithe!! Because your tithe is not only the 10% Holy unto the Lord, but it is the Tithe of the Third Year Also... The bible says. this**

**Proverbs 14:21
Those who despise their neighbors are sinners, but happy are those who are kind to the poor.**

**Proverbs 21:13
Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.**

**1 John 3:17
But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?**

**What Does Helping the Poor Look Like,, First Don't Rob God of His Tithe, Including the Tithe to the Poor.**

## Bible Verses About Helping the Poor

**Luke 12:32-34**
Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.