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"Do You Trust God?"

"What is a Tithe?"

Leviticus 27:30-33 (NKJV)

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Introduction:

We begin a series of messages on Stewardship today, and the title of this series is "Do You Trust God?" The reason I titled this stewardship series, "Do you Trust God?," is because when it comes to tithing, the real issue is not whether you have enough money to tithe, but rather do you trust God! Do you trust in His Word; do you trust His ability to do what He says; do you trust His love for you. "Do you trust Him?"

He is the God Who is Enough! The Hebrews' called Him "_____"!

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What is a Tithe? - It's three things…

1. It's the _____! (v.30)

- _____ *The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness; the world and those who dwell therein*
- _____ - **Yahweh:** Jehovah, the Lord as a euphemism for *Adonai*, in most versions the name of the one true God, with a focus on sure existence and His relationship to His covenant people.

There were three tithes for the ancient Israelites:

A. The _____ (Lev 27),

B. The tithe of the _____ with the Levites (Deut. 14:22–27)

C. The tithe paid _____to the poor (Deut. 14:28–29).

This text addresses the general tithe.

2. It's _____(v.30)

- Holy - is *qadas*. The verb means "to be consecrated," "to be dedicated," "to be holy."
- _____
- As Walter Kaiser, Jr. noted with regard to the tithe:

  Our conclusion must be that if a tenth was the minimal amount under the law, how can Christians do any less? Perhaps we should consider not how little but how much we can give, seeing how richly blessed we are in Christ.

3. It's a _____ (v. 32)

- The word "tithe" *(maʿăśēr)* is related to the number "ten" *(ʿeśer)* and thus refers to a tenth.
- Let me give you a visual example of what is…

Conclusion: