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Sunday Service

Tithing and Mat. 23:23

- I. Was Jesus only talking to the Pharisees?
 - a. Mat. 19:1-10.
 - b. Mat. 22:37-40
- II. Jesus nullified some parts of the law and ratified other parts.
 - a. Mark 7:1-23
- III. Jesus' standards are higher than the OT Law.
 - a. Mat. 5:17-46
- IV. Other excuses for not tithing.
 - a. Pastoral abuses: churches misspend tithe money.
 - i. Abuses have always been with us and will always be with us.
 1. Eli's sons.
 2. Mal. 1:6
 3. Jesus commended the widow who put her two coins into a corrupt system.
 - ii. House church movement is trying to correct the abuses of the traditional church by meeting in homes and eliminating pastoral salaries. The place in which we meet has nothing to do with the amount of corruption going on under its roof.
 - b. I can't afford it.
 - i. The government doesn't buy this excuse.
 - c. I've only met one person who was against tithing that actually gave 10% or more of his income. Prof. Ryrie said that if you are not giving enough to cause the IRS to question your tax return, you are not giving enough.
- V. Tithing was practiced before the Law was ever given.
 - a. It was practiced throughout the ANE, both to the king and to the temple.
 - b. God's friends, Abraham and Jacob tithed (Gen. 14:20; 28:20-22).
 - c. Tithing was taken up into the law, as was capital punishment for murder (Gen. 9:6).
- VI. Who would really want tithing to be done away with? Who really thinks giving 10% to God is too much?