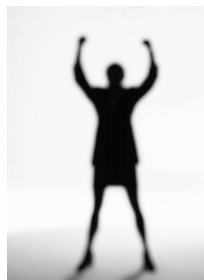


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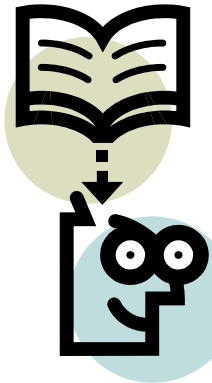


“On the Mitzvah of Tithe”

By Rabbi Mordechai Z. Hecht

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"Rabbi Yochanon said: What is the meaning of that which is written: **"Tithe, you shall tithe (Devarim 14:22)**? It teaches us that one should Tithe, so that you will be wealthy."

Rabbi Yochanan met the young son Reish Lakish, and R' Yochanan said to him: "Tell me what verse you learned to-

day"? The boy replied: "You shall surely tithe..." (Devarim 14:22). "Aser t'aser", the word *aser* (tithe) is repeated for emphasis," the boy continues: "Why *aser t'aser*", why the repetition? R' Yochanan answered: "Tithe so that you become rich – is a play on the word *t'aser* – tithe, which is similar to *Tit'asher* – to become rich [so if you tithe you will become rich].

The boy then asked: "How do you know this?" He replied: "Go test it" [give tithe and see if you become wealthy]!"Is it right to test the Holy One Blessed Be He? It is written "Don't test G-d..." (Deuteronomy 6:16), the boy inquired. This is what Rabbi Hoshiah said: "Apart from this tithing, as it is said, (Malachi 3:10): 'Bring the whole tithe of my treasury so that there is food in my house. And please test me in this says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not **open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing on you until there is more than enough.**'"

The boy then said to R' Yochanan, "If I would have read that verse, in Malachi, I would've understood this lesson myself. I would not have needed you, nor Hoshaya your teacher, in whose name you reported this lesson.

(Talmud, Ta'anit 9a)



The Talmud explains, and is expounded upon by Tosfot, a primary commentary:

"It is written in Sifri, "You shall surely tithe all the produce of your field each year". From this verse we know produce of the field, what about all other profits and income? The Talmudists deduce from the word *all* to mean not only the field produce but rather from any and *all* Profits received.

We find in the Aggadic teaching that one who does not tithe will only see tithe in the future as opposed to with what to tithe from. There is a story told of one such person who was wealthy and he owned a field which produced one thousand *kur* (1,000 acres) each year. Each year he would separate 100 *kur* as Tithe and he would do this as long as he lived.

When he became deathly ill he called in his son, and said unto him, "my son, this field that I hereby bequeath to you produces 1,000 *kurin* of produce, remember to be scrupulous in tithing 100 *kur* from this field

Change of Tide

Eventually the man died and his son took over the estate and as his father said, it produced 1,000 *kurin* accordingly. The son separated tithe and all was well. The following year the son decided as the tithe seemed to be so much that this year he would not tithe.

The 3rd year came about and the field only produced 100 *kur*. Obviously this bothered him greatly. The word got out to his family that his field failed to produce it's norm and that he not tithed. They paid him a visit dressed



in white and joyous, upon seeing them, he said to them, "It seems you are happy about my loss" ? They replied, "to the contrary, you brought this upon yourself, why did you not tithe accordingly? When the field first came to your hands, you were the owner and G-d was the Tithe recipient – via the needy people that you offered the tithe to. Now, that you didn't tithe, G-d becomes the owner and you the tithe recipient...as you see now you only received 100/1000 *kurin*, when last year you gave 100 and kept 900...

This is why our sages say, "give tithe so that you will be rich", this year and coming years, to guarantee to keep your 90% and not only 10%.