

# Tithing, Part 1

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## Introduction

There is a lot of confusion taking place with regard to Bible doctrines today. One of the topics, is the question on tithing. Where did it originate and what does it mean today?

As soon as there is confusion on an issue, the best course of action to take is to study the Scriptures, in their original language. One does not have to be a Greek or Hebrew scholar to use some of the literature available.

Bibles are available which have number coded references, with a concordance to describe the original meanings of the words. An example of this would be the descriptive meaning for the word "faith," in the Scriptures. This word is mostly understood as to believe in something, but the Greek word "Pisteo or Pistis" and the Hebrew word "Emunah" describes the word "faith" in our English translations as, to have faith but also to be faithful. If one looks at the context of being saved through faith in the westernized way of the English literature, then the Devil must also be saved, because he also believes in God. He knows that God exists. The only problem he has, is that he is not faithful. So, just to believe in God is not enough, we have to be faithful as well. A basic truth like faith, now has a broader and more descriptive message to convey.

A recommendation is to use the Greek - Hebrew Study Bible as given out by AMG Publishers of which Spiros Zodhiates (Th. D) is the executive editor. There are different versions available. Unfortunately all NIV versions are very suspect as 17 verses and 64750 words have been omitted from these "bibles". Paraphrases and other similar literature should be avoided, when an in depth study needs to be made into Scripture. Anything diverting further away from the original texts, are sure to have error.

Then there is the Greek to English Interlinear, the Greek to English Lexicon by George Berry as well as the Young's exhaustive Concordance, which may be used. These are helps for the everyday person, not learned in the Greek or Hebrew languages. Another reliable source to consider is the Afrikaans old translation (1933), if you are able to read Afrikaans.

It is also important to know that theologians do study or should study the original languages, that is to say Greek and Hebrew. The only problem is that it is studied but not applied to the Scriptures. If it so happens that it is applied to Scriptures by them, and they realize the truth and do not apply it, it is them robbing God, by not coming forward with the truth. There is a difference in knowing the original languages and knowing the original texts.

For the purpose of this study, I have to thank God for allowing the Bread, His Word to have been broken for me, to become more palatable. I also want to thank a very dear friend of ours, Jacob for allowing the Lord to use him, as an instrument to do the breaking of the Bread, thus making the Scriptures clearer to us. The Lord's Spirit works through the body of persons, to edify the church, that is to say each person in the body.

On compiling this teaching I used the teaching of Jacob Prash, concerning tithing. Some additions and references were also included by myself, so as to identify some errors further as well as to simplify the meaning of the teaching even more.

I also used the Hebrew - Greek Study Bible in the King James Version for the purpose of this study. All quotations are from the King James.

## What is God's and what belongs to us?

Psalms 24:1: The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

If everything is the Lord's, then you can't give to Him what already belongs to Him, can you?

*Psalms:50:7: Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.*

*Psalms 50:8: I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.*

*Psalms 50:9: I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.*

*Psalms 50:10: For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

*Psalms 50:11: I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.*

*Psalms 50:12: If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof.*

No, we cannot give to the Lord, but we should give to His flock. To those who are in need.

*Haggai 2:8: The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*Rom 11:35: Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?*

Who has ever given to the Lord, so that He is obliged to return the favor? It is not written for this to happen. So much of what we hear today, is give to receive again. This is totally unscriptural, yet it is preached to expect a hundred fold in return. We will be looking at this type of Scriptural contortion a little later on.

There are born again people who are financially blessed, but these people will always have a tendency to give more than a tithe or ten percent.

Psalm 73 explains the blessing of the wicked and the poor. It is more difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God, than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. (Matt 19:24)

*Deut 8:3: And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*

*Deut 8:16: Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;*

*Deut 8:17: And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.*

This is what happens with most people who are financially well off. Be careful to say it is through your own power, that you received wealth.

The Lord will humble people by allowing them to suffer financial hardship, before blessing them. He will let you know and will test you in poverty, before He blesses you, because He wants you to realize two things;

- He gave you the blessing.
- You must learn how to work with God's money, by seeing to your needs, not your wants and to give to the church.

There is nothing wrong with money; the problem lies with us and what we do with it. In Luke 16 we are told to make friends unto the unrighteous mammon, but also that we should not worship both mammon and God. Money like emotion is a very good servant but a very bad master.

*Deut 8:18: But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*

Remember that the Lord will give you wealth to establish His covenant to make disciples of all nations. The money not used for this purpose, should be enough to meet your needs and not your wants. One should be content in receiving enough for your needs, not your lusts or wants.

*1Tim 6:6: But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

*James 4:3: Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

## What is the origin of tithing and what types are there in the Old Testament?

There were four types of valid tithing in the Old Testament or Torah.

### Firstly, the tithe to the Levites

*Num 18:20: And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them : I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel were allotted land, who were the descendents of Abraham. The descendants of Aaron, the tribe of Levi was not to receive land because they were to fulfill certain duties. This was a service unto God, which included a service to others. It was a type of governmental function. They were put in charge of health services (Lev. 13 + 14 & Mark 1:44). They were also in charge of applying the laws (policing & judicial) and to see to the education of the people. Every Jew had to be able to read, because they had to know the Torah off by heart.

They were thus responsible for a combination of social and religious services to the community.

The tithe towards the Levites could be seen as a type of tax. The tithe the community gave to the Levites, were to be used for the upkeep of the social and religious structure of the community. They were the public servants of their time.

*Deut 14:27: And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath neither part nor inheritance with thee. This is a reminder not to forget the first tithe to the Levites.*

So the first type of tithing is the people tithing, to the Levites.

### Secondly, the tithe to the Priests

*Neh 10:38: And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.*

This was a tithe paid by the Levites to the priests who were in charge of the temple duties. It was the Levites who brought the tithe of the tithe they received from the people, to the treasure house. Look carefully at this Scripture, it is A TITHE OF THE THITHES FROM the Levites.

All priests were Levites, but not all Levites were priests. The Kohen (pronounced ko-hane) or priests were specific descendants of Aaron and were also known as Zadokites. They were specific to Temple duties.

So the people paid a tithe to the Levites and the Levites then, had to take from all the tithes, a tithe and pay the Zadokites or the Kohen who did temple service. This is the second type of tithing, in the Old Testament.

### **The Third type of tithing was towards the annual Holy Days.**

*Deut 14:22: Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed that the field bringeth forth year by year.*

*Deut 14:23: And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.*

*Deut 14:24: And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:*

*Deut 14:25: Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:*

*Deut 14:26: And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, (This should not be used as an excuse to use strong drink. One has to take the New Testament into consideration. Eph:5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;)*

The people were required to gather 3 times a year for Holy Festival Days.

- Hag Pesach (Passover)
- Hag Shavuot (Pentecost)
- Hag Sukkoth (Tabernacle)

These Holy Days or Shabbats were for man not for God. It was for man to rest in the presence of God. God desires man, but does not need man. Man needs God, hence the Shabbat.

We are to enter into His rest. (This is why so many people burn out today - overworked and no time off - especially with God).

We need time off with our family, which should include Bible study. The Holy Days can't be without God.

(Today we leave God at "Home" when we go on Holiday - why? Because of our wrong lustful nature. There is no place for a bikini or a Hunk, and God in our minds. When we need to rest, we should run to God and not away from Him, because Jesus is our Sabbath rest. Yet, when we go on leave, it is as if we want to take a break from God as well).

When God has become work and not rest, you should realize that you are involved in works and not the Sabbath rest.

### **The fourth tithe, is to the less fortunate.**

*Deut 14:28: At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:*

*Deut 14:29: And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.*

This tithe was for the elderly, the less fortunate and the orphans. A special saving had to be made for them.

## To sum up the tithe

All three tithes added up to about 23.3 % of your blessing. How much are we paying today?

The **people** were responsible for tithing towards:

- The Levites
- The 3 annual Holy Days
- The less fortunate.

The **Levites** had to tithe towards:

- The Zadokites or Temple priests

If you should work according to this pattern, then we are overtaxed. Shouldn't the government look after the church?

*Rom 13:6: For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.*

*Rom 13:7: Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*

Paying towards God's ministers to whom it is due, is a New Testament statement, but make sure where you tithe, that it is for God's ministers, for God's sake. Many ministers are misusing finances for their own gain.

Does your government represent God's ministers?

Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and unto God that which is God's. What on this earth belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God?

*Matt 22:21: They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.*

## Misinterpretations of tithing

We must understand the difference between tithing and heavy shepherding. Heavy shepherding is also known as the action of the Nicolaitans, as mentioned in Rev. 2:6 & 15. Jesus says here, that He hates the ways of the Nicolaitans. 'Nico'- means suppression while '-laitans' represent laity, which means people. To Lord it over, or to suppress people to gain something.

This is happening in our "churches" today. Tithing is forced on the people. People are put under guilt for a tithe.

What I am writing here is not a notion against tithing, but rather to expose a legalistic bondage, imposed on the normal church attendant. Everyone should tithe according to his means.

We will be looking at Scriptures used out of context and will explain why they are out of context. In most cases one verse is quoted and not the rest of the chapter, or other Scriptures. This is done by clergy to fleece God's flock, His people.

## Why is it possible for people to be robbed in the "church"?

Judgment always starts in the house of God.

*Hos 4:6: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

*Matt 22:29: Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

*2Tim 2:15: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

There is a difference in tithing to God, that which is already His and giving the first fruit of the crops. In affluent societies a tenth is too little.

*Pet 5:1: The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:*

Here Peter speaks of suffering and not prosperity. Lots of "churches" today preach a prosperity gospel. The false gospel Paul mentions in 2 Cor 11:4 and everyone tolerates it.

If you are not financially well off, they would say that it is because of a lack of faith. Again putting one under condemnation or a curse, while Jesus had tremendous, compassion on the poor.

Peter also mentions the word "witness" here and it is interesting to notice that, the Greek word for witness is, "Martus" or martyr.

Some religious cults will force one to give proof of your salary, then to sign a debit order, in order for them to be sure of receiving this tithe. Surely this is suggestive, forced tithing or Nicolaitism.

It is as if one is doing God a favor by tithing a tenth, yet you still hold back 90% while everything you have is God's, given to you by His grace.

In 1 Peter 5:1 Peter is talking to the leaders of the church. He is participating in their PROSPERITY ????? NO, but in their SUFFERINGS!!!!!!

Look at what Ezekiel and Daniel said, would happen.

*Ezekiel 13:10: Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:*

*Dan 9:27: And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

*Jer 6:14 & 8:11 give the same message. All of these prophets warn us of a false peace. Yes, but that is in the Old Testament you say! OK! There is a time of prosperity ahead, or is there? Let's look at the New Testament;*

*1Thess 5:2: For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*

*1Thess 5:3: For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

*Rev 6:4: And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*

*Rev 13:4: And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

*Rev 13:8: And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

*Rev 13:9: If any man have an ear, let him hear.*

One can jump this way and that way, but the only peace ahead is a false one, that of the anti Christ; it is a trap and when it comes, many will be caught in it. What does the Bible say? The harvest will be great? Yes, when speaking about Israel, but in the last days the church or Gentiles suffer an "apostasia" or falling away. (2 Thess. 1:3, 1Tim. 4 & 2Tim.3.) When talking about large crowds, we are warned that just the opposite will happen.

*Deut 7:7: The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:*

*Matt 7:14: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

*Matt 22:14: For many are called, but few are chosen.*

*Ezekiel 44 and Judges 7 speak of this as well.*

How many times have I heard people say; "Oh! But you are so negative." No, I would reply; "I am rather positive, in a negative world." My hope or as hope is better explained being "future fact" in the Greek, lies in the return of my Savior, the King of kings and the LORD of lords. People who try and avoid these issues are negative, they don't want to know about reality. We should be soaring on eagle's wings, not being the proverbial Ostrich by sticking our heads in a hole in the ground, thinking the problem has gone away or will disappear by itself. My hope is Jesus and there is nothing more positive, than that. Not all the money in the world, can buy this peace I have. Tribulation we will suffer, but the Lord's peace we will have, to strengthen and encourage us, towards an eternal hope.

In verse 2 of 1 Pet 5 Peter exhorts the elders to feed the flock, taking oversight not by constraint, but willingly and not for filthy lucre or better described as self-gain in Greek.

In verse 3 the elders are exhorted not to be lords or masters over the flock but rather examples.

Today the examples we see from so many "leaders" in the "church," is that they drive around in luxury vehicles, lording it over the flock, while many of the flock can barely survive a normal life. The flock is constantly told that they will receive back a hundred fold, if they tithe into the storehouse. Some of the people are so eager to give because of this promise, that they arrange second bonds on their homes, to give to the "church." They were told that God would bless them, a hundred fold. But when that blessing does not come, what then? Thoughts like: is there really a God? Why did God reject me? Come to mind. Many times this leads to broken homes as well as divorce, but also a rejection of Christianity.

How can God ordain this, unless it is not of Him but of the doctrines of men, which His Word warns us to avoid at all costs?

There are records of what happens to these people eventually. Many have lost everything. The trauma of this loss is worse than that of a rape victim. The utter despondence when they feel rejected by God or even worse, to fall away from the faith.

*Acts 20:35: I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

The Bible says; it is more blessed to give to the WEAK, the needy in the body, than to receive. The "clergy" say it is more blessed for the weak, to give to a powerful "church".

A Scripture which surely opened my eyes and is **NEVER** quoted in the religious sects of today is;

**Mic 3:11: The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.**

After fleecing the sheep they have the audacity to say, "Is not the Lord among us?" Doesn't this sound familiar to you? Indeed wicked rulers and priests! This is what the Bible calls these people.

Now many people will say that if someone gets up and mentions this, it is fault finding. Rather see it as a warning, because these warnings are written in Scripture. They are not sucked out of someone's thumb. If a person opposes this, then he opposes Scripture, with an ostrich mentality.

Should a person keep quiet when a robbery takes place, or should you warn those who are being robbed, or are about to be robbed?

*Titus 1:11: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.*

The real problem is not the action of tithing, but rather lording it over people or heavy shepherding, for self-gain.

*Ezek 34:1: And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*

*Eze 34:2: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?*

*Ezek 34:3: Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.*

*Ezek 34:4: The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.*

The shepherds do not feed the flock Spiritually or physically. Spiritually because of the distorted doctrine, due to covetousness and physically not, because many of the people who tithe here, rely on other sources for food. Here I may mention that food was channeled through me in person, to such families. Families who tithed to these people, yet they did not have enough in their own homes to survive on.

Now, the same "leaders" who did not feed their flock "gladly" feed the poor. All this to be seen and recognized by man. It is a marketing agenda, to get more money. This type of thing is always published in the media. What ever happened to not letting your right hand know what the left is doing? Nowhere in the Bible does it say to make public the helping and the giving to the poor, yet these big churches with all the money, do exactly that. The Bible states:

*Matt 6:1- 4 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.*

Yet, when these "church leaders and followers" are confronted with the true tithing issue as explained here, or with other doctrinal issues, they can never find fault with the truth, but would justify their good works and mention that they are giving so much and so much to the poor and the orphans, while they themselves do not live as the sheep, but much better than the sheep, or the poor and the orphans. The aim is to show good works as a means to obtain more money and to move into a higher standard of living and houses worth millions with luxury vehicles in the driveways.

These people will go so far as to publish their good works in the local news papers, even to the point of printing special bulletins in these news papers. The laity or ordinary people not knowing better, are strengthened and misled by these prints where the works are published, resulting in an increasing paradigm to believe the lie even more. It is an advertising gimmick, to gain more business, yet the Bible clearly states that this is wrong and basically being of the same stature as that of the Pharisees who the Lord Jesus called a brood of vipers.

Remember Judas Iscariot's reaction, when Mary anointed the feet of Jesus? "Let's rather give to the poor". Wasn't this also a hidden agenda? He betrayed Christ for money. Self-gain was and still is the agenda of the Judas of then and of today, a type of figure of the anti-Christ. Nothing under the sun has changed.

Look again at verse three. Who wears the wool? The poor widow who tithes the last bit of her pension money, or the "leaders" driving their BMW's? Wolves in sheep's' clothing. Who should we feel sorry for, the widow, or the prospering "clergy"?

*Matt 7:15: Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

*Acts 20:29: For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*

*Zec 11:4: Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;*

*Zec 11:5: Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.*

This is what the Bible says as a warning, especially in the last days.

A true leader will always be a servant but now it is the flock serving the shepherd. Look at Jesus. It was He who washed the feet of the disciples. Will any of these leaders wash the feet of any of the flock? By their fruits you will know them. Will they be willing to die for you, like The Good Shepherd? I serve a different God, not the god who they demand must serve them. Surely we are God's servants and He is not our servant, but our Lord and Master.

The top echelon of these leaders can't even save their marriages! According to the Bible divorce without one of the parties being an adulterer is, adultery. How many of these clergy have divorced? Look at the statistics. How will they spare the flock in the sight of danger, if they can't even spare their own marriages?

Speak to people who have come out of these "churches" I know many of them. Hear what they have to say. It is no joke.

### **The Bible says to mark them and avoid them**

*Rom:16:17: Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*

Let us look at some quotations by certain individuals, then compare it with the Scriptures, to determine the lies.

The message in Heb 2:10, Heb 11:36, Heb 12: 7-17, John 16:33, 1Tim 1:16, 2 Cor 12:7, 2 Tim 3:10 - 11, 2 Tim 1:12 & 2:9, 2 Tim 4:6, 1 Pet 2:21, 1 Pet 4:14, Acts 16:23 & 14:22 7 & 15:26, Luke 22:35, 2 Cor 1:5 - 7 etc. etc. does not correspond with what is quoted next.

#### **John Avanzini says:**

- Jesus had an expensive ministry - (Praise the Lord (TBN) 9/15/88
- Jesus had a nice house, a big house - Believers voice of victory,(TBN) 1/20/91
- Jesus wore designer clothes - Believers voice of victory,(TBN) 1/20/91
- Paul had the kind of money that could stop up justice- Believers voice of victory,(TBN) 1/20/91
- If you had a treasurer, that means you have a lot of money- (Praise the Lord (TBN) 9/15/88
- Jesus was handling big money. - (Praise the Lord (TBN) 9/15/88

#### **This is what Jesus said :**

*Matt 8:20 And Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*

#### **Robert Tilton says :**

- Being poor is a sin - (Success in Life, recorded 12/2/90)
- The only time people were poor in the Bible was when they were under a curse. - (Success in Life, recorded 12/2/90)