

THE NEXT STEP ON THE PATH OF FAITH

Genesis 14

(v.2) Bera- *Son of Evil (Easton's)*

Apparently Bera the King of Sodom _____ (v.10)

Now the valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell into them. But those who survived fled to the hill country. Gen 14:10

Abraham chooses between two kings (vs. 17-25)

(v.18) King of Peace- *Melek-shaleem*

Melchizedek - *Melek-Tsedeq (Tsedeq- Righteousness)*

This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, 2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace." 3 Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever 4 Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! Heb 7:1-3

Melchizedek is _____
He brings (bread & wine) _____ (v.18)

Abraham responds by giving Jesus _____

(vs.21-23)

This king of Sodom represents _____

Sodom-Cedom (sed-ome') to scorch; burnt (i.e. volcanic or bituminous)

And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the souls, and take the property thyself. (Gen. 14:21 DNT)

Apparently The Tithe is a tool for _____ (v.18)

The Tithe is a matter of _____

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:1

For where your treasure is , there will your heart be also. Luke 12:34

The Tithe is a Qualification for _____

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? 13 "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Luke 16:11-13

Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me."But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. Mal 3:8-11

The New Testament Teaches that Christians give:

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. 5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. 2 Cor 8:3-5

But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. ...And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.. 2 Cor 8:10-11
