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INTRODUCTION

God is not just looking for people to bless; He is looking for people who will yield themselves to Him as a channel of blessing to others.

I love the words of American Evangelist, Billy Graham:

"God has given us two hands — one to receive with, and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for giving."

Hear this: though giving is often painful, no man can be a blessing to his generation unless he is a willing giver.



Scripture Focus

Exodus 22:29; Exodus 23:15–19; Deuteronomy 25:1–2, 10–13



Key Insights Covered in This Teaching

• God's Commands Concerning the First Fruit Offering Understanding the scriptural basis and spiritual meaning behind first fruit giving.

- Examples of First Fruit Obedience in the Bible Real-life biblical characters who honoured God with their first and best.
- Divine Rewards for Obedient and Faithful Givers What the Bible promises those who joyfully give their first fruit to the Lord.

1. BIBLICAL COMMANDS ON FIRST FRUIT SEED AND ITS MEANING

Scripture: Proverbs 3:8–10; Malachi 3:8–11; Genesis 4:1–7

The first fruit is a principle of faith and obedience that God established from the beginning, and it's one of the most life-changing principles in Scripture.

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come unto the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest." (Leviticus 23:9–10)

Most simply stated, "First-fruits giving" can be likened to picking the very first ripe, red, juicy tomato of the season off your vine and offering it at the altar to the God who brought it forth from seed — with praise and thanksgiving for all the harvest of the past, and with a sure confidence

and faith that before the season is over, your vine would yield an abundant crop.

One obligation you owe God for being your Creator and God is to honour Him.

NOTE: To what extent are you honouring Him? (Proverbs 3:8–9)

2. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES TO EMULATE

Texts: Genesis 22:1–12; Genesis 4:4; 1 Samuel 1:26–28

God commanded the entire nation of Israel to honour Him by bringing the first crops of their harvest to the house of the LORD (Leviticus 23:10–14). The people were forbidden to use any part of the harvest until the first-fruits were offered to the LORD.

To neglect these first-fruit offerings (or anything) was considered as robbery to God (Malachi 3:8).

Giving of the first-fruits was an act of allegiance to God as the Giver of all.

CATALOGUE OF PEOPLE WHO HONOURED THE LORD WITH THEIR FIRST-FRUIT SEED

- The Almighty God Himself gave His best (Jesus Christ) as First-Fruit. (Colossians 1:12–15; Hebrews 1:5–6; 12:22–24)
- Abraham and his wife Sarah gave their first fruit (Isaac).
 (Genesis 22:1–12)
- Abel brought the first fruit of his flocks to God. (Genesis 4:4)
- Noah. (Genesis 8:20–22)
- Joseph and Mary. (Matthew 1:25)
- Hannah. (1 Samuel 1:26–28)

Do you honour God with your first fruit?

- Your first salary at the beginning of a new year like this (January).
- Your first profit this year on a new business.
- Also the difference between your old salary and new salary when you are promoted or given a salary raise.
- Your first salary on a new job.

• Also, the first fruit of your marriage (first born) belongs to God.

NOTE:

The only individual who decides the winner or loser in any given battle is God. No wonder it was said in (1 Samuel 2:9) that we cannot prevail by physical strength.

Remember that God is the one who gives dreams and also the one who can help you realise them. This was why Joseph saw offending God as a great sin against Him.

Not honouring God with your first fruit is a sin against God. Repent!

3. PROMISES FOR THE OBEDIENT AND THE FAITHFUL

Texts: Deuteronomy 28:1–14; Proverbs 3:1–10; Malachi 3:10–12

Life is an echo: all comes back — the good, the bad, the false and the true.

First fruit is to be paid 100%.

So give the world the best that you have, and the best will come back to you.

- → Give God the best first-fruit offering and receive the first blessing package from Jehovah Jireh; because He wants to see you succeed.
 - The first fruit is about putting first things first putting God first.

Don't turn the first fruit into second fruit; don't give God second place, and God will cause your storehouses to be filled with plenty in 2023 in Jesus' name. (Deuteronomy 28:8)

CONCLUSION

God claims the first fruit of anything!

It highly belongs to Him in His divine order.

All first fruit belongs to God Almighty: these include first salary, first profit, salary increase, and first fruits of your productivities.

I challenge you to put God first in everything you do this year, and honour Him with your very best today.

Start activating the Word by offering God your first-fruits seed from your harvest, and you shall not be put to shame in 2023, in Jesus' name. SHALOM.

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