**My Journey in Understanding Tithes and Offerings AT**

**the place of the gathering of yahuwah’s people**

 On October 18th, I arrived in Fort Worth, Texas, from Canton, Georgia, by the leading of Yahuwah that began in mid-March 2018. I lived in Fort Worth for 20 years (1986-2006). In 2006, I had to move to Florida with the daughter and family I’ve stayed with from 2000, or have nowhere to live. I did not want to move out of Texas!

 When I was around 8 years old, my parents drove from California to North Carolina to visit relatives. On one particular day of crossing Texas, a usual 2-day trip, I was asleep in the backseat of the car. As my dad slowed down at one point, I woke up and looked out the window and saw a sign. I saw it only briefly but it has remained in my memory all these years. It said: “Welcome to Fort Worth.” A strange feeling came over me and I felt that somehow Fort Worth was a place of “home” and security.

 I loved living in Southwest Fort Worth, for it is near open country, with a peaceful residential area, a park with a lake to walk around, and yet all the conveniences of living in a compact city community.

 Our family was led to move to Fort Worth from North Carolina in 1986. When we arrived at a hotel in Fort Worth with our You Haul and all our possessions in September of 1986, I remember sitting out by the pool and feeling that I was home. It became home for 20 years.

 In March of 2018, I was on an airplane going to Fort Worth to be with my son and daughter-in-law for Passover. I was looking out the window at the clouds. All of a sudden, the Spirit of Abba spoke clearly to me: “You’re going home.” I knew He meant Fort Worth. From that point on, after returning to Georgia, He began talking me through every day – what to do, how to prepare to move. First He let me know by the end of March that I had to get a car. My son and daughter-in-law flew from Fort Worth to Atlanta in early July to help me get my car. That wonderful car with just over 45,000 miles on it, brought me all the way to Southwest Fort Worth on October 19, 2018.

 About a month before my move, my son, daughter-in-law, and her mother, began looking for me an apartment near where they live. I thought to myself, wouldn’t it be really strange if I really did go home – as in back to the apartment complex where my youngest daughter and I lived for three years before I moved to Jordan in 1999? The apartment complex was on a quiet residential street in a lovely area. About a week later, my son and daughter-in-law’s mother went to this apartment complex. The management did not require me to have a regular income like the other apartment complexes they visited, but would take my bank statements as proof of my ability to pay the rent. Long story short, here I am today in a nice apartment at the same apartment complex I called home from 1996-1999. It has expanded and improved with good benefits. It is still quiet, in a quiet residential area.

 But, in moving here, I went from a monthly outgo, when not traveling, of about $350-$400.00 a month to now around $1,100.00 a month without traveling. After all those years, the rent here I paid only went up $250.00 from 1999. Yesterday I had my car inspection and registered my car in Texas, and I got a Post Office box. The fees for those three things were $275.00. Always, as I have needs, Abba supplies! He led me here; He will keep me here! Two days ago, I checked my box at the apartment complex, and a dear lady, elderly like myself, a hard worker and independent like myself, had sent me $450.00.

 Oh yes, about that car, it passed the inspection with “flying colors.” It is a 2014.5 Toyota Camry SE. It had around 45,000 miles on it when I bought it. It is Abba’s car! Some of you helped me buy it. I could not finance it, so I paid cash for it.

 In line with my miracle lifestyle during which I’ve learned much about Abba’s faithfulness and His requirements for the life of His servant, let me share with you briefly about what I call my “famous nickel story” that occurred around 1982.

 I was attending prayer meetings several times a week with a group of born-again, Spirit-filled Catholic nuns who were nurses at the Catholic hospital in Murphy, North Carolina. There was no religion in those prayer meetings, no prayers to Mary or saints, only several older ladies who loved our Savior and our Abba. The meetings were very early in the morning when it was still dark. But, no matter, I went even when the snow was very deep. From our house in the country to the hospital convent was about 10 miles. One morning I needed to mail a check to a utility or else our electricity would be turned off, which included our water pump. I had put one stamp on the envelope, but I needed a nickel for a 5-cent stamp to mail it. I did not have a nickel, but I took the letter with me into town.

 This was a time when we got government handouts and food stamps. Also, we lived on food in bent cans and torn food containers at the grocery store where my husband was a bag boy. The manager gave us food that could not be sold because the containers were damaged. I worked as the secretary for the Catholic priest at the Rectory. The priests and nuns were with the Glenmary Order from Cleveland, Ohio, who worked to help poor people in the Appalachian Mountains. They were not religious. There were even Bible study groups among the members who were born again and Spirit-filled. Later these families left the Catholic Church. It was an education for me!

 As I parked near the convent that morning about 5:30 AM, to the right of my car door was at least a 4-foot snow drift. I got out of the car, and immediately saw that there on the top of the snow drift sat a nickel. Abba spoke clearly to me: “What you do not have I will supply.” With the nickel I bought the stamp and mailed the check. This is just one example of how Abba taught me to trust Him and not be afraid.

 Years later, in 1995, my mother died in Andrews, North Carolina. We lived in Texas at that time. I did not have the money to pay for her funeral, and the bill was due. I was staying temporarily at my oldest daughter’s house in Tennessee, near the North Carolina to do her business. I was on my way out the door to go into Murphy one morning to try to get a loan from the bank to pay for the funeral. The bill was around $4,000 dollars. We had no credit score, so I did not think the bank would give me a loan. As I walked out on the porch of my oldest daughter’s house that morning, I looked down and saw a round object that had been painted over when they painted their porch. I reached down and picked it up. It was nickel. Abba spoke again to me: “What you do not have, I will supply.” I still have that nickel! I went into town to the bank.

 I had a copy of my mother’s California Teacher’s Life Insurance policy, a policy for $400.00 that she took out in the 1960s. She taught school for 23 years. Of course, the bank turned me down for the loan. I went back to Texas a couple of days later. The next morning, I called the California Teacher’s Association about getting my mother’s $400.00. I gave the policy number to the lady in California. She said “just a minute.” She came back on the line and told me she’d be sending me a check for something like $5,400.00. Over the years, the amount had gained “interest.” I chuckle even now at my shock. Abba’s smile!

 When we lived in North Carolina, we were on food stamps and government handouts at one point, but we tithed the food stamps by buying groceries and giving a 10th to a pastor who was also in the same shape we were in but had no food stamps. The word “tithe” means “10 percent.” We tithed everything we could. Abba never let us be hungry or lose anything by repossession. I learned from poverty most all of my life that Abba is faithful! He is faithful in all ways!

 One day at our church, they told us to bring groceries for the poor the next Sunday. So, I took $10.00, which was a fortune for us and bought as many groceries as I could, including margarine and canned goods. I joyfully look two bags full of groceries to the church. That same Sunday afternoon, a truck pulled up in our driveway. A man from the church brought in sacks of groceries – about $100.00 worth. In it was butter, even steak. We were so shocked. Our favorite expression in praise to Abba became “He gives butter for margarine.”

 In 1986, we moved to Fort Worth at the leading of Abba and by His miracles upon miracles to get us there, like helping us sell our house 3 days before it went into foreclosure. The stories are amazing! You can read them in my autobiography *Touching the Eternal*, available on Amazon.

 At one point, around 1987, we ran out of food and there was an ice storm that had hit the area – the same area I am in right now. We had only one quart of wheat in the freezer – nothing else for our family of 6. I said to Abba: “I’m a miracle worker when it comes to fixing meals out of almost nothing, but You have to do something because we have nothing.” Just then the phone rang. It was a lady we met upon arrival in Fort Worth who went to the church we came to be a member of – Grace Temple. She said that she and her husband were praying, and they both felt to call me and ask me if we had any food. I was numbed by the question. I slowly said “no.” Now this lady wouldn’t go out if there was a drop of rain, but she got in her car and slid 2 miles to our house and got me. We slid to the grocery store down the street. The roads and parking lot were covered in ice. She bought us $100.00 worth of food, and we slid back to our house. This was Abba’s faithfulness, and the hearing faithfulness of those who know Him!

 I learned in Jordan through miraculous interventions of His to keep me going when I had no money left, and no credit left on my credit card. It has been a long journey, but I’ve seen so many miracles, and I mean “miracles,” that I have no problems trusting Him for anything.

 In my many travels around the world, there were times when I did not have the money for my plane ticket, but by the time I was to go, it miraculously came without my telling anyone of my need. Through the years, I never told anyone my needs. The first time I made my needs known was in 2011 regarding an emergency room hospital bill. To this day, I may share my needs with others, but I always tell people to ask Abba about what they should give, or if they should give to help me. For the most part, my gifts have been totally without telling my needs at all. I do not like to tell my needs.

 In April of 1999, upon going to Aqaba, Jordan, at the express word of Yahuwah at the end of 1998, I had nowhere to tithe--no fellowship to tithe to. I was going to three nations of Africa from 1996, to China from 1994-1995, to Russia (1999), to Mongolia (1996), and to many other nations at that time to spread the Good News of salvation, pray for healing, deliverance, and teaching the Word, instructing in a Bible College and conducting pastor’s seminars. Later He sent me on many intercession assignments. I spent many years traveling in the U.S. holding meetings in rented buildings, homes, or in Messianic assemblies. I received offerings that helped pay for traveling. But, I had no place to go to where I was “fed” the Word. In Jordan, I became totally Spirit-taught. He removed all religion from me, and I even forfeited my ordination and my 501C corporation. I learned how to receive only from Abba without manmade systems.

 I don’t remember where the money came from to pay for all of that, but it did. I maxed out my credit card while in Jordan, but when I needed a super miracle, I got one that paid it off and gave me enough money to continue in Jordan another three years.

 But, still I had nowhere to tithe. I knew tithing of income had to do with obedience. I knew that tithes were given to Yahushua, the High Priest, spiritually and to His servants who were ministers with Him naturally. I knew it had to do with obedience first and foremost! So, as He led me, I gave to those in need--in Africa, in Israel, and other places, in the U.S. too. I did what He told me to do.

 I was obedient to give as He led me. Everything I had was His. I continued to tithe my life, but more than 10%--I gave Him 100% of my life, and my time. So, through those years of not having any fellowship, church, or messianic group to give to, I gave as He led, and gave Him all of me! He could tell me to give a 10th (tithe) to someone, or more. I gave to Christian Friends of Israeli Communities. I knew the people in Israel and gained their trust. I gave to Christian Friends of Israel and Bridges for Peace. I gave as He told me, no more, no less! I gave to brothers and sisters in need.

 But, I have had a shift of direction in the last two months. Just before moving to Texas, about the second week of October 2018, my son sent me a link to a video by Dr. Michel Lake explaining tithing from a Scriptural standpoint. The link to that teaching is: [**http://kingdomintelligencebriefing.com/the-spiritual-dynamics-of-the-tithe/**](http://kingdomintelligencebriefing.com/the-spiritual-dynamics-of-the-tithe/) Please listen to it!

 Dr. Lake and his wife guard the Torah, and reach out to Christians in teaching the whole of the Word. In this video, Dr. Lake emphasized two important points. First he emphasized that we give it to Messiah – the High Priest – spiritually. But naturally, we give tithes and offerings to where we are “fed.” As the Apostle Sha’ul/Paul wrote, most church and assembly leaders only teach “the milk” of the Word because the people do not hunger for the “meat of the Word.” Milk satisfies babies. Meat satisfies those who are maturing. We start out on “the milk,” after a true new birth--the basics that strengthen our salvation. But, as we grow in knowledge of the Word and in our relationship with Yahuwah and Yahushua, we should begin to hunger for the “meat.” Yahuwah’s Spirit within us is our Teacher. Man can confirm, but He is the only valid Teacher of pure Truth (**John 16**).

 Dr. Lake taught that we give the tithe, 10% of our income, where we get spiritual nourishment on a regular basis – where we receive instruction in the deep things of the Word, instructions in being led by the Spirit, in the fellowship of those who are obedient and loyal to the Master Yahushua, our Savior, anointed and strong of faith. All the years of traveling, I never had anything on a regular basis. I did meet those who, like myself, were Spirit-taught, and I gave to some of them.

 As Dr. Lake emphasizes that we are to give where the Spirit is moving to strengthen His remnant! If a church or messianic congregation is just about ritual, or religion, and not telling the people how to prepare for the soon coming of Messiah, how to suffer for His sake, how to follow the directives of the Spirit, Dr. Lake said - “do not tithe there.”

 Tithe and offering gifts are for those who instruct you under Yahuwah’s anointing in your spirit – not your mind necessarily - but your spirit! So you giving should go to those who challenge you to abandon all to follow the Master, those who do not hold back the Truth but warn, convict, and instruct in the whole Word of Elohim as taught by His Spirit!

 It can be edifying to hear teaching on Hebrew word meanings, or a theological discussion about some passage in the Torah, but intellectual knowledge will fly out of your head when the events of the final last days begin, when your nation becomes like another “Venezuela.” That is beginning to happen in America.

 Richard Wurmbrand was in a prison in Romania for 18 years. His wife Sabrina was in the women’s prison for 14 years. Their crime was being a believer in Jesus. They also were Jew. Richard was with other Christians from various denominations, including Catholic in the prison. I met these two at a Voice of the Martyrs Conference in California in 1996. Richard said that in prison, no one discussed theology or doctrine. No one tried to convert another to their way of thinking. They joined together in the love of Messiah, and in the hope He gave us of our resurrection. They joined in their basic faith that Jesus loved them and soon they would be with Him. What matters is “are you really born again?” Richard’s autobiography is *Tortured for Christ*.

 **I Peter 4:7-8**: “**But the end of all has drawn near. Therefore, be sober-minded, and be attentive to prayer. And above all have fervent love for one another**…” Living in humility and love, allowing the Spirit to transform us so that we think, act, and live by His nature--loving one another with a pure heart--this is what will see us through.

 Dr. Lake taught how it was in the days of *Malachi* with the Levites who were responsible to teach the people. The Cohenim ministered to Yahuwah. The Levites were in every area of the nation to teach the people. But, what happened in *Malachi* was that the Levites were telling the people what they wanted to hear – not “thus saith Yahuwah.” In doing so, the people were giving tithes and offerings to them because the Levites told them what soothed them. The Levites did not mention anything that would come close to rebuke, conviction of sin, or a call to repentance. That mirrors our churches today, whose leaders will not use the word “sin” for fear of offending someone. Remember, without repentance there is no salvation! The great apostasy/falling away is happening now! Is your congregation preparing you for tribulation? If not, they are not teaching the whole council of Yahuwah, and actually lying to you.

 Surveys show that in most modern churches today, a high percentage of the people don’t believe in sin, or in Satan, or in demons, or even in the “Holy Spirit.” They do not believe in anything that is “supernatural.” Over 50% of Christians in America say they do not believe the Bible is the “Word of God.” They believe that all they have to do to be saved is receive the salvation of Jesus by praying a prayer and being moral. Very few pastors are telling His people to prepare for tribulation, hardship, suffering, and loyal obedience to a Master. OH No--that is not acceptable to the average “believer”!

 Tragically pastors of most big churches are raking in millions of dollars a year from those who tithe, yet these wealthy big-name pastors are telling their congregation nothing about repentance from sin, submission, humility, or about the fear of Yahuwah.

 **Jeremiah 5:31**: “The prophets have prophesied falsely, and the priests rule by their own hand, and My people have loved it so. And what are you going to do at the end of it?” Thus, the people are kept ignorant, and Yahuwah’s judgment is falling, persecution has come, suffering is inevitable, and we are facing great testing. But, if the people are not warned by the watchmen (pastors, rabbis, teachers) they will perish.

 If you give tithes and offerings to like modern “Levites,” you are throwing your money into a pit, and it will not return to you as a blessing. False prophets teach the “name it and claim it,” “blab it and garb it” doctrines to get people to give more money to their “ministries.” They teach that as you give, you will get more back in abundance – so people are giving hoping to get rich, literally. **There is blessing for obedience to what Abba leads you to do - not what man expects of you**.

 Yahuwah blesses obedience done in love, in His nature. Abba has always brought in just what I need at the time I need it. My one time of savings, because of not traveling much the last three years, is now past. He led me to buy a car with the savings as Abba instructed. I have no fear of Him failing me! I’ve seen Him multiply food. I’ve seen so many miracles of His faithfulness that there is no fear. I grew up reading books like the life of George Mueller and Hudson Taylor. It’s good old fashioned faith that gives peace.

 In **Malachi 3** we see why Abba said “…you have robbed Me in tithes and offerings.” The people were giving tithes and offerings. But, they were robbing Yahuwah because the people gave their tithes and offerings to Levite teachers who soothed their minds with lies and falsehoods, allowing them to continue pampering their flesh. They did not give to Yahuwah’s work, to His Truth! Yahuwah was preparing the people for judgment, but they only wanted to hear what soothed them. It is the exact same today!

 Thus, you must not stay with and support those who do not tell you the whole truth, but hide truth from you and do not challenge you to lay down your life for your Master. Learning mental knowledge of the Word can be good if the teacher is Spirit-taught and anointed, but if the teacher fails to prepare you to stand in the face of the coming great evil and not deny the Savior, then they are no different than the ancient Levites.

 I know that the message Abba has given to me regarding the end times, the coming of Messiah, tribulation, laying down all to follow the Master, hardship and suffering for His sake, obedience, and forsaking our own will to pick up His, being led by the Spirit totally, and dying to self, has turned people away from wanting to hear what Abba has to say. No one wanted to hear what Jeremiah was saying before Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple. They tried to get rid of him. Today it is the same – if people tell the Truth, they are despised. (**Amos 5:10**) Truth has indeed fallen in the street (**Isaiah 59:14-15**). That passage of Scripture is followed by Messiah’s return.

 Dr. Lake stressed that we give to those who teach us the Truth, who give the “whole counsel” of Elohim to His people--the whole of the Word. Through the years, in various places on earth, there have been those who have told me that they have no fellowship where they are, so the gather together and study my articles, or hear my podcasts. Many are not being fed at their congregation, or fed only “milk,” not the “meat of the Word.” They tell me that I have enriched their lives and encouraged them. Some have called me their “mentor.” I take these encouragements humbly, because I am a servant, and all esteem goes to my Master. As a minister of the five-fold ministry, I have a broad range of teaching, but all from Genesis to Revelation. I expose falsehood, which many do not like. So, few share finances with me to help me continue my work for Him.

 Praise Abba, a few through the years have faithfully given offerings to help me continue with the work He has given me to do – to help prepare His “remnant.” I do not ask for anyone’s “ tithe,” but at times people have given me their tithe because Abba led them to do so. I have been a pastor, and for some via internet, I am a pastor-shepherd, mentor, teacher.

 I am here in Fort Worth to position myself, as He has led me, for what He has shown me of my future work in dreams, visions, words, and experiences really since I was four years old. The **Daniel 11:32** remnant will be united and go forth with their assignments before Messiah comes.

 My new direction in tithing: In January 2018, my son, daughter-in-law, and her mother, were drawn to a small prayer and teaching fellowship in Southwest Fort Worth – about 7 minutes drive from my apartment. I attended there last Passover. My son and daughter-in-law have taught there also, sharing messages on the Festivals and Shabbat. The family that is leading this group, pasturing, teaching, are from New York. They were missionaries in Germany for a long time. Not too long ago, Abba led them to come to Fort Worth, Texas, because here would be a gathering of those who would go forth as in the **Acts 1:8** pattern before Messiah came. The husband is a pastor. The wife is a teacher, an International Conference speaker, minister, and pastor. She has started many congregations. The Prayer and Training Center is the vision that Abba gave her in New York. She shared it with us last Friday night – wow is it powerful and right on! Her vision explains is why He is drawing people together here. Their children also are with them in this work. She teaches from Genesis to Revelation. She is a humble lady, but also a very high-class and honorable woman, a woman I respect, an anointed woman of Elohim. So, I’ve gone from no fellowship and no friends to talk about the Word in person, no place to go to anywhere near me in Georgia that was anointed, hearing from Abba, teaching the whole Word, to a group of book-of-Acts type people. They move in the gifts of the Spirit as per **I Corinthians 12:1-11**, because they are truly filled with the Spirit. Her vision is powerful for these end days, and I align with it, because Abba has led me to understand “the gathering” that He is doing into this once great revival center. There are also evangelistic outreaches to participate in. There is much prayer overseeing it all, and they are united in spirit and in truth. I am so glad that my son and daughter-in-law can teach the truths of Abba’s Covenant-Torah there, too. So, at this point, I am being spiritually “fed.” It is a place where I can be with those who are Spirit led and Spirit taught, who will pray for me as Abba leads me too.

 No, Fort Worth, Texas is not the only place where He is gathering His people! I saw a vision in the 1990s in which I was flying over the earth – it was very dark. But, here and there, in various places I saw small gathering around a camp fire that I knew were believers gathering together, children of light in a very dark world.

 Therefore, in listening to what Dr. Michael Lake spoke of, for the first time since 1996, Abba put it on my spirit to once again begin tithing. The Prayer and Training Center is in a small insignificant “strip mall” shop that they have rented. They have ministered to me personally, with prophecy and word of knowledge, and prayer, from before I left Georgia to last Friday evening. So, once again, I feel good about tithing, and of course giving to anyone else Abba wants me to share with. I am obedient. I am being fed, and it is right to give to those who feed. Abba is with them. Abba is with me. Abba is with you.

 I just know that now it is time to go forward with what He has told each one of us.

I appreciate your prayers for me very, very much. He honors that! Be obedient! Do not fear what He might ask of you! He sometimes asks BIG things, but He always leads us a day at a time so that what was BIG comes in small doses. This move was so overwhelming to me. I did not know if I would make it physically or die in the process, literally. But, one day at a time I obeyed Him, and I am here, ready to go forward once again as He leads – face to face with people, allowing Him to use me to change lives.

Fort Worth, Texas, is one place of His gathering.

 **Genesis 49:10**, part of Ya’cob’s prophecy to Judah: “**The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a Lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and unto Him shall the gathering be**.”

 Folks, Shiloh’s/Messiah’s coming is very soon – and unto Him will the gathering of His people be.” In my 1988 dream, I saw the gathering, and I saw the details of my own life. It was my son who drove me, in my car, to the gathering-- in Fort Worth, Texas.

 In the early 1900s, a little woman named Maria Woodsworth Etter conducted revival meetings in Dallas, Texas. Her autobiography is *A Diary of Signs and Wonders*. It would be good if you read this book! The power of the Spirit fell to such a degree that people from all over the United States and other countries came to Dallas to be under the anointing of the Spirit and receive from Abba. One day an angry atheist came into her meeting. He was a disciple of the infamous Voltaire. As he walked down the aisle towards her, he was struck down by the Spirit and put under His “thumb.” He rose up a while later, testifying that he had been born again, and seen the Master.

 The Dallas-Fort Worth area became the center of true revival for all of the United States. Today, there is a rumbling of the Spirit and a gathering, as Yahuwah is restoring that fervor in Fort Worth. Let us join and support those who are moving forward with the Spirit, taught by the Spirit, anointed by the Spirit, ministering in the Spirit, teaching the “whole counsel of Yahuwah,” and leading others to salvation.

 **I have had people give offerings via Pay Pal, under “Contact” on the main page of comeenterthemikvah.com,** some haven given offerings at my P.O. Box in Georgia.

 **But, here is the new Texas address for sending letters, checks, or money orders: Make out all to Charlotte Townsend and send to: P.O. Box 34502, Fort Worth, Texas, 76162.**

 IF your spirit has been “fed” by the instructions I have been giving since 2000 via articles that I sent out to individuals on a list from 2000-2010, and then from December of 2011, articles posted on my website that my son created for me, and the podcasts, too, ask Abba if you should share with me in tithes or offerings, depending on your situation. That’s all I will say about it--**Ask Abba!**

 I will be continuing with traveling as He leads. I long to get back into active face-to-face ministry! Through the years, I have led many to Messiah for salvation, beginning at age six. I’ve prayed for many to be filled with the Spirit in many countries, delivered from demonic oppression, healed in body. I’ve taught the Word as He has taught me. I have conducted Pastor’s seminars, and taught in Bible colleges. My traveling ministry has taken me into 36 countries so far. By internet, I have reached into 60 countries. I started with an address book of 15 in 2000. Through the years, I have reached tens of thousands. I believe that my work for the Master will continue until He comes! I encourage you! Begin where you are, and He will bring the increase. Remember the sowing brings the reaping.

 **Psalm 126:5-6**: “**Those that sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. He who goes forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless return rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them.”**

 Yahuwah is a Father – Abba. He is gathering His family together!

Blessings to you in His love as you follow the Master,

Yedidah

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