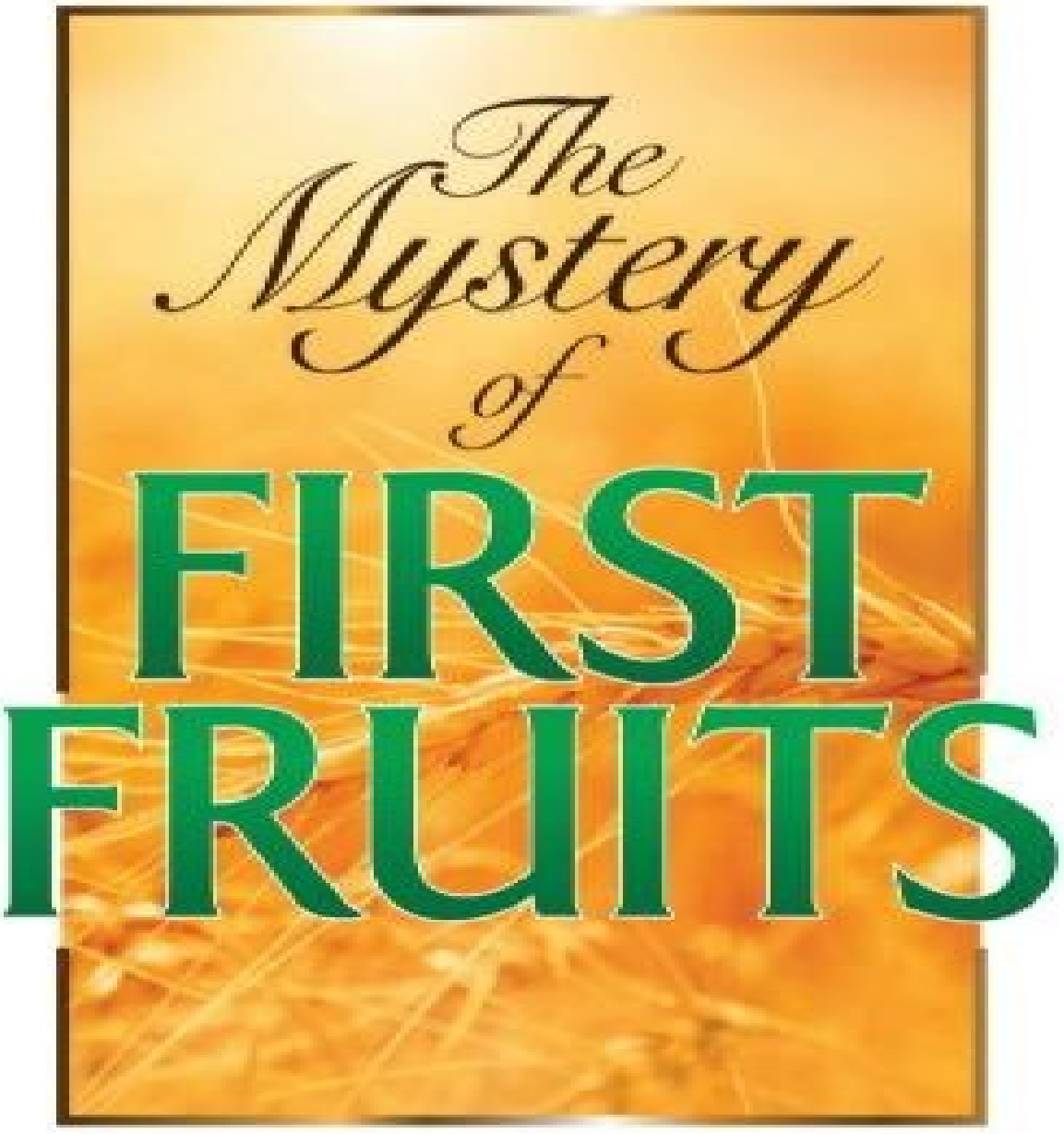
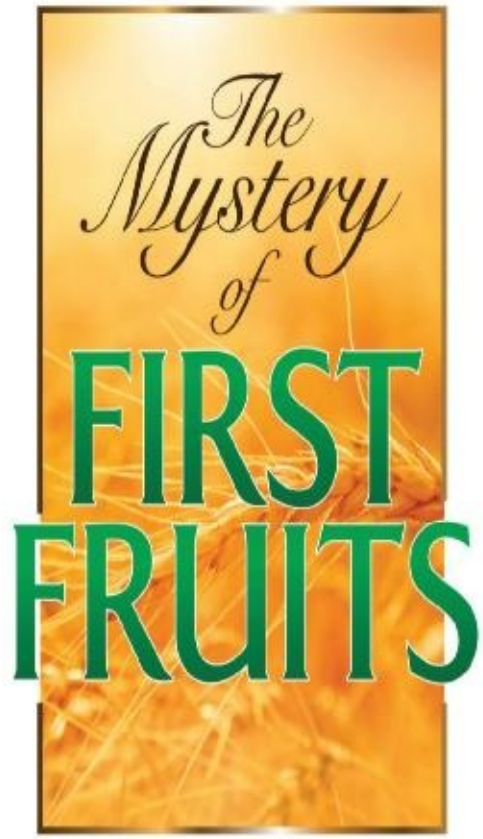
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INTRODUCTION

In the church today, a lot of people have several misconceptions about offerings, and especially first fruits, though it is a principle highlighted in scriptures. And for so long, Satan has ridden on the ignorance of many to steal from them and keep them from enjoying the God kind of prosperity.

The first fruit offering is giving God the first–the first of your harvest or increase. It is also giving God the best of your increase. The focus of this offering is honour. When we give our first fruits, we honour God – we declare Him first in our lives and this will bring plenty and abundance into our lives.

> ***Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.***
>
> ***Proverbs 3:9-10***

In this book, we will take a look into scriptures to understand the mystery of first fruits, why God asks for the first, the various types of first fruits, and also understand how to honour God with the first.

I believe that the revelation in this book will reposition you to enjoy the prosperity of God like never before as you learn to honour Him and give Him first place in your life.

CHAPTER ONE

WHAT IS FIRSTFRUIT?

First fruit is an honour system that places God first. Like the name implies, first fruit simply refers to the first fruit or produce from whatever you do. It refers to the first harvest or income of your job or business.

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>
> ***Proverbs 3:9***

Today however, since we mostly conduct and transact business in cash, the first fruit can be described as giving God the first of your income or a particular substance you receive as sign of honour.

Again, because we earn in different ways today; some people earn per month, some others per week, and some have their incomes calculated annually, first fruits can be calculated also differently. Your first fruit can be your

first hour wage or your first day wage or your first week wage or your first month wage. The person who honours God with the first month wage for instance has paid his first fruit on an annual level because if I give the first month, it covers every other month in the year. You may as well decide to give the wage of the first day of the month,

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or the first three days of each month depending on how you earn.

First fruit is the honour system that places God first. It is the first thing that comes out of what you earn, separated and consecrated unto God. That first can be your first salary, or the first $1 of the lump, or the first money you get from a contract. It is not about the

amount, but the honour you accord to God by giving to Him from the first.

First fruit is more than just money, it is a system and a spiritual principle;

> ***These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.***
>
> ***Revelations 14:4***

The Bible in the scripture above talks about human beings here being first fruits, showing us that first fruit is not just about money, it is a system that declares that God is the first in your life.

Also, you need to understand that there is no quantity to honour. I may choose to honour my guest by bringing a certain type of utensil to serve them. Someone else may re-arrange his furniture in a certain way to welcome his guest. Both are honour. However, that honour must be in the first place of what we receive to make it a first fruit.

Why God Asks for the First

So why the first? God asks for the first because He wants to lead you. Your first fruit gives God the right to lead you. And when He leads you, plenty is guaranteed.

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>
> ***Proverbs 3:9-10***

When God wants to move you into a new experience, there is something you have not been doing before that He would show you to begin to do. Your first fruit brings God into the first place which is the leadership position. If you would obey the principles of God and be consistent about them, plenty will come.

The first fruit is an honour system, and when something is a system of God, it is eternal. It goes beyond giving God the first part of your income. It also goes into making God the first part of

all you do. Thus we see that the first fruit is not just about quantity but also about time and place.

For instance giving God the beginning of each day, week, month, or income is the key to honouring God. When the first place is already settled, every other place will get in order.

> ***For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.***
>
> ***Romans 11:16***

There is a place you ought to be that you cannot put yourself. It would take God to put you there. But for God to put you in your place, you also have to learn to put Him in His place.

> ***Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:***
>
> ***Proverbs 3:9***



Every time you move into a new phase of your life, learn to honour God with the first. Even though it is possible to honour God with your first fruit in the first month of every year to cover for all your incomes for each year, I will advise that you honour the Lord with your first fruit every month. In other words, you may continue to honour God from the first part of your income monthly. One thing this will do is to keep the revelation of first fruits fresh in your mind. More so, this will allow you pay your first fruits from new incomes and increase that you did not anticipate at the beginning of the year while you were paying your first fruits.

I strongly advise that putting God first in everything should continue all year

round. This is a new thing you should add to your revelation and begin to practice.

There were things I practiced that totally changed my level. For instance, when I was in school, I learnt to separate my offerings to God. I took out an envelope and separate all clean notes I receive into that envelope so I may always have clean notes to offer to God. That was honour! Now, everybody does not do that, but when you start doing what everybody does not do, God will begin to give you what everybody doesn't get.

So just imagine how you treat someone you want to honour – you give them the first place, first or priority seat and best of what you have.

CHAPTER TWO

FIRSTFRUIT: THE ALPHA OF THE TITHE

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
Revelations 1:8

Taking out the first is simply saying God is first place in your life. This is first fruit. On the other hand, when you take out again a tenth part, you are saying God is the Source of your income. Therefore, by tithe and first fruit, you declare that God is both first in your life and the source of all that you receive.

The first fruit to the Lord makes Him the Alpha - the beginning of your finances, and your tithes to Him makes Him the Omega. So the tithe and the first fruits working together puts God before and behind, therefore preserving all that concerns you.

The Tithe and First Fruit in Practice

If a man has received an addition of ten cattle in his herd, and he is to give God the first fruit of it. He simply has to separate the firstling unto the Lord.

> ***Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox, or sheep: it is the LORD'S. And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.***
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> ***Leviticus 27:26-27***

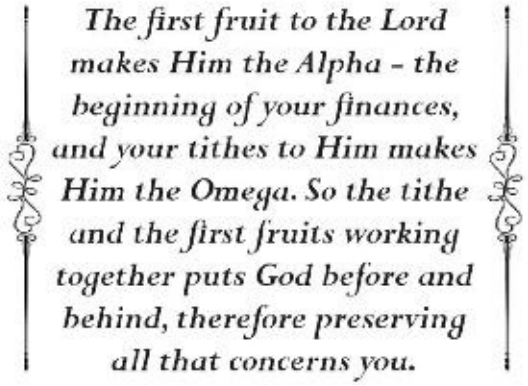
Take note that the scripture says it is the Lord's, in other words, it is dedicated or sanctified to the Lord, and it may be redeemed with the fifth part added to it. This is not so with the tithe, which cannot be redeemed, showing a clear difference between the two.

> ***And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock,***

even ***of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD. He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.***

Leviticus 27:32-33

The first that opens the matrix is the first fruit. It is to be offered in praise to the LORD to say that God is first in your life. Then of the ten, the tenth one belongs to the LORD as a way of saying God is the Source of all that you have.



Have you ever wondered why most fees

we pay on services rendered is 10%? Where did this system come from?

When you pay an agency fee for instance, the fee acknowledges that the agent or professional you are paying to is the source of the property or service you have acquired or enjoyed. To deny the agent his 10% is to deny that he is the source of the service. Governments would sometimes charge 10% as tax because they are responsible for creating the enabling environment to do business. This is what we see of God when we tithe.

The first fruit acknowledges God as the leader and senior partner in your life or finances. Just like in a business, there is partnership, and the senior or leading partner takes first. So when we give God the first before we take anything for ourselves, we are saying he is the leader over our finances. When we give him the tenth, we are saying he is the Source or the enabler of our financial income.

This is the mind-set behind offering the first fruit to God. We see this mind-set in King Solomon;

In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif: And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

1Kings 6: 37-38

But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

I Kings 7:1

Solomon built God's house in seven years and built his for thirteen years. As big as God's house was, Solomon finished it in seven years, while he allowed his own house delay till the thirteenth year to be completed. Obviously, he gave more priority to the house of God. This is how the house of God should have a higher priority than our own projects. Furthermore, he was a man of offerings and sacrifice.

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

1Kings 3:4

And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

1Kings 8:62

And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

1Kings 8:63

No wonder God blessed him and made him very rich.

And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of

Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

1Kings 10:21-22

So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. And they brought every m an his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

1Kings 10:23-25

Your first fruit has the ability to move you into the realm of plenty. Begin and let this become a working and active revelation and part of your life and you

will move into the realm of plenty as the Lord promised.

> ***Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.***
>
> ***Proverbs 3:9-10***

CHAPTER THREE

MISPLACING THE FIRST FRUIT

And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

2Kings 4:42

The practice of giving first fruit is something we find in scriptures as one that brings a great honour to God.

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase:

Proverbs 3:9

Some may argue that first fruit is an Old Testament practice, but I do not see why God should be honoured in the Old Testament and not be honoured in

the New. The problem is the lack of understanding. And sometimes, this misunderstanding goes as far as mixing or swapping first fruits with tithe as some argue that tithe and first fruit offerings are the same. Are they correct?

The First Fruit is not the Tithe

The tithe and the first fruits are two different kinds of offerings that we are to give to God. As I have taught extensively in my book: *The God Kind of Prosperity*, the tithe refers to a tenth part of a whole sum and it functions to activate the blessing and Gods' protection for us by rebuking the devourer.

> ***Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your***

vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3: 10-11

There are some who claim that the tithes are the same as the first fruits. This is not true as we see in the scriptures below;

And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

Nehemiah 10:17

And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for

the priests and Levites:
for Judah rejoiced for the
priests and for the Levites
that waited.

Nehemiah 12:44

And thither ye shall bring
your burnt offerings, and
your sacrifices, and your
tithes, and heave offerings
of your hand, and your
vows, and your freewill
offerings, and the firstlings
of your herds and of your
flocks:

Deuteronomy 12:6

All the scriptures above refer to tithes and first fruits as two distinct oblations to God. I want you to notice the word 'and' which shows a clear differentiation between both. Both words were never substituted in scriptures, so it is clear that they are both different and thus function differently.

The blessing of the tithe is that the Lord would rebuke the devourer. This is different from the role that the first fruit plays. If the first fruit is the same thing as the tithe, then why does it give a different result or blessing? Tithes re-

buke the devourer, but the first fruit brings plenty.

> ***Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.***
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> ***Proverbs 3:9-10***

Your hands represent your labour, and your hands have ten fingers in all. God did this for a reason. He talks about the tenth.

> ***To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;***
>
> ***Hebrews 7:2.***

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Abraham gave God the tenth part of all, not the first or the ninth. This is the tithe, which is the tenth part. Imagine if you have two hundred tubers of yam and you wanted to tithe, you would set the two hundred yams into ten places, which would give you 20 yams per set. In giving God the tithe therefore, you would need to give God the tenth set not the first one. In other words, tithe is both quantitative and positional: it is ten percent and also the tenth part, whereas, the first fruit is only positional, not quantitative being the first part.

In other words, you may want to honour God with the first part of your income, and someone else wants to give 5% out of the first part, and some-

one else also give 20% of the first part. These are all first fruits. What is important is that it comes from the honour that you currently have faith to bestow on the Lord.

For example, if somebody earns nine hundred dollars in a month, his tithe is ninety dollars, but when he receives the nine hundred dollars, even before he tithes, he may want to take out the first one penny, one dollar, ten dollars or even fifty dollars as a first fruit to honour the Lord.

> ***Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:***
>
> ***Proverbs 3:9***

Taking out the first is simply saying God is first place in my life. This is first fruit. On the other hand, when he takes out again a tenth part, which is ninety dollars, he is saying God is the Source of my money. Therefore, by tithe and first fruit, he is declaring that God is both first in my life and source of all that I receive.

CHAPTER FOUR

TYPES OF FIRSTFRUIT

There are three types of first fruit namely;

1. **First of regulars.** This is giving God the first of what you receive regularly. This may be the income of the first month of a new year, or the first day income of your monthly income, or even the first week income of your quarterly income. The emphasis is on giving the first out of what you receive on a regular basis. We see this in Leviticus 23 verse 10;

> ***Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into 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 23:10***

2. **Best of Harvest:** This is honouring God with the best of your harvest. Sometimes when I receive cash, I

separate the best and cleanest notes to give as first fruits. I ensure to select the most beautiful as a way of honouring God. Whatever you receive, whether cash or even a gift, you can honour God with the first fruit by giving the best of it to Him.

> ***All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.***
>
> ***Numbers 18:12***



3. **New incomes:** This is simply giving God the first of every new income. You may receive a promotion

that causes an increase in your income, that addition should be your first fruit. Also, the Lord may open a new or extra source of income to you, maybe a job or business opportunity that will give you a new income that you did not have before. You can give the first income you receive from that open door as a first fruit.

> ***Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:***
>
> ***Numbers 28:26***

There is no hard and fast rule with regards to the first fruit. The focus is on honouring God. Honour should be the gauge with which you measure what you should give as first fruit. For example if you feel that giving the first week income of a new year does not honour God sufficiently at your level, do not give it because it is not honour. Step it up! But that may be honour for someone else at another level - it is personal. So do not give your first in competition with someone else or to show off.

Give what you consider honour at your level.

Some persons give their first fruit every year by giving their first month income. They are giving according to what they consider honour. You are also supposed to give according to what you consider honour to God. It may be the income of your first day, first week, first month, first thousand, etc. As long as it is first, then it is first fruit.

Therefore, whether you give the first of regular, the best of incomes, or a new income or even a combination of all the types of first fruits; ensure to honour God with it.