

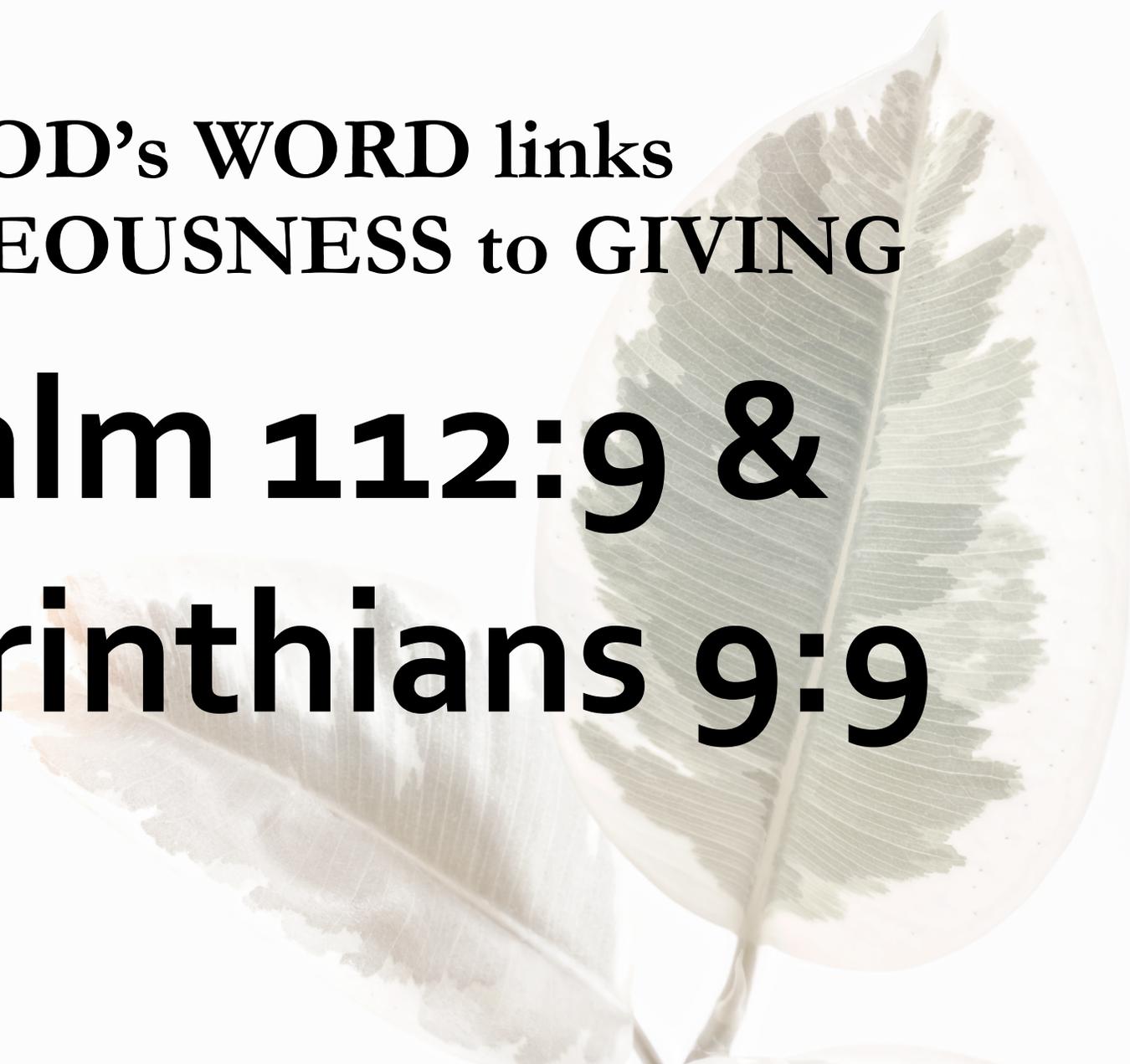
It is More Blessed to Give than to Receive

Acts 20:35b

THE WORD FROM JESUS

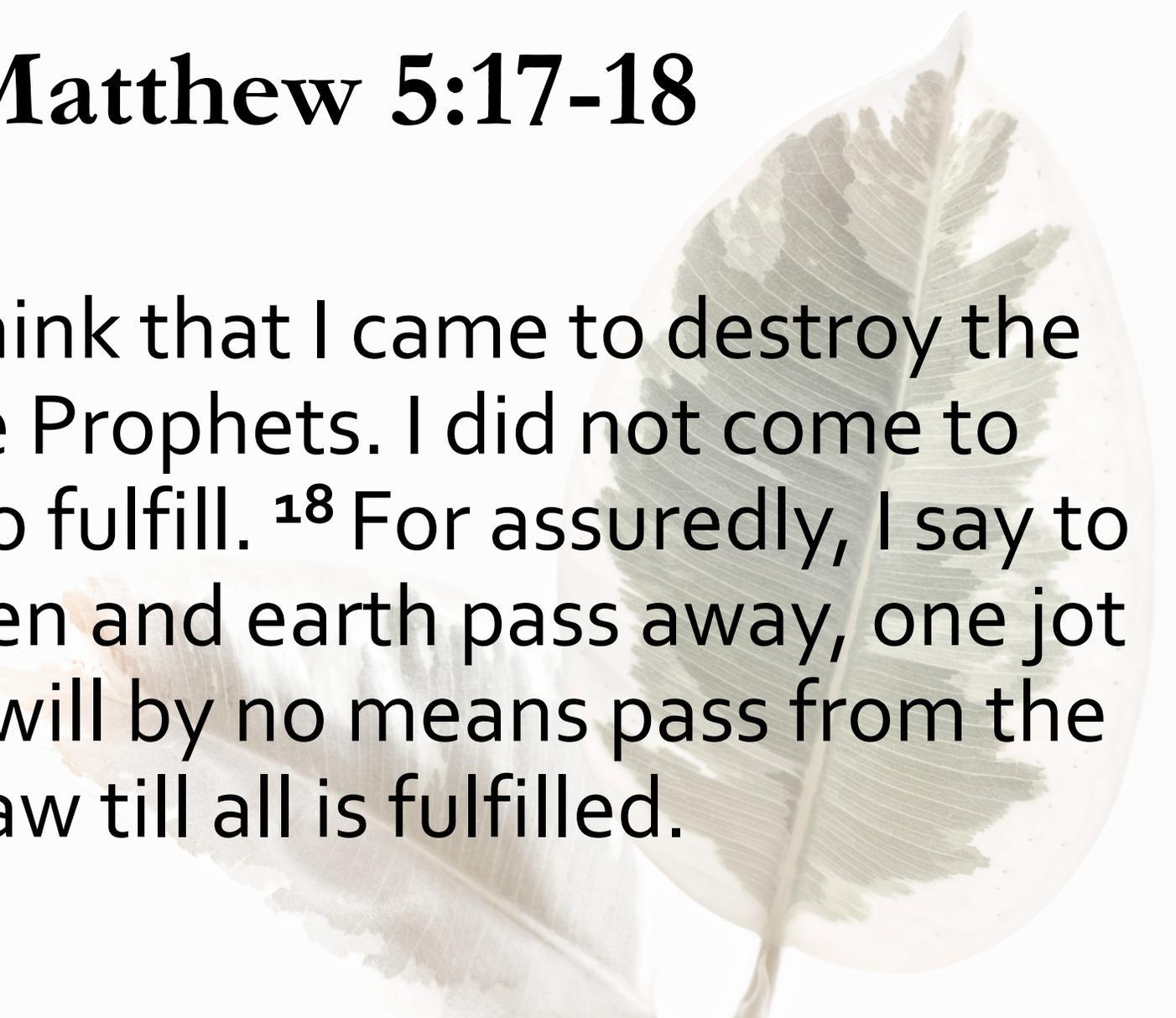
**GOD's WORD links
RIGHTEOUSNESS to GIVING**

**Psalm 112:9 &
2 Corinthians 9:9**



Matthew 5:17-18

¹⁷ “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.





SCRIPTURAL
BACK GROUND

The Firstborn Consecrated

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
“Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever
opens the womb among the children of
Israel, *both* of man and beast; it is Mine”

Exodus 13:1.

Firstborn redeemed by God

⁴¹ And you shall *take the Levites for Me—*
I am the LORD—*instead of all the firstborn*
among the children of Israel, and the livestock of
the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the
livestock of the children of Israel.” – Numbers
3:40-41, 8:16-18

The Twelve Tribes

Twelve Tribes became *Thirteen Tribes* as Jacob adopted Joseph two sons as his.

- Genesis 48-5

What Does the Law Say?

Numbers 18:21

- [*Tithes for Support of the Levites*] “Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the **tithes** in Israel as an **inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.** – Numbers 18:21
- Levites receives tithes from the 12 Tribes are to tithe 1/10 of what they received to the Priesthood – Aarons and his descendants.

Deuteronomy 10:8-9

At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day. Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God promised him.

The Levites has to give tithes too

And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive **tithes**; and the Levites shall bring *up a tenth of the tithes* to the house of our God, to the *rooms of the storehouse*. – Nehemiah 10:38

These Verses refers to???

“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In **tithes** and offerings.

Bring all the **tithes** into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.* –
Malachi 3:8,10

The Gatekeepers Receive Tithes too

And he had prepared for him a large room, where previously they had stored the grain offerings, the frankincense, the articles, the **tithes** of grain, the new wine and oil, which were commanded *to be given* to the Levites and singers and **gatekeepers**, and the offerings for the priests. – Nehemiah 13:5

TAKE-AWAYS

- Tithes are for the Priests, Levites, Worshipers, Gatekeepers not just to the local church alone
 - Today context: Those who serve GOD full Time or dependent on tithes for livelihood , itinerant preachers, evangelists, prophets, apostles, teachers and pastors of local church
 - Malachi 3:8,10 are rebuke on Priests not tithing to the storehouse
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