

# God's Giving Paradigm Pt. 4

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- If God is first in your life, everything will come into order
- If God isn't first in your life, nothing will come into order.

Here is the Principle

**Exodus 13:1-2** - Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Consecrate or set apart to me to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; It is Mine."

**Exodus 13:11-13 (NKJV)** - And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, that you shall set apart to the Lord all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males shall be the Lord's. But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

1. The firstborn must be sacrificed or redeemed

How do you know whether to sacrifice it or redeem it? The lamb was clean. The first born must be sacrificed. The donkey was unclean. The firstborn of the unclean must be redeemed by the sacrifice of the clean.

The tithe redeems the 90%, that now carries the blessing of God. Tithing isn't bringing God 10%, but bringing God the first 10%. It's not the 10% that enacts the blessing of God, but the first 10% brought in faith.

2. The first fruits must be offered

**Proverbs 3** – Honor the Lord with the first of all your increase.

Cain and Abel's offerings

**Genesis 4:3-5 (NKJV)** - And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his

flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected and received Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering.

God received or rejected both the person and the offering. God could not receive Cain's offering, because god is first or preeminent in all things.

### 3. The why before the what

**Exodus 13:14-16** - So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'why do you do this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt."