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From: "Brian Hathaway" <BrianHathaway@compuserve.com>

To: "Kevin Deal" <info@libertytrust.org.nz>

Sent: Monday, March 04, 2002 5:49 AM

Subject: Study

Dear Kevin,

Sorry I have taken so long to reply to your request re your Bible study material.

I think it is very good. Your research on storehouse intrigues me - if it's right it's dynamite for the modern church!! Is this your personal study or is it sourced somewhere? I have not had time to research it and if you have not already done this I would strongly urge that you get an Old Testament scholar to review it.

One small point - I found the light green pages a bit hard to read.

Blessings

Brian Hathaway

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**From:** "Liberty Trust" <info@libertytrust.org.nz>

**To:** "Brian Hathaway"

**Sent:** Thursday, 7 March 2002 17:29

**Subject:** Re: Study

Dear Brian

Thanks for your encouragement. The Bible study is a very brief overview of findings from a book I have been writing for several years. I feel it is a little unfair to ask people to study it in home group situations without the remaining resource material in the book.

One of the reasons we are circulating the study around the six church leaders is that some are questioning our claim to be a part of God's storehouse, fearing that people will divert some of their tithe giving from their church to Liberty Trust. We believe that Liberty Trust has nothing directly to do with tithing. Tithing in principle should be an offering given in worship, according to the doctrine of first mention in Genesis 14. The confusion arises because the word "storehouse" tends to be interpreted as the local church by most. To say that God is re-introducing the storehouse principle to His Church is therefore acceptable, but to claim that we are a part of it opens a real can of worms due to the common interpretation of Malachi 3 verse 10. We have only realised the extent of confusion since printing the Bible study.

Can you recommend an Old Testament scholar to review it please.

Many thanks

Kelvin Deal

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From: "Brian Hathaway" <BrianHathaway@compuserve.com>

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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2002 5:48 PM

Subject: Bible Study

Dear Kelvin,

Herewith the comments from Dr Tim Meadowcroft, one of our Old Testament lecturers about the storehouse.

I am sure you will be encouraged by them.

Blessings

Brian

I think the exegetical distinction they make is substantially a valid one, and their application of it is one extremely creative way to go. The Deuteronomy material is the key to understanding the 'storehouse' intent.

There is a hermeneutical tension in all such OT provisions that they do not quite address. In the OT this is a provision for the whole community and would have had a substantial bureaucracy to make it work. Yet they want to apply it particularly to the church as distinct from society. They do note, however, that the storehouse provision is partly fulfilled by modern social welfare provisions.

Notwithstanding that ultimately unresolvable tension, their biblical rationale is a good one.

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