
❖SERMON NOTES ❖

Sunday, August 19, 2012

“GIVING GOD OUR BEST”

(Malachi 3:6-12)

Malachi is a book about worship. Worship is loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love is measured in our obedience, faithfulness, and commitment to the Lord. Our Bible passage today is an abrupt teaching from the Lord. We tend to minimize our disobedience but Malachi calls it what it is.

1. The title is the _____ (v. 8)

2. The curse came from _____ (v. 9).

3. The storehouse represents _____ (v. 10).

4. The test challenges God _____ (v. 10).

5. The blessings are _____ (v. 10).

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21, NIV).

It’s an act of _____ for the past.

It’s an act of _____ in the present.

It’s a _____.

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1. The tithe is the beginning place (v. 8).

“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings” (Malachi 3:8, NASB).

“How terrible it will be for you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things” (Matthew 23:23, NLT).

2. The curse came from disobedience (v. 9).

“You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you” (Malachi 3:9, NASB).

“But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing” (Galatians 3:13, NLT).

3. The storehouse represents God’s work (v. 10).

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house” (Malachi 3:10, NASB).

“You must set aside a tithe of your crops—one-tenth of all the crops you harvest each year. Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored—and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. Doing this will teach you always to fear the Lord your God” (Deuteronomy 14:22-23, NLT).

4. The test challenges God to bless (v. 10).

“Test Me now in this, ’ says the Lord of hosts” (Malachi 3:10, NASB).

5. The blessings are out of this world (v. 10).

“I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test” (Malachi 3:10, NLT).

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21, NIV).

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the LORD Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it” (Malachi 3:10, NIV).

*“I want you to take the first ten percent and give it back to Me.”
“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing” (Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV).*

1. It’s an act of gratitude for the past.

2. It’s an act of priority in the present.

3. It’s a statement of faith.