



Giving God Our Firsts – Part 2



<u>Malachi 3:6-12 (ESV)</u> "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions.

You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.



Tithing:

1. Is an act of worship.





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Malachi 1:14 (ESV) Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.



<u>Malachi 2:3 (ESV)</u> Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it.



"Nothing profanes the name of God more than the misconduct of those whose business it is to do honor to it." -Matthew Henry



A. <u>Tithing</u> was a principle before the law was given.

Cain and Abel - Genesis 4:1-16 Abraham and Melchizedek - Genesis 14:18-20 Jacob's Dream - Genesis 28:22

B. Jesus affirmed the tithe.

Matthew 23:23 (ESV) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

C. Tithing is the <u>training wheels</u> to grace giving.

Acts 2:45 (ESV) And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.



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Malachi 3:11-12 (ESV) I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.



God blesses obedience.





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Challenge:

Take a step of <u>faith</u> and <u>tithe</u>.



