

THE TITHING TEST

STUDY GUIDE

Malachi 3:6-12

Observation Questions

1. In Malachi 3:6-12, what reasons does God give for calling Israel to “return” to Him, and how is that connected to tithes and offerings?
2. According to the sermon, what does the word “statutes” (hugah) mean, and how does that shape our understanding of tithing?
3. How did Pastor Brandon describe the difference between the world’s view of money (“I own it”) and God’s view (“God owns it, I steward it”)?
4. What specific promises does God make in Malachi 3 to those who bring the full tithe into the storehouse (e.g., windows of heaven, rebuking the devourer)?

Discussion Questions

1. How does seeing tithing as worship and a “holy protest to greed” challenge or affirm the way you’ve thought about giving in the past?
2. Pastor Brandon said, “We can’t place a demand on the promises of God if we’re not living on the premises of God.” What do you think that looks like practically in your life?
3. In what ways has culture disciplined you in how you view money and security, and in what ways have the Scriptures disciplined you differently?
4. What did you think about the idea that when we withhold from God, we “rob Him of the joy of blessing us”? Does that change how you hear the word “robbing God”?

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Application Questions

1. If tithing is a “test of trust,” what would it look like for you (or your household) to take one concrete step of faith toward consistent, first-10% giving?
2. Where do your spending and bank statements reveal that you place your trust—God, self, or something else—and what’s one change you can make this week to realign that?
3. How can you intentionally practice seeing yourself as a steward and not an owner—of your income, your time, and your possessions—over the next 30 days?
4. As Legacy heads toward Legacy Builders Sunday and the “Generosity Is Our Joy” series, what is one specific, prayerful decision you sense God inviting you to make in generosity (amount, habit, or attitude)?