

# SERMON REFLECTIONS

## Robbing God, Robbing Ourselves

Malachi 3:6-12 | 24 September 2023 | Bishop Emeritus  
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### Sermon Reflection Questions

1. From Malachi 3 and other biblical passages (Genesis 14:19-20, Leviticus 27:30-34, Proverbs 3:9-10, Matthew 6:19-21, Acts 2:42-45, Romans 12:13), we can see that God commands His people to give tithes and offerings. What do you think are the biblical purposes for God's people to give?
2. According to Malachi 3:8, what does it mean to rob God? Can we rob God of other things besides money? (What else does God expect us to give/do that if we don't, it's akin to robbing God?)
3. God commands Israel (in the Old Testament) to give a tenth (tithe) of what they have. On top of that, the people of Israel are to give offerings (Deuteronomy 12:5-6), their first-fruits (Exodus 23:16) and alms to the poor (Isaiah 58:7). [At bare minimum, the people of Israel would give around 23% of what God provided for them].

In the New Testament, God's people are to give weekly (1 Corinthians 16:1-2), give cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:6-8) and in fact to give fully of themselves (Romans 12:1) to God.

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#### Our Mission

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We work hard for our money - how can God expect us to give so much to Him? What do you think? If a disciple of Christ ought to give to the Lord, how much should we give to the Lord (if you are to share with a new Christian, what principles would you advise to the new Christian what would guide our giving)?

4. How does our giving affect how we manage and view our finances?

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