

TRUSTING GOD

“...see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Malachi 3:10

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READ

We are beginning our series on biblical stewardship and generosity. This week, we are in Malachi 3:6-12. Read this passage, and ask the Lord to bless this time of discussion.

EXAMINE

- In the previous chapters of Malachi, God goes into detail on how the priests of Israel, along with the entire nation, are being unfaithful to Him. Reading 3:6-12, what appears to be Israel's sin in this passage?
- In verses 6-7, God describes His unchanging faithfulness, despite Israel's continued unfaithfulness. What are other examples you can think of from Scripture where we see this?
- In verse 8, we see that the people of Israel are robbing God because of their negligence of fully tithing. How is this robbing God, and how is this an indication of their unfaithfulness?
- In verses 9-11, what has been the result of Israel's unfaithfulness?
- In verse 10, God is challenging His people to “put Him to the test” by giving their full tithes to Him. Why is He urging them to do this?

APPLY

- How would you personally describe your lifestyle of tithing to the Lord?
- If you do not tithe or struggle with giving and generosity, why do you think that might be?
- What does this passage teach about God providing for our needs?
- Consider your life and your current situation: How can you further trust God and put Him to the test to provide for you?

PRAY

Take time to praise God for His faithfulness and provision. Ask Him to reveal in your life anything that you may be hesitant to give to Him, and ask Him for a heart of faith to give and trust that He will meet your every need.

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