

Malachi Series Chap. 3: 7-10

Verse 6 Says: "For I am the Lord,
I do not change, that is why
you have not been utterly
destroyed, for my mercy endures
forever"

"Aren't we thankful for the long-
suffering nature of God?"

"Let's thank Him Now"
Pray

Now let's read V.7 / Do you know
what God is saying? He is saying:
"The men have sinned, yet I
do love you"

He says: "This is not the first time
my people have sinned // Those
who first received my promise
have sinned against me / Now
you who say you love me
and serve me have sinned
but I offer you a way
out _____

Repent / Turn from your wicked
ways / Acknowledge your sin
- And I will forgive you -

What a God we have // What a
long suffering nature - "Not willing
that any should perish, but
that all would come to Repentance"

What happened? A Great Revival No
A Great prayer service No

No, None of these // God said: "What
kind of fool do you take me for?"

You Ask: "Where in shall we Return?"

OR: "We don't understand // We've
never been away from You"

Oh my soul, all they did was add
to their sin - all we do, when

We deny our need to repent
And draw near to God in

Just Add to our Sin

2/ These people were calling God
a liar — Here's what John
said in 1 John 1:10 "If we
say we have not sinned, we
are lying and call God's word
a lie" Because Romans 3:23
says: "We have all sinned"

Oh Dear hearts, "We might just as
well owe up to our sins,
because God knows everyone
of them" Answer

What we have here is not a Request
for sin to be exposed / But rather
An Act of Ignorance or
Hypocrisy — "Who Me?"
When

Very often God Answers Questions
by Asking Questions — Listen to
Verses 8 & 9

The Question: "Will a man
Rob God?"

It is God's way of saying
"Search your heart"

It is God's way of appealing to
the Conscience of man —

Oh But did you notice: "Sin had
done a good job" — Don't ever
believe that your Conscience
is a good Guide line —

You can Control your Conscience by
the desire of your heart —

Your Conscience can tell you:

① It must be ok, everyone is doing it.

② It can't be all bad to drink or
gamble, after all didn't a Gambler
give Cal Roberts a great sum
of money sent by — haven't
you heard how distilleries give
great sums to worthy projects —

Listen, "Our hearts being right
with God will tell our Conscience
"Hands off, Abstain from all
appearances of evil."

Did you read what these people asked,
after God said:

3/ Yet you have robbed me
They said: "Oh God, you're
gonna have to be more specific"
"We don't understand,
"When did we Rob you?"

God could have listed many things.
like love / talent / influence
faithfulness. Those things
we Rob God of today,

But He chose to call out 2 things
of a material nature that they
could not deny — (Now listen
to them, it's possible someone
here is guilty of the same
sin, Robbing God)

God said: "You've held back tithes
And offerings that belong to me"
"You are therefore guilty
of Robbing God —"

Folks listen, "It's still a sin to Rob
God by withholding tithes and
offerings"

God's Word says: "Cursed be
the man or woman who Robs
God"

God says to the Priests: "Your sin
is a grievous one, Not only
have you personally Robbed me
by refusing to pay your tithes,
And bring your offerings, But
you've taught others to Rob
me by example"

Like it or Not, "We've not done what
is required until the tithe is
brought in" The offering is a
special way to say Thank you
to God

Verse 10 says: "Bring ye part of the
tithe into the storehouse
It says: "Bring it (ALL) NO
the storehouse"

Ananias & Sapphira sought to
defraud God // It cost them
their lives

4/ How often we hear people say:

"I can't afford to tithe" //

"I can't afford not to tithe, and
wouldn't forsake God if I could"

Oh listen, I read this ~~someplace~~ ^{someplace} and
it fits in so well. "All ^{good} things that
come to us are from God, they are
His. He gives freely to His creation.
He does not need us to return
to, He asks no reward, just
reverence, the only asks that
out of love that we give of
the first fruits, the tithe, but
suppose He took nine parts and
left us the tenth"

He could if He chose to do so

But giving as God expects simply
reflects our confidence in God

Did you know that saying
"I can't afford to tithe" is
denying the word of God"

It sure is —

In Verse 10 God says "Try me"
"Prove me" He says —

What God says is this: "If you
will obey me // I will bless
you // I'll supply all your
needs" And I will continue
so long as you obey me"

God's word literally says: "I will
open the storehouse of heaven
and pour out a blessing, until
you are full to overflowing"

Oh listen carefully: If you begin
to fret or worry so you will be
blessed abundantly, forget it —

You obey God to please God
that is itself ought to be
reward enough —

What Greater Blessing has a
child of God than to
have God say Well done,

In the book of Hosea, Chapter 6
Verse 6 we read what God has
to say - "I don't need your
tithe and offerings. I want
you love - I want you
to know me personally"

To Love God is to Obey Him

To know Him is to be
faithful to His word

What do you consider as Blessings
from God?

Life // Health // Family // Home
a little money in the bank

How About:

- ① A place to worship
- ② A place to serve
- ③ The opportunity to give back a
portion of what He has blessed
you with

How About:

- ① Your Salvation
- ② The presence of the Holy Spirit

How about:

- ① The promises of God that we see evidence of each day —
- ② what about the home He is preparing for His very own —
- ③ what about the Gilman Victory Celebration Has even He is preparing —

Oh listen, "Some from the blessings are so overwhelming, I just can't contain myself"
"When I consider the handy work of God, I am overcome with joy"

When I know my sins have been forgiven I want to shout **praise**
God

When someone is saved **my** **heart**
burns **with** **joy**

When someone comes forward to say: **I** **rededicate** **my** **life**
I **praise** **God**

6/ Oh listen God didn't say you'd become
rich with worldly goods if you
obey His word, But He did say,
"I'll bless you beyond anything
you thought possible"

Oh Dear hearts, knowing all the
while that God knows the truth,
Let me Ask, "Are you obeying
God" ³ Or could it be that
you're been robbing God, and
forfeiting His Blessings —

would you make it a matter
of prayer ³ —