

MALACHI - 3:7-12

Tithes and Offerings

1. Malachi 3:5-7

- a. 3:5 – The sins are the same warned about in Jam 1:27 and Mat 23:14
- b. *“oppress the hireling”* – not about the 1%, but the law: Deu 24:14; Jer 22:13
- c. *“Return unto me”* – and he will draw near to them – Jam 4:8
- d. The offerings/sacrifices had the purpose of bringing them closer to God
- e. We are members of His body, standing by grace – Col 1:27, Rom 5:1-2
- f. *“wherein shall we return?”* – This was not Acts 2:37, this was arrogance

2. Malachi 3:8

- a. *“...rob God?”* – He is powerful, righteous, and just, but they did anyway.
- b. *“tithes and offerings”* – is not a figure of speech for money or everything you have
- c. Regards the law contract, not things God has made, or *“blessed us with”*
- d. Tithe disobedience at the time of Malachi - Neh 10:38 vs. Neh 13:1-10, 32-39
- e. Laws specified tithing and the LORD’s things – Deu 18:1-4, Lev 27:28-32

3. Malachi 3:9

- a. This is the most wicked thing about tithe teaching today: Gal 3:10, 5:18, 1 Tim 1:7
- b. It makes the cross of Christ of none affect and vain – Gal 2:21, 5:2
- c. Tithing robs you of the blessings you have under grace – Gal 3:13, 5:1, Rom 5:1
- d. The blessings do not include selfishness – Gal 6:6; 1 Cor 9:11-15, 2 Cor 9:7, 12:15
- e. Giving ought to be a blessing for you, not the receiver - Acts 20:35
- f. Israel tithed to priests; we labour to give to others - Eph 4:28, Gal 2:10
- g. *“robbed me, even this whole nation”* ... of Israel, financially and spiritually

4. Malachi 3:10-12

- a. Jews nor Christians have any right to claim divine storehouses today
- b. Tithing doctrine popularized in America after the law forbade a church tax
- c. The doctrine followed the popularity of spiritual Israel and covenant theology
- d. *“meat in mine house”* – Christ will eat of it in the kingdom Luke 22:18, 30; Eze 44:16
- e. *“prove me now”* – people do these verses and fail hard! Psa 37:3-4, Luke 12:21-34
- f. *“windows of heaven”* is rain! Gen 7:11, Deu 28:12; and James 5:7-8
- g. *“no room to receive it”* – was a promise under the law – Lev 26:3-11, Luke 5:6
- h. *“devourer”* -fire: Amos 2:4-5, enemies: Isa 1:20; critters: Amo 4:9 Satan 1 Pet 5:18
- i. *“nations shall call you blessed”* – should drip with Israel’s covenant – Jer 33:7-9

Israel's Tithe and Offering Breakdown

1. 1-2% as an offering to the priests – Exo 25:1-2, Exo 29:27-28
2. 10% First Tithe to the Levites, from which the Levites tithe 10% to the priests – Num 18:21-32
3. 10% Second Tithe in years 1,2,4,5 taken to Jerusalem and spent on food and drink- Deu 14:22-26
4. 10% Poor Tithe in years 3 and 6 given to the Levites and the poor at home – Deu 14:27-29

On top of these tithes and offerings were given 5 sacrifices: burnt, sin, meal, trespass, peace

=>10% extra goes to charity (according to modern tradition and for atonement)