



Sermon Outline  
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## Prophet & Loss Malachi

\* **Malachi's context:** The returning exiles were \_\_\_\_\_ God by their behavior.

- **Offering unacceptable sacrifices – 1:6-8**
- **Ignoring the marriage covenant – 2:14-15**
- **Neglecting the \_\_\_\_\_ – 3:8-9**

**Religious behavior cannot substitute for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Isaiah 29:13** - The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught."

**The one who doesn't believe God deserves the \_\_\_\_\_ will never offer Him their \_\_\_\_\_.**

\* **Malachi's insight:** God equates withholding the tithe with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Malachi 3:8** - Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, "How are we robbing you?" In tithes and offerings.

\* **The tithe is a timeless life principle.**

- **It represents an understanding of stewardship vs. \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **It was \_\_\_\_\_ by Abraham.**

- **It was \_\_\_\_\_ in the Law of Moses.**
- **It was \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus.**
- **It was \_\_\_\_\_ by the early church.**

*How confident is God in the legitimacy of this principle?  
It's the only occasion He provides you to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.*

**Malachi 3:10** - "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and 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."

\* **Our application:** Two pivotal questions regarding my faith:

1) Do I trust \_\_\_\_\_?

**Proverbs 3:5-6** - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

**Tithing is a trust issue. To get to the tithe you will have to trust God.**

2) Can God trust \_\_\_\_\_?

**Hebrews 4:13** - Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**Tithing is a \_\_\_\_\_ issue.  
To get to the tithe you must understand stewardship.**

**Stewardship principles:**

1) **God owns \_\_\_\_\_.**

2) **Tithing assists us in retaining a stewardship \_\_\_\_\_.**

3) **Withholding the tithe will not jeopardize your salvation, but it will \_\_\_\_\_ your earthly blessing.**

4) **You can't \_\_\_\_\_ God.**