

God's Blessing
Malachi 3:6-12
LG Questions for 05/24/09

Getting Started

As we pick up momentum in the second half of Malachi God moves from his charge against the priests and men to showing that He is a God of justice and mercy. What are some ways you have seen God show His justice towards those who fail to honor and respect Him? In contrast, what are ways He has show mercy to those who do honor and respect Him? Use examples from your own life.

Getting Into The Bible

1) **Read Malachi 3:6-7.** What does God start out with? (See Heb. 13:8) How does this reassure us? What are the perfections of God that do not change and how do they benefit us? See II Peter 3:8-9. How do these people react in light of what it says in Malachi 3:6-7. What should our reaction to this truth be?

2) **Read Malachi 3:8-9.** What is God's concern with the remnant in this section of Malachi? (See Leviticus 27:30 & Gen. 14:18-20) What is God's current expectation of tithing for the believer? (See Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:24 & 1 Cor. 16:2). What would you say to someone who does not tithe regularly and claims the argument that we "Are no longer under the Law"? What does it mean to live under a curse? "**curse**" = a cursed person is one who not only has no favor of God upon their lives, but actually has the hand of God's opposition against them.

3) **Read Malachi 3:10-12.** What does the wording, "*Bring the whole tithe*" mean? What does the wording, "*that there may be food in my house*" mean? What are God's promises for those who comply with this principle? (See II Cor. 9:6)

Discussion:

God desires pure worship in order that "*they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness* (vs. 3). How can you/we present purified offerings to our Lord?