



Sermon Notes

The Reap of Return

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Key Scriptures:

Exodus 20:1-3, Matthew 6:24, Malachi 3:6-12

Exodus 20:1-3 New International Version (NIV)

20 And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have **no other** gods before me.

Matthew 6:24 New International Version (NIV)

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. ***You cannot serve both God and money.***

I am going to PUT GOD FIRST

Malachi 3:6-7 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ “I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. **Return to me, and I will return to you,**” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘**How are we to return?**’

A) By returning GOD to his rightful place...

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20 And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have **no other** gods before me.

Malachi 3:8-10c New International Version (NIV)

⁸ “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“***In tithes and offerings.*** ⁹ You are under a curse—

your whole nation—because you are robbing

me. ¹⁰ Bring the **whole tithe** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty...

B) By returning GOD’S blessing to it’s rightful place...

“Tithing isn’t giving to the Lord , it’s returning to the Lord what belongs to him..”

Leviticus 27:30 New International Version (NIV)

³⁰ “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.

Malachi 3:10-12 New International Version (NIV)

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. ¹¹ I will **prevent pests** from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields **will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,**” says the Lord Almighty. ¹² “Then all the nations will **call you blessed,** for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

The Reap of RETURNING

- A) A return of PROVISION...
- B) A return of PROTECTION...
- C) A return of PRODUCTION...
- D) A return of PRESTIGE...