

Treasure  
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Malachi 3:8-9

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

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

“In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.”

Really...I think that when you have a poor attitude about obedience in this area, you are robbing God of an opportunity to bless you

God has a deep desire to bless us

He wants your heart more though

Hosea 6:6

I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want offerings.

He wants to open the windows of heaven for you

He wants to rebuke the devourer for you

Tithing is not a concept that God came up with to support the work of His kingdom

He can bring water from a rock, manna from heaven, fish with silver in their mouth

There is a different purpose for tithing

It wasn't for His benefit, it was for our benefit

Malachi 3

You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. *So that I can bless you...* And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer FOR YOUR SAKES...”

Joshua 6:18-19

And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated (set apart) to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.”

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> 10%

It does not take faith to give the last 10% it takes faith to give the 1<sup>st</sup> 10%

We have the same opportunity every time we get paid, we give God the opportunity to bless the other 90%

Malachi 3

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

“In tithes and offerings”

The tithe belongs to God, it is His whether you give it to Him or not...if you are His kid

How can we rob God in offerings if offering don't belong to Him?

The only way to rob Him when it comes to offerings is if we rob Him of the opportunity to bless us

It is for your benefit

If you don't believe me, ask someone!!!

It is not a financial issue at all, it is a heart issue

Matthew 13:44

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Kingdom is the treasure

We find it

We give up everything to gain that treasure

It is a nice and tidy one verse parable

This isn't about us doing enough or giving up enough to earn the Kingdom

Let's look at it a different way

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The field is the world

The man is Jesus

The treasure is you!

1 Corinthians 6

You are not your own you were bought at a high price...

Matthew 13:44

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like you hidden in the world, which Jesus found; and for joy over you he goes and gives all that he has and buys the world.

He bought the whole field, not just the treasure

He has already reconciled the whole world to Himself not counting their sin against them

It is up to every single person, for themselves, to accept the free gift or not

You are valuable

What are you worth?

Value is determined by what someone is willing to pay for something

What I am worth is the blood of Jesus

And you are too

The highest price that has ever been paid for anything

And it was for joy that He bought the whole field

The whole reason that we are continuing to build and continuing to expand is so that we can go for the same treasure that Jesus did... people

Matthew 6:21

Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

When you get a new thing your treasure is in it so you take good care of it

Jesus says that where your treasure is, that is where your heart will follow

You want your heart to be in the Kingdom?

Put your treasure there!

You want to have a heart like Jesus? Make His treasure your treasure!

All of the things that we call important today may not even be important in a week or month or year

Jesus point was that we would not have our heart tied to anything of this earth

What is your treasure?

Anything I put before my God is an idol

Anything I want with all my heart is an idol

Anything I can't stop thinking of is an idol

Anything that I give all my love is an idol