

Partnering With God

Malachi 3:10-12

(offering plate)

I. It's a priority with God, Malachi 1:3, 6-14.

A. (judge passing sentence) It prevents God's judgment, vs. 3.

1. And I hated Esau... vs. 3.

2. (walls around Jerusalem) Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. Nehemiah 2:18.

3. (ruins of a city)

B. It proves God's justness, Malachi 1:6-8; 10.

1. ...And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? vs. 6.

2. Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. vs. 7-8

3. (TAXES?)

4. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:11.

5. (man tied up)

6. (open bible)

7. (offering plate and this point)

II. A provision from God, Malachi 3:10.

A. The place to bring the provision, vs. 10.

1. ...storehouse... vs. 10.

2. (temple with storehouse attached)

3. ...for your sakes... vs. 11.

4. ...ye shall be a delightsome land... vs. 12.

5. ("I don't tithe because they preach on it!")

B. The place to receive the promise, vs. 10.

1. ...open you... vs. 10.

2. ... pour you out a blessing... vs. 10.