

“Warnings Against A Lack Of Reverence”

“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. 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. 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. -Malachi 3:9-11

Insight Into The Word: The Anger And Challenge Of God

Because of the wickedness of Israel, their sin had to be judged. When they robbed God, He pulled back the hedges of His grace and let stuff go wrong in their lives. The whole nation had to suffer because of the wickedness that God’s people had committed. In the case of Israel, the nation suffered when people held back from God what rightly belonged to Him.

Israel was cursed because of their sins. The people had created God and got the same results in their own dealings. They reaped what they had sowed. It would have been better for them to obey and surrender to God instead of suffering the consequences of their disobedience and dishonesty.

It is a terrible thing to rob God, and it is even more foolish to buy into the lie that He will not mind being cheated of what is rightfully His.

- When you rob God, you will never get ahead.
- When you rob God, you will always have your finances under a curse.
- When you rob God, you will never have something to save, something to treat yourself, and something to help someone else.

God challenges Israel to test His faithfulness. If they offer the whole tithe He is due, He will bless them abundantly and take away the curse they have inflicted on themselves by their own sin. When we give to God what is His, He blesses us and even gives us more than we need.

Thought to Ponder:

What speaks to you the most about this passage and study?