

Series: Blessed

## “A Blessing That God Has Promised to Give”

(Sunday Morning February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019)

### Passage: Malachi 3:7-12

*Deut 28:3-13 (Reference)*

*Job 42:12 “The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys.”*

It is wrong to say that the blessings of God are associated exclusively with material possessions and wealth, but it is equally wrong to say that they are n\_\_\_\_\_ associated with material possessions and wealth.

### I. The P\_\_\_\_\_ That Was O\_\_\_\_\_

1) The P\_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 6:21 “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”*

If you were to allow me to examine your checkbook for one full year, I could easily tell you exactly what your p\_\_\_\_\_ in life are.

*Matt 6:33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you”*

2) The P\_\_\_\_\_

a. The Bible Says, That When We Don’t Tithe, We Rob G\_\_\_\_\_

i. This is True, First, Because God is the Giver of All Things

*1 Chron 29:14 “But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You”*

ii. This is True, Secondly, Because the Tithe Belongs to God Anyway

*Lev 27:30 “...(the) tithe... belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord” (NIV)*

b. The Bible Says That, When We Don’t Tithe, We Rob O\_\_\_\_\_

*1 Tim 5:18 “... ‘YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING,’ and ‘The laborer (The Preacher) is worthy of his wages.’” (Emphasis Added)*

c. The Bible Says That, When We Don’t Tithe, We Rob O\_\_\_\_\_

*Heb 4:13 “...all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do”*

3) The P\_\_\_\_\_

Failing to tithe is not the o\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ a person can rob God, but this is one of the most obvious ways that a person can rob God

*Eccl 12:1 “Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth”*

*Exod 20:8 “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy,...”*

## **II. The P \_\_\_\_\_ That Was O \_\_\_\_\_**

1) The P \_\_\_\_\_

*Deut 12:5-6 "5 But you shall seek the LORD at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come. 6 There you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, (and) the contribution of your hand,..."*

We should bring the tithe to this place (the local Church) as an act of w\_\_\_\_\_.

*Gen 4 (Reference)*

*Gen 8:20 (Reference)*

2) The P \_\_\_\_\_

The problem is that the people of Malachi's day were only bringing a portion; they were t\_\_\_\_\_ and not t\_\_\_\_\_.

*Mal 1:13-14 (Reference)*

*Prov 3:9-10 "9 Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine"*

## **III. The P \_\_\_\_\_ That Was O \_\_\_\_\_**

1) The P \_\_\_\_\_

The truth is that these people did not have a f\_\_\_\_\_ problem; they had a f\_\_\_\_\_ problem.

2) The P \_\_\_\_\_

a. It Has a Q\_\_\_\_\_ to It

*Luke 16:11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?"*

b. It Has a Q\_\_\_\_\_ to It

*Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return"*

3) The P \_\_\_\_\_

*Haggai 1:6 "You have sown much, but harvest little;...and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes"*

*Isa 59:19 "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him."* (NKJV)

If you wait until you think you can a\_\_\_\_\_ it, you will never become a faithful tither.

*2 Cor 8:4-5 (Reference)*

*2 Cor 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"*