

MALACHI 3; July 19; Prove Me Now ... Saith the LORD

ANALYSIS:

1. When the LORD comes, whom they looked for, what will He do?

2. What sins will the LORD judge as a swift witness? _____

3. What assurance do the sons of Jacob have because the LORD changes not? _____

4. What is the LORD'S answer to their question, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" _____

5. Whom did the LORD have in remembrance in a book before Him?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD promised many wonderful blessings to Israel if they would return to Him by worshipping Him with their tithes and offerings. By giving this offering, the LORD'S house would be taken care of and they would personally prove the LORD keeps His promise. He would lift the curse they were under, rebuke the devourer, given them a good harvest, and pour out a blessing that they would not be able to receive it. Other nations would recognize God's blessing upon them.

Most disciples of Christ do not talk about the percentage they give to the LORD in tithes and offerings. But there are some very thrilling testimonies among us of those who have proved that the LORD still blesses generous giving to maintain His work and His servants.

[You may read the testimony of R. G. LeTourneau who gave 90% of his profits to the Lord's work and kept 10% for himself. He was convinced that he could not out-give God. "I shovel it out," he would say, "and God shovels it back, but God has a bigger shovel."] Praise the LORD!

HELP:

1. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi (v 3).
2. Sorcerers, adulterers, false swearers, oppressors of the hired worker, widow, fatherless, strangers and who fear not me (v 5).
3. They are not consumed (v 6).
4. In tithes and offerings (v 8).
5. Those who feared the LORD, thought upon His name and spake often one to another (v 16).