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Luke 17:33

RETURNING TO GOD

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Malachi 3:6-7

The B _____ Accusation

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me."

Malachi 3:8a

The I _____ Question

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'"

Malachi 3:8b

The C _____ On God's Behalf

God's T _____ for You

"In tithes and offerings."

Malachi 3:8c

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"You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe..."

Malachi 3:9-10a

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...into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house." Malachi 3:10b

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"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 you will not have room enough for it."

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"I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

Malachi 3:11-12

"They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

Malachi 3:17-18

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