

The Word in Meditation

A TOPIC OF TITHING 2

Hello, and welcome again to the Word in Meditation. I dearly love you friends and want each and everyone of you to grow in faith, wisdom, and understanding, knowledge, and love. To this end the program is dedicated. Let us pray.

“Father we praise you and lift up Jesus the captain of our faith. We look to your teaching now in Jesus’ Name, amen.

We have been talking about Malachi 3:10; how it is of the old law. The old testament. That we are New Testament people and so ought to walk in the ways of the new testament. Malachi 3:10 says, “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Yesterday, I said there is now no reason to make God prove Himself by what we do. That to do so does not exemplify faith.

We have read on Malachi 3:10 as a basis for giving: but it is important to look at verse eight and nine, which are written ahead of verse ten. Here it says something. Let’s read, ⁽⁸⁾Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁽⁹⁾Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Now, I ask you – what better way to get a believer who wants to do right to do something than to tell him or her they are cursed with a curse! That they have ripped off God?

Maybe you find a person or family who didn’t know they were supposed to tithe according to Malachi 3:10. They may have just been ‘giving;’ so, they look back over their life since they were a Christian and nothing had seemed to work out – now, they read the words, “You are cursed with a curse.” Let me tell you, a lot of well-meaning people, including ministers will weigh what is happening in Christian people’s lives by how they tithed; how frequently and how much!

Friends, you are *not* cursed with a curse! We don’t have to pour money into God’s work like a one-arm bandit down in Las Vegas hoping we’ll hit the jack-pot so we may pay our bills or whatever. God is not that way. God will listen to a person who has given with a heart of love and faith over a person who goes before Him and demands from Him on the basis of his tithing efforts.

To suffer financially to keep this old law, nearly cost me my faith. Tithing, for a New Testament person, doesn’t work like Malachi 3:10. It works out of a heart of love. On a particular day a person told me that I was the first person they ever heard of who had been burnt by tithing. I know why I was the first he had heard about and it was because I was the first to stand and say

so. There are many more like me. I could name names; but too scared to say so for fear of ridicule.

Well, time is gone, once again. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.