

Honoring God Through Money
Malachi 3:6-12
Sermon Discussion Questions
August 2, 2020

1. In Malachi, we have talked about a number of topics (diversified worship, priesthood, divorce/relationship, and injustice and sin) that showed how Israel wasn't worshipping God as a great God. Which of these topics, including today's topic on money, has stood out to you personally? Which topic(s) do you feel has spoken the loudest to Calvary Church? Have there been any changes personally or at Calvary you have done/seen in response to discussing these topics?
2. The message began with a reminder of how God doesn't play favorites. It addresses that He has chosen Israel over others. The metaphor used was the idea of Israel serving as a test group for the disease of sin that has since been made available to all people through Jesus. What thoughts on God choosing Israel did you have before this explanation? Did this metaphor answer any existing questions you had or complicate things further?
3. As a group, **read Malachi 3:7-12 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-14**. When we rob God of giving, we rob him of the opportunity to bless us and for him to be praised for it by us and others. Have you always viewed Malachi 3 with this thought in mind or was this a new idea? Have you ever viewed your giving as an evangelistic opportunity for others to see and praise God for how He's blessing your life? Share an example of how you or someone you know worshipped God for His provision due to giving.
4. This message defined two ways giving is done today. The first is through tithing (regular systematic giving) and the other is through offerings (money provided beyond the initial tithe). We also shared how Calvary Church tithes and gives offerings from the finances of those who give to the church. Were you aware that Calvary gives a tithe and offering? How have you seen the generosity of God to Calvary due to their desire to offer a tithe and offering to God?

Knowing that the church does this, is the Spirit calling you to also give in this regard (if you're not already)?

What often holds us back from giving a tithe and offering to God?

5. Spend time thanking God for His financial provision to Calvary Church. Pray for one another that people would have a heart to give to God and not rob Him of the opportunity to bless them. Also, pray that our giving serves as an evangelistic opportunity for others to see and worship our great God.