

## Sermon Outline

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Title: "Make Friends who will Welcome You Home to Heaven"

Text: Malachi 3:6-15. Matthew 6:19-21

Outline: Introduction

1. It's a Heart Issue
  - a) Money and Tithing is Close to the Heart (Acts 20:35, Matt. 6:19-21, Matt. 10:8)
  - b) The Widow's Mite (Luke 21:1-4)
2. The Tithe of the First Fruit in the Old Testament
  - a) The Tithe is Holy to God (Leviticus 27:30-33)
  - b) Honour the Lord with the First Fruit (Ex. 23:19, Prov. 3:9)
3. Tithing is Biblical
  - a) Tithing has the ability for the Greater to bless the Giver (Gen. 14:18-20)
  - b) The Tithe to the Church so the People could be Redeemed (2 Kings 18:15)
  - c) God provides financial needs. (Matt. 17:24-27)
  - d) Jesus is God's gift of the First Fruit (Jn. 3:16)
4. Tithing is a Test (Mal. 3:6-15)
5. The Heart of Returning back to God

Conclusion – Make Friends who will Welcome You Home to Heaven.

### **Scripture Readings – Malachi 3:6-15; Matthew 6:19-21**

#### **Malachi 3:6-15 (ESV) – Robbing God**

<sup>6</sup> "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup> From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' <sup>8</sup> Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup> Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. <sup>11</sup> I will rebuke the devourer<sup>[a]</sup> for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>12</sup> Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

#### **Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV) – Lay Up Treasures in Heaven**

<sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust<sup>[e]</sup> destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.