

Malachi 3:6-12

Minor Prophets, Major Voices (Message 12):

"How We Return Home"

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Why is God's *changelessness* so important as the foundation to this passage?

What is the greatest *temptation* when tithing or giving offerings to God? Why?

What has been the repeated 'chorus' of our study in the Minor Prophets the last few months?

What is so strange about God's description about *how* we 'return' to him (vv. 7-8)?

If everything is the Lord's, then why does he seem so concerned about being robbed (vv. 8-9)? And if God doesn't rely on our gifts in order to eat, why is he so concerned with having food in his house (v. 10)?

When we embrace the notion that giving isn't our gift to God, but instead, his gift to us then . . .

- 1) The focus moves from changing to being _____. Explain.

- 2) Tithing protects us from the bondage of _____. Explain.

- 3) Giving allows us to experience the joy of _____ and _____. Explain.

- 4) Giving/tithing takes us back to the place of _____. Explain.

- 5) Giving/tithing provides us with a powerful _____. Explain.