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MALACHI

**MALACHI MEANS
“MY MESSENGER”**

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ROMANS 3:22-24 NIV

THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS GIVEN THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST TO ALL WHO BELIEVE. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JEW AND GENTILE, FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD, AND ALL ARE JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT CAME BY CHRIST JESUS.

MALACHI 1:6-7 NIV

“A SON HONORS HIS FATHER, AND A SLAVE HIS MASTER. IF I AM A FATHER, WHERE IS THE HONOR DUE ME? IF I AM A MASTER, WHERE IS THE RESPECT DUE ME?” SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY. “IT IS YOU PRIESTS WHO SHOW CONTEMPT FOR MY NAME.

MALACHI 1:6-7 NIV

“BUT YOU ASK, ‘HOW HAVE WE SHOWN
CONTEMPT FOR YOUR NAME?’

“BY OFFERING DEFILED
FOOD ON MY ALTAR.

“BUT YOU ASK,
‘HOW HAVE WE DEFILED YOU?’

“BY SAYING THAT THE LORD’S TABLE IS
CONTEMPTIBLE.

MALACHI 1:10 NIV

“OH, THAT ONE OF YOU WOULD SHUT THE
TEMPLE DOORS, SO THAT YOU WOULD NOT
LIGHT USELESS FIRES ON MY ALTAR! I AM NOT
PLEASED WITH YOU,” SAYS THE LORD
ALMIGHTY, “AND I WILL ACCEPT NO OFFERING
FROM YOUR HANDS.



GOD DOESN'T WANT
OUR LEFTOVERS

MALACHI 1:12-13A NIV

“BUT YOU PROFANE IT BY SAYING, ‘THE LORD’S TABLE IS DEFILED,’ AND, ‘ITS FOOD IS CONTEMPTIBLE.’ AND YOU SAY, ‘WHAT A BURDEN!’ AND YOU SNIFF AT IT CONTEMPTUOUSLY,” SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY.

MALACHI 1:13B-14 NIV

“WHEN YOU BRING INJURED, LAME OR DISEASED ANIMALS AND OFFER THEM AS SACRIFICES, SHOULD I ACCEPT THEM FROM YOUR HANDS?” SAYS THE LORD. “CURSED IS THE CHEAT WHO HAS AN ACCEPTABLE MALE IN HIS FLOCK AND VOWS TO GIVE IT, BUT THEN SACRIFICES A BLEMISHED ANIMAL TO THE LORD. FOR I AM A GREAT KING,” SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY, “AND MY NAME IS TO BE FEARED AMONG THE NATIONS.

ROMANS 12:1 NIV

THEREFORE, I URGE YOU, BROTHERS
AND SISTERS, IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY,
TO OFFER YOUR BODIES AS A LIVING
SACRIFICE, HOLY AND PLEASING TO
GOD—THIS IS YOUR TRUE AND PROPER
WORSHIP.



GOD WANTS OUR
HEARTS & LIVES

PROVERBS 3:9-10 ESV

HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH
AND WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS
OF ALL YOUR PRODUCE;
THEN YOUR BARNES WILL BE FILLED WITH PLENTY,
AND YOUR VATS WILL BE BURSTING WITH WINE.

MALACHI 3:8-10A NIV

“WILL A MERE MORTAL ROB GOD? YET YOU ROB ME.

“BUT YOU ASK, ‘HOW ARE WE ROBBING YOU?’

“IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS. YOU ARE UNDER A CURSE—YOUR WHOLE NATION—BECAUSE YOU ARE ROBBING ME. BRING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD IN MY HOUSE.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7 ESV

THE POINT IS THIS: WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND WHOEVER SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY. EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE HAS DECIDED IN HIS HEART, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.



GOD WANTS OUR
HEARTS & LIVES
TO MATCH

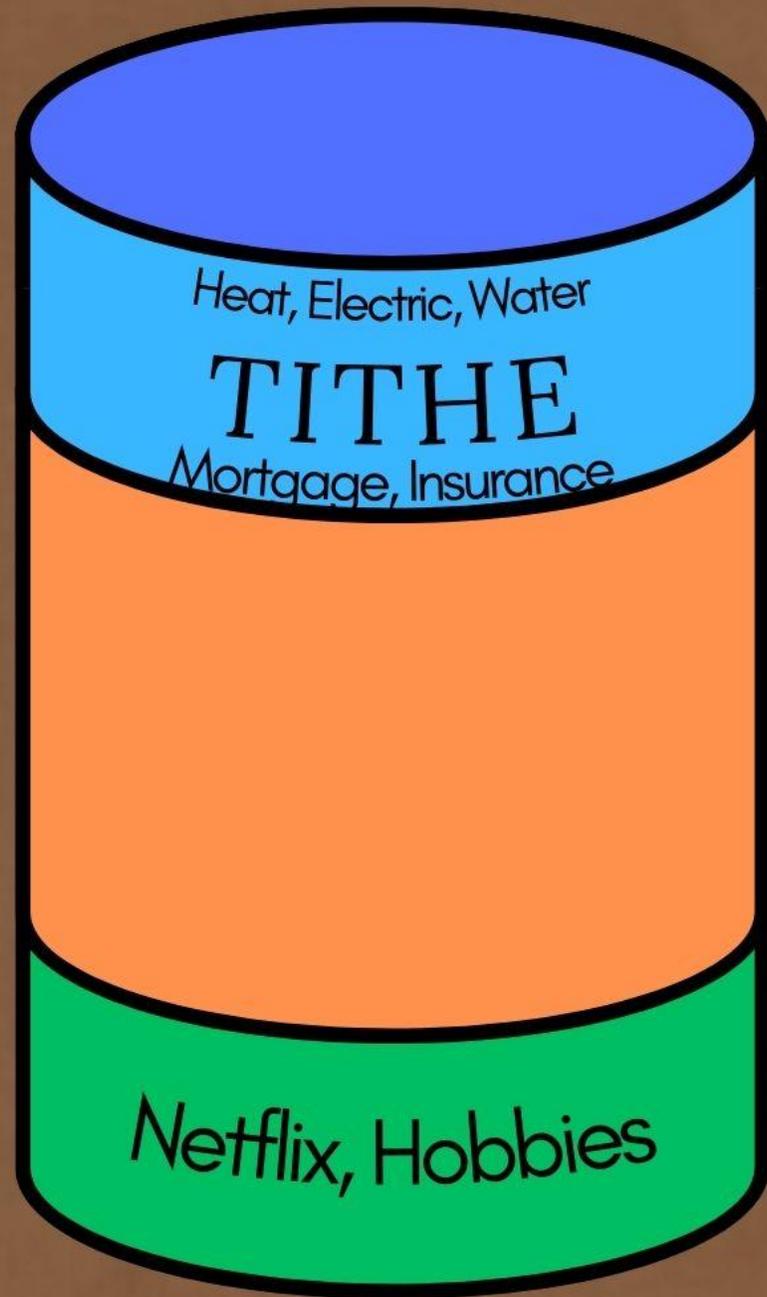
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LUXURIES



FIRST FRUITS

LEFTOVERS





FIRST FRUITS
IS THE OPPOSITE
OF LEFTOVERS

MALACHI 3:10B-12 NIV

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 THERE WILL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO STORE IT. I WILL PREVENT PESTS FROM DEVOURING YOUR CROPS, AND THE VINES IN YOUR FIELDS WILL NOT DROP THEIR FRUIT BEFORE IT IS RIPE," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY. "THEN ALL THE NATIONS WILL CALL YOU BLESSED, FOR YOURS WILL BE A DELIGHTFUL LAND," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19 NIV

I PRAY THAT OUT OF HIS GLORIOUS RICHES HE MAY STRENGTHEN YOU WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING, SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH. AND I PRAY THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE, MAY HAVE POWER, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE LORD'S HOLY PEOPLE, TO GRASP HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST, AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE—THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

MALACHI 2:17 NIV

YOU HAVE WEARIED THE LORD WITH
YOUR WORDS.

“HOW HAVE WE WEARIED HIM?” YOU ASK.
BY SAYING, “ALL WHO DO EVIL ARE GOOD
IN THE EYES OF THE LORD, AND HE IS
PLEASED WITH THEM” OR “WHERE IS THE
GOD OF JUSTICE?”

MALACHI 3:13-15 NIV

“YOU HAVE SPOKEN ARROGANTLY AGAINST ME,”
SAYS THE LORD.

“YET YOU ASK, ‘WHAT HAVE WE SAID AGAINST YOU?’
“YOU HAVE SAID, ‘IT IS FUTILE TO SERVE GOD. WHAT DO
WE GAIN BY CARRYING OUT HIS REQUIREMENTS AND
GOING ABOUT LIKE MOURNERS BEFORE THE LORD
ALMIGHTY? BUT NOW WE CALL THE ARROGANT BLESSED.
CERTAINLY, EVILDOERS PROSPER, AND EVEN WHEN THEY
PUT GOD TO THE TEST, THEY GET AWAY WITH IT.’”



SOMETIMES WE DOUBT
GOD'S GOODNESS

ROMANS 12:17-19 NIV

DO NOT REPAY ANYONE EVIL FOR EVIL.
BE CAREFUL TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN
THE EYES OF EVERYONE. IF IT IS POSSIBLE,
AS FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE AT
PEACE WITH EVERYONE. DO NOT TAKE
REVENGE, MY DEAR FRIENDS, BUT LEAVE
ROOM FOR GOD'S WRATH, FOR IT IS
WRITTEN: "IT IS MINE TO AVENGE; I WILL
REPAY," SAYS THE LORD.

APPLICATION

1. **GOD DOESN'T WANT OUR LEFTOVERS.**
2. **GOD WANTS OUR HEARTS & LIVES.**
3. **GOD WANTS OUR HEARTS AND LIVES
TO MATCH**
4. **GOD WANTS US TO TRUST HIM.**

MALACHI 3:7 NIV

EVER SINCE THE TIME OF YOUR
ANCESTORS YOU HAVE TURNED AWAY
FROM MY DECREES AND HAVE NOT
KEPT THEM. RETURN TO ME, AND I WILL
RETURN TO YOU," SAYS THE LORD
ALMIGHTY.



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