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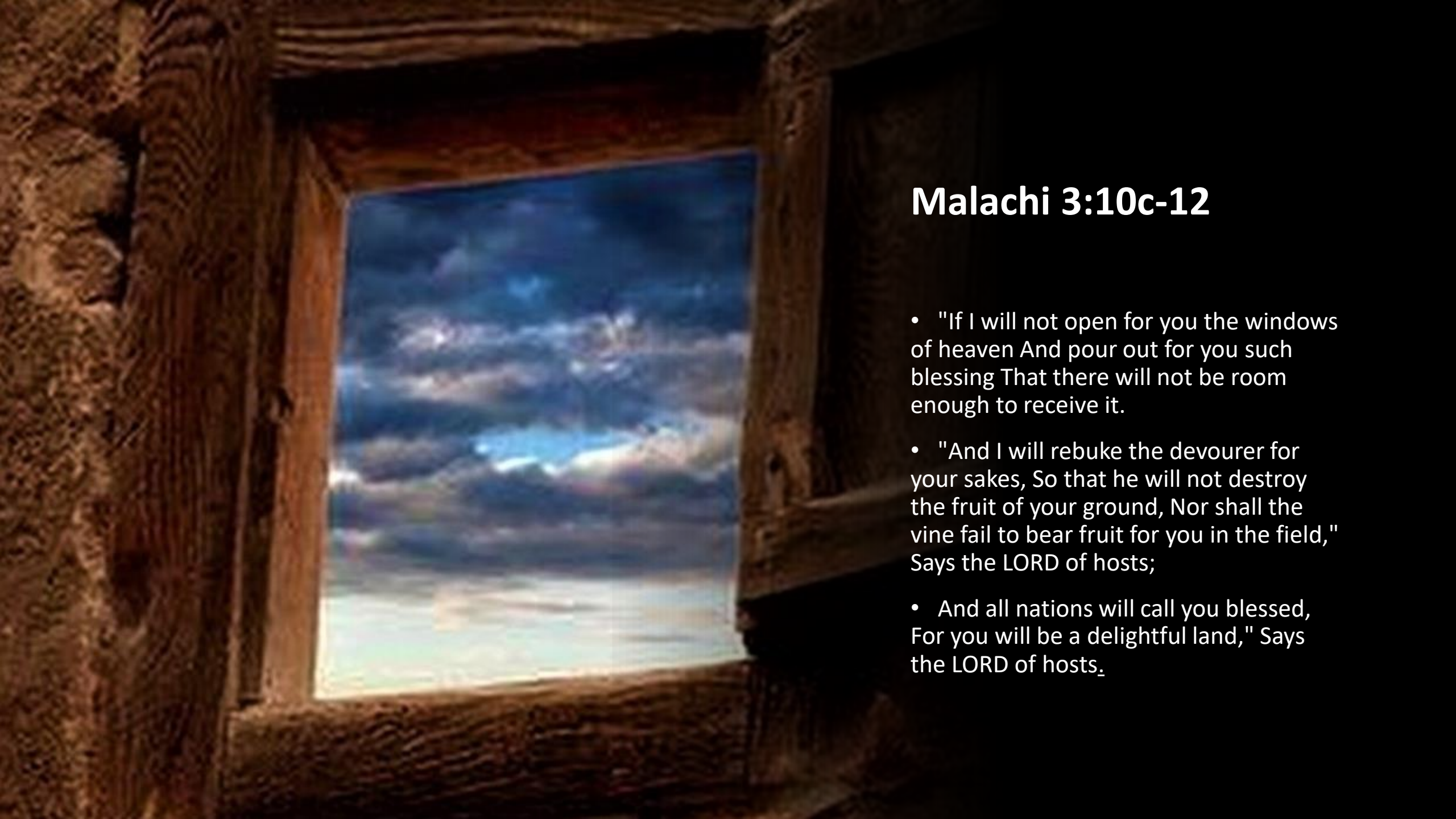




Part 4

God's Generous Challenge

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Malachi 3:10c-12

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- "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts;
- And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.

The Pattern and Example

**Our Generous
God**

**My Generous
Shepherd**

Our responsibility to become

**Our Generous
God**

**My Generous
Shepherd**

A Generous Steward



God's Generous Challenge

God says,

1) *I don't change; I'm forgiving and generous.*

Malachi 3

6) "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

Matthew 5

45) That you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

God says,

2) *Do a self-evaluation and return to Me*

Malachi 3

- 7) Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'
- 8) "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.
- 9) You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

God says,

3) *Try Me, test Me*

Malachi 3:10a

- 10) Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts,



God says,



4) *My laws of Generosity will bless you*

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Luke 6

38) Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.“

2 Corinthians 9

- 6) But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- 7) So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Matthew 6

33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.



The Challenge

- Take God up on *His* challenge.
 - Give a tithe this year.
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