

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 11, 2017
Malachi 3:6-12

1. What does God say about himself in verse 6? I the _____ do not _____.
2. What, according verse 6 does it mean to us that God does not change? _____

3. Do you think that this is still something that he could say to His people today?
 - a. No, because He has clearly changed.
 - b. Yes, God never changes (Psalm 33:11, Isaiah 40:8, Hebrews 13:8).
 - c. This is so weird because I thought the Old Testament God was a God of wrath and the New Testament God is a God of grace.
4. What does he say about his people in verse 7?
 - a. They've always been pretty good and obedient people.
 - b. They have a history of turning away from his decrees.
5. Does this describe our history with God as well? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

6. Has God given up on his people, according to verse 7? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

7. Has God given up on us? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

8. What does God promise that he will do if they return to Him?
 - a. He will forgive them.
 - b. He will think about whether or not he can really let this go.
 - c. He will return to them.
9. Do you think that God still desires to return to his people like this? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

10. What question do the Israelites ask God when he calls them to return, according to verse 7?

11. Do we ever have trouble knowing how to return to God when we know we have walked away? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

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12. What does God say, in verse 8, that they are doing? _____

13. In what way have they robbed Him?
a. They held the church up at gunpoint.
b. They grabbed some of the offerings out of the plate as it passed by.
c. They have withheld their tithes and their offerings.
14. How does this answer the question “How are we to return” that the Israelites had asked?
a. They had strayed so far that they could not even see the areas in their life that they had allowed idolatry to creep in.
b. They needed to know how to return to Him.
c. You cannot know how to return until you understand in what ways you have turned your back on God.
d. God wants us to return with our whole heart and not just our mouth.
e. When we try to come to God, he will always address the area of our life that we continuously want our own way instead of his.
15. To answer the question posed in verse 7, then, how does God call his people to return to Him (see verse 10)? _____

16. How does God promised to return if his people return to him, according to verse 10? _____

17. What was the “food” that was to be brought into the “storehouse” to be used for (See Deuteronomy 14:28-29 and Numbers 18:21)?
a. Ministry.
b. Caring for those that had no means of providing for themselves (widows, orphans, foreigners, those that minister before the Lord).
c. The people that have given up their right to work for an income (or inheritance) of their own in order to serve others.
d. All of the above.
18. What is the “storehouse”?
a. In Israel’s society there would be a storehouse that would be used for that very purpose.
b. In our society the place that we give should be our local church because that is how we provide for the pastor and the needy people in our community.
c. Other. _____
19. Are you bringing the whole tithe into the storehouse? _____

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20. Have you thought and prayed this week about what we learned in last week's study?
Yes _____ No _____ What has God told you? _____

21. What does it mean to test God in the way that he tells us to in verse 10?
a. Give a little bit and see what happens before I give the whole tithe.
b. Step out in faith and begin to tithe trusting that God will take care of our needs.
22. What does he say that he will do if we test Him in this?
a. Make sure that we get by.
b. Throw open the floodgates of heaven...
c. Pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.
d. Prevent pests from devouring your crops.
e. Prevent the vines from dropping their fruit before its ripe.
23. Which sounds like more, 10% or open floodgates? _____

24. Which are you getting? _____

25. What is God saying he can do if we are faithful to him with tithes and offerings?
a. Bless us.
b. Make what we have be more fruitful.
c. Protect us from costs that we did not even know were going to occur.
d. All of the above.
26. Have you ever felt like you could never get ahead financially? Yes _____ No _____ Give an example. _____

27. Were you tithing at the time? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

28. When do you feel least able to tithe?
a. When things are good.
b. When things are difficult financially.
c. Before I started.
29. When do you most need God involved with your finances? _____

30. Will you commit to testing God in this? _____