

# The Fulfillment of Worship

Malachi 3:8-10

## Introduction:

**Worship** – is commonly misunderstood as only being about Praise, Prayer, and Edification in the Word, but the fulfillment of Worship includes Service to God, and Giving back to the Lord. When these 5 aspects of worship are done from a righteous heart we exhibit True Worship which is obedience to God.

## 5 Aspects of Worship:

1. Praise
2. Prayer
3. Edification in the Word
4. Service
5. Giving

*“Tithing was around as an act of worship long before the Law of Moses was given” **Gen 14:17-20***

### I. Robbing God v.8

- a. God asked Israel if a Man would rob God
- b. God answered for Israel – YES
- c. How – in Tithes and Offerings

### II. Robbing Ourselves v.9

- a. Israel was their own worst enemy
- b. Withholding our tithes doesn't hurt God
- c. Our tithing needs to come from a heart that worships God
- d. We are to give in return, not just seek a return
- e. Our giving should be an act of worship

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## **III. The Whole Tithe v.10a**

- a. God tells us to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse
- b. That is 10% (the word tithe means = 10<sup>th</sup> )
- c. God always looks at the giver first, before looking at the gift Mark 12:41-44

## **IV. Why We Tithe and Give An Offering v.10b**

- a. It is God's method for funding and furthering his Kingdom's work
- b. It provides for Benevolence, Pastors, Community Outreaches, Missions, and much, much, more.

## **V. Only Time We Are To Test God v.10c**

- a. God challenges us to test Him by Tithing
- b. This is the only place in the bible where God allows us to test Him
- c. Tithing is not something you try; it is something you trust God by doing.
- d. Tithing is a great place to start, but it is a terrible place to stop

## **VI. We Can't Beat God Giving v.10d**

- a. God tells us we can't Beat Him Giving
- b. God gives out of His never ending Abundance
- c. His Blessing has everything we need it
- d. It's true He loves a Cheerful Giver  
2 Cor 9:7