## **MALACHI**

## Malachi 3:6-12

- 'Beware: thieves operate in this area' 1

**RETURN TO GOD** | The merciful LORD calls us to return to him (v6-7)

- Call | Return to me <sup>2</sup>

- Promise | And I will return to you <sup>3</sup>

o Giving is a big deal

o Giving is a spiritual issue <sup>5</sup>

O Giving is to support Christians

o Giving should be generous 6

## **ENJOY THE BLESSING** | our giving will impact us for good or bad (v9-12)

- Curse for robbers (v9) <sup>7</sup>

**STOP THIEF!** | The LORD calls us to stop robbing him (v8)

- Stop robbing God

Stingy giving is robbing God <sup>4</sup>

- Blessing for givers (v10-12) <sup>8</sup>
  - o Eternal reward 9
  - o Present provision 10
  - o Spiritual growth

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Romans 2:21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Romans 2:4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> James 4:8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Genesis 14:20; 28:22; Leviticus 27:30-32; 1 Chronicles 28:14; Numbers 18:21; 14:22-28; Exodus 29:28

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Matthew 6:19-20,24; 1 Timothy 6:10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 1 Timothy 6:18; 2 Corinthians 8:7; 9:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Matthew 6:4; Mark 12:17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 2 Corinthians 8:9; Galatians 3:13;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Galatians 3:14; Acts 20:35; Luke 6:38

<sup>9</sup> Matthew 6:20

<sup>10 2</sup> Corinthians 9:10