

Sermon Notes

FIRST LOVE: THE RETURN

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Malachi 3:6-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

- I. THE RETURN: STOP _____ THE OWNER**
(Malachi 3:7-9) From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, "How shall we return?" Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, "How have we robbed you?" In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.
- II. THE RETURN: BRING THE WHOLE _____**
(Malachi 3:10a) Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. (Leviticus 27:30) Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. (Proverbs 3:9) Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.
- III. THE RETURN: EXPERIENCE THE _____**
(Malachi 3:10b) And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. (2 Corinthians 8:9) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.