

The Seven Questions of Malachi (Part 4)

Malachi 3:8-12 and 3:13-18

The First Five Questions:

1. How has God **doted on** (loved) us?
2. How have we **dishonored** God?
3. How have we **defiled** God?
4. How have we **drained** God?
5. How can we **draw back** to God?

1. The Sixth Question (3:8a)

- The people ask, “How do we rob you?” or “How do we _____ God?”
 - This shows an attitude of _____.

2. The Sixth Answer (3:8b)

- God responds, “By not making the payments of the _____ and the _____.”
 - When we truly worship God, we hold _____ to Him than we do our _____, _____, and _____.
 - Leviticus 7, 27; Numbers 18:8-24.
 - Genesis 14:20, 28:22.
 - Matthew 23:23.
 - The tithe is no longer a _____, but it is a _____.
 - Giving faithfully to the Lord does two primary things:
 - (1) It is an act of worship to the God who provides - _____. Psalm 23:1, Philippians 4:12-13, Matthew 6:33.
 - (2) It helps keep us from being _____ and _____, which is the inclination of our flesh. James 4:3, 1 Timothy 6:9-10.
 - Luke 6:38, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Matthew 6:24.

3. The Seventh Question (3:13)

- The people ask, “What have we spoken against you?” or “How have we _____ God?”
 - This shows a lack of _____.

4. The Seventh Answer (3:14)

- God says, “You have said, ‘It is useless to _____.’”
 - When we serve the Lord for what it _____, we aren’t actually serving the Lord. Luke 9:23-26.
 - Romans 8:18 – “the sufferings of this present time” = short-term _____.
“the glory that is going to be revealed to us” = long-term _____.