

Robbing God

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Malachi 3:7-12 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Robbing God," in the preaching series, "How's Your Heart?" It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending Saturday, May 30, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Malachi 3:7

Questions for Reflection

- What invitation does God give to return, and how do the people respond?
- Why is the question "How shall we return?" revealing?
- Where have you drifted from obedience, and how will you return?
- What practical step of repentance can you take today?

Questions for Children

- What does God ask us to do?
- How can we come back to God?

Prayer Prompt

Gracious God, draw our hearts back to You. Help us return in obedience and love to You. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Malachi 3:8-9

Questions for Reflection

- In what way were the people 'robbing' God?
- What was the consequence they experienced?
- How can generosity reflect trust in God's provision?
- Where will you honor God with your resources this week?

Questions for Children

- What did the people forget to give?
- Who gives us everything we have?

Prayer Prompt

Provider God, free us from greed and fear. Make us generous and faithful stewards for your church and kingdom. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Malachi 3:10

Questions for Reflection

- What challenge and promise does God give about bringing in the full tithe?
- What does "test Me" mean here?
- How can you practice intentional, cheerful giving?
- Where do you need faith to trust God with finances?

Questions for Children

- What does God ask us to bring to His house?
- What does God promise to do?

Prayer Prompt

Faithful Lord, teach us joyful obedience in giving, and open windows of blessing according to Your will. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Malachi 3:11

Questions for Reflection

- What protection does God promise (against devourers/pests)?
- How does this relate to covenant blessings?
- Where have you seen God's care preserve what matters?
- What will you entrust to God's protection today?

Questions for Children

- What does God protect for His people?
- Who watches over us?

Prayer Prompt

Faithful, Caring God, protect the fruit of our work and make us a testimony of Your care. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Malachi 3:12

Questions for Reflection

- What outcome does generous obedience produce among the nations?
- Why does blessing lead to witness?
- How can your giving point others to God's goodness?

- Whom will you bless this weekend in Jesus' name?

Questions for Children

- What will other people say when God blesses us?
- How can we tell others God is good?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, make us a people others call blessed, so Your name is honored everywhere. Amen.