

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 26, 2010  
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**TITLE:** “A Question ... A Command ... And a Promise”

**TEXT:** Malachi 3:8-12

**INTRODUCTION:** The Church of the “Three Ships” ....

1. Worship
2. Fellowship
3. Stewardship

Jesus spoke more of money than He did of heaven. Tithing was first established in the Old Testament by example. Abraham voluntarily offered a tenth of all his possessions to King Melchizadek.

Then the principle was explicitly stated in the Old Testament Law ...

1. “The tithe of the children of Israel” (Numbers 18:24)
2. “...tithe of your increase” (Deuteronomy 26:12)
3. “...brought in the tithe” (2 Chronicles 31:12)
4. “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse...” (Malachi 3:10)
5. Jesus reiterated the practice in Luke 18:12

I: THE LORD’S QUESTION... “*Will a man rob God?*”

1. Many live beneath their rights
2. Satan is robbing many of the blessing God intended
3. Christ not only took our sin and our sickness, but also our poverty

II: THE LORD’S COMMAND ... “*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse..*”

1. The temple and the priesthood
2. The Church

III: THE LORD’S PROMISE ... “I will pour out for you such blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it.”

1. Not speaking of wealth
2. God says, “Prove Me now in this..”

**CONCLUSION:**     Admit it’s a great idea  
                          Believe that God will bless you  
                          Commit yourself to challenge God’s promise  
                          Dare to try  
                          Expect a miracle!