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Center Point Baptist Church  
“Tithe In Righteousness”  
Malachi 3:1-12  
Church Covenant Sermon Series  
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- I. The Lord Is Coming Quickly
  - A. My messenger shall prepare the way (John The Baptist)
  - B. He shall come suddenly in His temple (First and last cleansing)
  - C. He shall be as a refiners fire (Most critical of religious leaders of His Day)
  - D. The Lord wants people to bring their offering in righteousness
    - 1. Sins of Israel in Malachi’s Day
    - 2. Sins of Israel in Jesus’ Day
- II. The New Testament Teaches Tithing
  - A. It is not just an Old Testament practice
  - B. Jesus mentions it by name
  - C. Parables of Jesus most often use terms like talents or stewardship
  - D. Jesus gave even greater emphases or meaning to tithing or giving
- III. What Is Wrong With Failing To Tithe?
  - A. It is a sin against God
    - 1. God even says you’re a robber – It all actually belongs to God
    - 2. Not thankful to God
    - 3. It is insulting to God who has loved you to not bring His Offering
  - B. The tithe is Holy to The Lord
    - 1. Bring the First Fruit
    - 2. Bring ye all the tithe to the “storehouse”
    - 3. That my house may be full (Needs of Holy People and needy might be met)
    - 4. Tragedy is not just Israel robed God but we rob God today
      - a. Only 50% of members go to Church – 20% of that 50% give 80% of the offering – This means 80% rob God every Lord’s Day
      - b. This means the work of the local church is hurt
      - c. This means that the disaster relief, helping the needy and helping the sick is hurt
      - d. This means that the teaching and training of our called young people is hurt

- e. This means that the home and foreign missions are hurt
- C. To not tithe and support God's Church brings judgment
  - 1. Curse of God on the Land
  - 2. Curse of God upon the disobedient people
  - 3. No power in your prayers
  - 4. No revival in the land
- IV. To tithe brings a blessing from God
  - A. Will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing
    - 1. On the land
    - 2. On the people
    - 3. Great spiritual out pouring
    - 4. Protection from your enemies
    - 5. The nations shall call you a blessed people