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How To Open The Floodgates of Heaven

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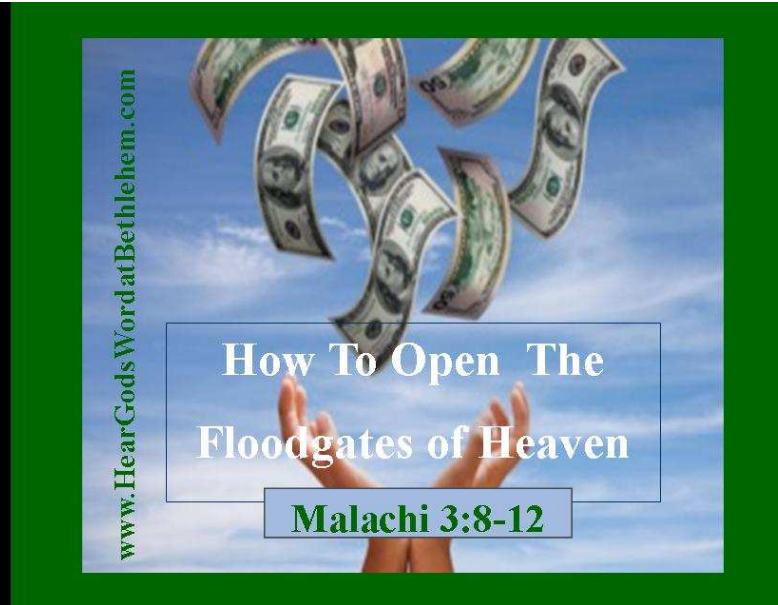
- **⁸ “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.**

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- **Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the LORD Almighty.**

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- ¹² “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.



- **The Rob of Giving v.8**
- **The Reward of Giving v.10**
- **The Reassurance of Giving v.11**

Thesis: Christians should give to God to be blessed by God.

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❖ **The Robbing of Giving v.8** ⁸ "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings.

So I rebuked the officials and asked them, "Why is the house of God neglected?" Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts.

Nehemiah 13:11

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The Lord will reply to them: "I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.

Joel 2:19

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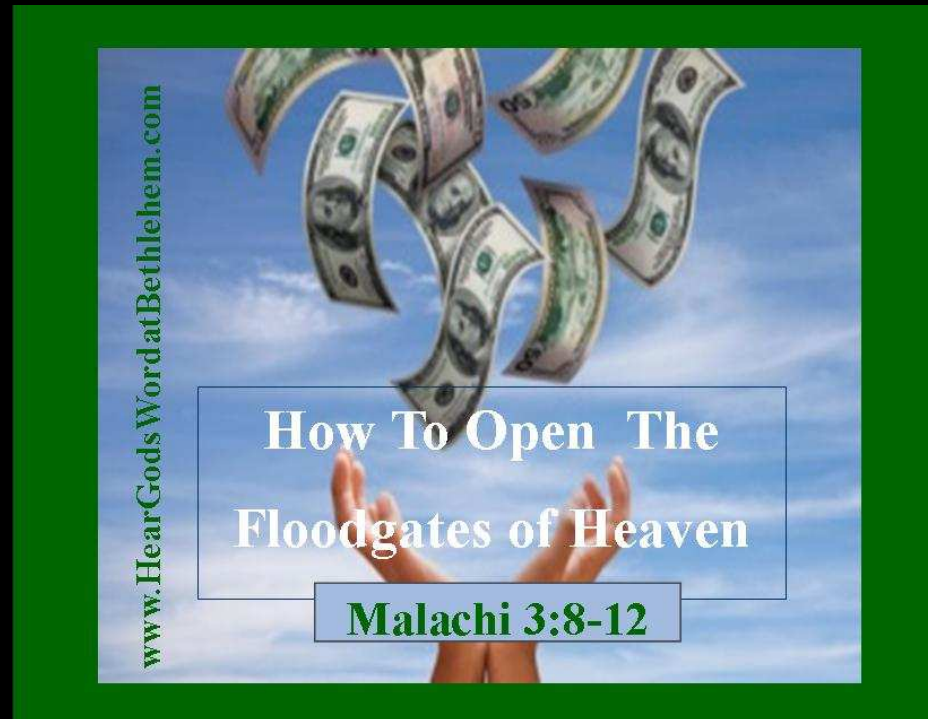
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And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Joel 2:25 KJ

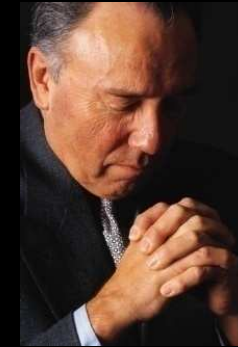
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Conclusion:



- **Thesis: Christians should give proportional to their blessing from God.**

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- **Decisions to make today!**
- **Accept Jesus Christ as you Lord and Saviour**
- **Be baptized**
- **Join Bethlehem Baptist Church**
- **Ask for prayer**
- **Testify**
- **Ministry or Mission**

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