
Study Resources:

	Bible Project Overview Video		Free commentary with notes on the background, context, etc.
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Big Idea: Because of God's constancy, we can trust him so that our generosity will be costly.

Read

Read this study's text out loud. Malachi was meant to be read aloud in front of a group of people. By reading it aloud, we can hear the rhythm and flow of the prophecy.

Head

1. Theologians speak of God's unchanging nature as "immutable." This means he is free from change, and his being is the same at all times past, present, and future. Read how Malachi 3:6 aligns with Exodus 3:14, James 1:17, Psalm 102:26–28, Numbers 23:19, and Hebrews 13:8. What comfort and confidence does God's unchanging nature provide you in a constantly changing world?
2. Why does God encourage the people to test him in Malachi 3:10? How is this an act of grace, in that they are given a chance to exchange their doubt for renewed trust? How does this point to what Jesus said in Matthew 6:33?
3. Read Psalm 24:1 and Haggai 2:8. If God owns everything, what is the proper perspective on how we manage and use our resources (money, time, talents)?

Heart

4. The theme of returning in Malachi 3:7 is a beautiful theme woven through Scripture. When was a time you thought you were too sinful for God to forgive you? How has he shown himself to be faithful to receive you through the work of Christ?

5. How do your spending habits and giving patterns reveal what's happening in your heart? Why is it even hard to give, even when you have an abundance? In your life, how have you experienced the Lord exposing the idols in your heart, as you seek to steward and practice costly generosity?

Hands

6. The sermon shared a quote from author Jen Wilkin, "Just as my assurance of salvation rests in the fact that God cannot change, my hope of sanctification rests in the fact that I can." Read Philippians 1:6. How does the stability of God fuel your hope and desire for personal change (such as ongoing repentance)?
7. As you consider costly generosity as a disciple of Jesus, what's one action step you will take this month to steward what God has given you?