

TEST ME
Malachi 3:6-12

I. God's call

A. **R** _____ to Me

Israel's Q: what have we done wrong? What's the problem?

B. Stop **R** _____ Me

Withholding tithes

C. Start **R** _____ in Me

Test Me in this

Give more than you think you can afford and see if I will take care of you

Different from our situation:

1. I cannot tell you what to give to the Cap Gifts Campaign

2. But I also cannot tell you what to give regularly (1Cor 16:2)

But is grace less than law? II Cor 8:2ff; 9:6-7

Application to our situation:

We hold back from giving to God because we are afraid He will not provide enough for us

II. God's character: **faithful!** Specifically in 3 ways:

A. Faithful to His covenant: v6

Contrast Edom: 1:2-5 (Jacob's brother)

B. Faithful to His grace: v7

If you return to Him today, He will return to you.

But He has not promised tomorrow

C. Faithful in His provision: 10-11

Not meager but abundant!

III. God's Glory: v12

God wants the world to see how He takes care of His people

Not necessarily wealthy in material things, but rich in the Kingdom: v17-18 (cf. James 2:5)

Pick up on this next week....

How much can you trust Him for?

Capstone Campaign Amt pledged for 3 yrs total	Amount We Need to borrow	Monthly Payment*	Savings
\$2 mil	\$5 mil	\$35,339	
\$2.5 mil	\$4.5 mil	\$31,805	\$3543
\$3 mil	\$4 mil	\$28,271	\$7068

* at 7% for 25 yrs