

HELEN SANDERS  
5-7-2022  
ROBBING GOD

When we love the Lord, I could not imagine picturing ourselves robbing God. The thought of doing something like that should make us shudder.

Often in the Old and New Testament people took what belonged to God. Eli's sons took the fat and ate it from the altar when the fat was to be burned as a sacrifice to God. They were judged for their sin and died. Ananias and Saphira robbed God by lying about how much they sold their property for. This caused judgment to come on them and they both died.

Yet, many times Christians rob God without even knowing it. How, might you ask? As we turn to the book of Malachi chapter 3:8 it says, ***"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."*** By not giving God what rightfully belongs to him you have robbed him. Malachi 3:9 says, ***"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."***

By taking what belongs to God we bring a curse upon ourselves. This may be the root cause of sickness, lack, family discord, death, and more.

Many think that tithing was under the law of the Old Testament, but the tithe was given BEFORE the law was ever instituted when Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek. Hebrews chapter seven confirms this.

I was never taught about tithing as I grew up in a church, but when I learned that the first ten percent of all increase belonged to God, I started to tithe and continue to do so. But Malachi 3:8 doesn't just speak of tithes. It speaks of offerings. Both our tithe and our offerings belong to God.

The things that belong to God are holy, and we should never touch them. You may remember the scripture where Belshazzar took the holy things that had been taken from the temple in Jerusalem and drank from them. Then the handwriting came upon his wall, and later that night he died for his sin.

God takes what belongs to him very seriously. The tithe is brought to the storehouse. The storehouse would be the ministry that feeds you. More specifically it should be your local church if you are able to go, and if not, a ministry that feeds you spiritually. In the Old Testament the Levites lived off the tithe. They had no land to call their own. In the New Testament the tithe is given so the Church can take care of its Pastor and other leaders. The tithe is necessary so that the Word of God can be preached, and lives changed.

Are you robbing God of what is his? Do you wonder why there are so many problems in your life? Perhaps you should repent and give God what rightfully belongs to him.