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Series Title: **SUMMER IN THE MINOR PROPHETS - MALACHI**
Key Scripture: **MALACHI 3:6-10**
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/ malachi-summer-in-the-minor-prophets
Date + Speaker: **7th September, 2025 + Pastor Mark Scarr**

The Big Idea:
Tithing and giving in general is an act of obedience that demonstrates the believer's total trust in God as his source.

Starter:
Have you ever had an experience where giving something special away made you feel happier than holding on to it?

Discussion:

1. Read Malachi 3:6–10. According to this passage, why God was not happy with the people of Israel.
2. What is tithing? What is/are the difference(s) between tithes and offering (if there are any)?
3. Read Malachi 3:10. According to this verse, what does the word 'storehouse' and 'food' signify?
4. According to Malachi 3:10, where was the tithe to be brought and what was the purpose? What was the promise attached to tithing?

Diving Deeper:

1. Give some reasons why we should tithe (Matt. 6:19-21, 23:23; Leveticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 14:23, 16:17; Psalm 116:12; Malachi 3:10).
2. Who should tithe and what should be tithed?
3. How does faithful tithing reflect trust in God's provision and first place in your life?
4. How can tithing teach contentment and counter materialistic values or unbelief?
5. How can giving become a lifestyle for the child of God? When is the best time to start?
6. According to the sermon, how can tithing serve as an investment for eternity?

Personal Reflection:

- Am I putting God first in my finances, or am I holding back out of fear or unbelief?
- What practical steps can I take this week to grow in obedience and generosity through tithing?

PRAYER

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT:

"Father, I know You love me and want what's best for me. I recognize that all I have, or will ever have, comes from You. I am more interested in pleasing you than having more possessions. I want You to have first place in my life and I am willing to begin (start again or continue) tithing in obedience to what You commanded. Out of gratitude for all You've done for me, and in expectation that You will continue to provide for me, I commit myself to return at least 10% of all I earn back to You.

I want to invest for eternity. Help me to remain faithful".