

## **What God's Word Says About the Offering – January 21st**

As we approach our offering time every week, we try to show you what your gifts accomplish here. We always want you to know how your generosity makes a difference. We think that is a better approach to motivating people to give than hammering them over the head with a huge Bible.

Yet we also want to be clear; we take up the offering each week because the Bible teaches us to give. From time to time, we feel it is important to remind all of God's commands. So, this morning, before our offering time, I want to read one passage of Scripture for us. I am going to read it and then pray. You will determine what the passage is saying and what your response should be.

God says to His people in Malachi 3:10, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 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."

Please note that while this is a command to give, it is also a promise. We don't give to get, but at the same time, God's Word is clear. He will bless those that faithfully give. We offer multiple ways to give here. Find the way that works best for you. Let's pray.