

The Promise of Provision

Pearlside Church

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"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

(Matthew 6:31-33 NIV)

We don't need to worry when we trust in God NOT money.

(Matthew 6:31-33, 19-24)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... ²⁴No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Malachi 3:7-12 NIV

We trust God for our provision through tithes and offerings. (v. 7-9)

"...Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, "How are we to return?" ⁸Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, "How do we rob you?" In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me."

See also Matthew 5:17-20 NIV

We are to bring the FULL tithe into the "storehouse" of the local church. (v. 10)

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house..."

The tithe is the TEST that triggers God's abundant provision and protection. (v. 10-11)

"...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 you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty."

"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV)

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

(Luke 6:38 NIV)

When we are faithful to tithe, we become a witness to the world. (v. 12)

"Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty."