

## ***No Profit from the Prophet***

### ***Malachi 3:6-15***

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#### **How can you profit from God's Prophet?**

##### **1) Understand God's Words Mal. 3:6-9**

- Mal. 4:6; 1:7,12-13; 2:17
- Lev. 27: 30-33; Num. 18:20-32; Deut. 12:5-7,10-19; 14:22-29

##### **2) Obey God's Words Mal. 3:10-12**

- Deut. 28:1-4, 15-68

##### **3) Humble yourself before God for divine profit Mal. 3:13-15**

- Ex. 21:17
- Luke 17:7-10
- Sin is:
  - i) Active rebellion Gal. 5:19-21
  - ii) Passive indifference Jam. 4:17
  - iii) Acting independent Rom. 14:23

### ***Understand and obey God's Words and you'll enjoy the divine profit!***

- You must seek to understand God's Words.
- Ask God to help you obey it.
- Depend on Christ to live through your flesh.

Matthew 14:14-21; Luke 5:1-8; Ephesians 3:20-21

## **Message Based Discussion Questions**

- 1) When was the first time you received a return on work that you did? What did you do?

#### **Digging Deeper: Titus 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:14**

- 2) What did God promise if Israel obeyed (Deut. 28:1-14)? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did God promise if they disobeyed (Deut. 28:15-68)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Do you see any relationships?
- 3) What do you suppose Ananias and Sapphira were thinking when Peter confronted them (Acts 5:1-11)? \_\_\_\_\_  
How does this relate to Malachi?
- 4) What does Job say some people ask God about in Job 21:14-15?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Do you think the people are actually saying it, or communicating it by their actions or non-actions? Why?

#### **Making application of the message to life:**

- 5) Do you think people struggle with the same thing Isaiah describes in Is. 58:3-8? How would you encourage someone through this?
- 6) How would you explain the profit you receive from serving God to a young disciple?
- 7) What five things would you encourage/exhort a young disciple in the importance of obeying God's Words?

Blessing in generosity Acts 4:31-35; 2 Cor. 9:6-12; Gal. 6:6; Phil. 4:14-19