

It's Illogical!

Today's Reading

Malachi 2:6-12

What the Lord is suggesting in today's reading defies human logic! God commanded His people to do something they could ill afford to do. He was asking them to give 10% of their income and harvest at a time when the supply/demand ratio was inadequate. Insects had destroyed some of their crops. Other portions of the harvest fell to the ground before it reached maturity or before it could be harvested. As a result, there was a limited supply but plenty of demand.

Are there any parallels with your life? What does the supply/demand ratio look like in your monthly budget? Which is exhausted first in your personal finances? Do you have money left at the end of your month or month left at the end of your money?

God was asking the Jews to do the unthinkable...and He may be asking that of you too. He was asking them to trust and tithe. He was telling them to give 10% and then watch and see what He would do. He promised to meet all

of their needs. To those who gave generously He promised to give generously. You know, that kind of promise is renewed in the New Testament as well.

"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." (Lk. 6:38)

If you are faithful in giving out of gratitude and joy to the Lord and His work, you have likely experienced the reality of that promise. To be sure, you cannot outgive God! Keep it up!

If you have not yet begun to give regularly and generously to God's work, this step will express your worship, accelerate your growth, stretch your faith, and orient you to deeper devotion to God's purposes. You can grow by giving!