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Genesis 1:27

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Mark 12:30

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

WHAT ARE WE TO GIVE GOD?

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“An idol is anything more important to you than God. Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God. Anything you seek to give you... what only God could give. An idol is whatever you look at and say if I have that, then I feel my life has meaning. Then I will know I have value. Then I will feel significant and secure.”

Tim Carter

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Isaiah 43:21

21 This people I have formed for
Myself; they shall declare My
praise.

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Exodus 34:14


Do not worship any other god.

Because I the Lord tolerate no rival.



Joshua 6:20

²⁰ When the priests blew the trumpets, the people shouted. At the sound of the trumpets and the people's shout, the walls fell. And everyone ran straight into the city. So the Israelites defeated that city.



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Proverbs 23:5

Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle.

Haggai 1:5-6

⁵ Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him.

...TITHES...

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.

OFFERING

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord your God which He has given you.

2 Corinthians 9:7

“So let each one give as He purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Proverbs 3:9-10

“⁹Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. ¹⁰So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.”

Malachi 3:11

¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty.

Luke 6:38

38 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.

FIRST FRUIT OFFERING

Leviticus 23:10

10 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.

FIRST FRUIT OFFERING

Exodus 23:19

19a “Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.

Numbers 23:19

19 God is not a man, so he does not lie.

He is not human, so he does not
change his mind.

Has he ever spoken and failed to act?

Has he ever promised and not carried it
through?

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Romans 12:1

And so, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.^[b]

3. Offer Ourselves as a Living Sacrifice

1 Samuel 15:22

²² But Samuel replied, what is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice; and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.