

Listen carefully to the Bible reading
from Malachi 3 verse 6 to 12

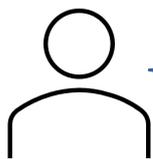
God has given Malachi many things to say to the people in
Jerusalem.

On a scale from 1 to 10, how good have the people of
Jerusalem been as God's people?

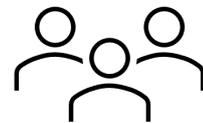
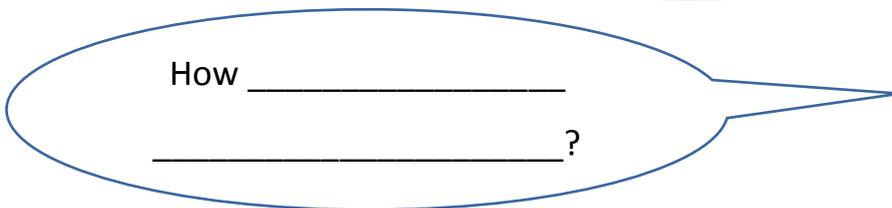


Look again at verse 7. What does God want the people to
do? Write it in the speech bubbles below.

The LORD



_____ to me
and I will _____ to you



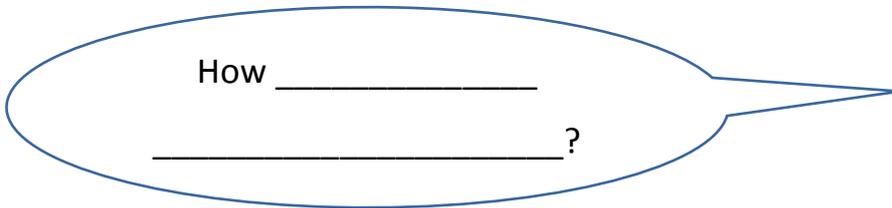
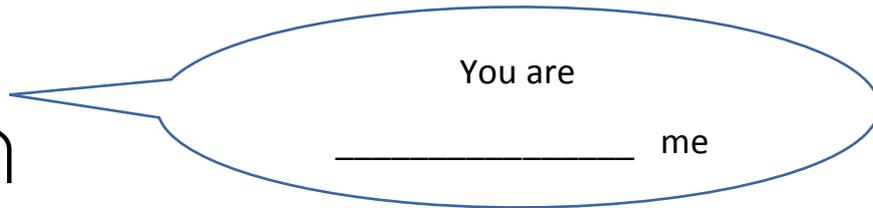
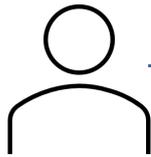
Israel

What do you think God means when he tells the people to
return to him? See if you can write it in your own words.

But there were still some things the people were doing wrong.

Look at verse 8. What does God say they were doing? Write it in the speech bubbles.

The LORD



Israel

Wow! Like all the times before, the people still don't think they have done anything wrong.

What were they doing this time? They were robbing or stealing from God. They were doing this by not giving him something called the **tithe**.

Tithe means 'tenth' or '1 out of 10'

From every 10 _____, they were supposed to give 1 to God
(ioncs)

From every 10 _____, they were supposed to give 1 to God
(hpsee)

1 out of every 10 of the things the people grew or earned or of their flocks and herds they were to give to God.

They had to take it to the temple to give to the priests. This was the law. It reminded the people that everything they had was from _____.

By giving their tithe, God would teach the people to _____ him.
(sttur)

The people had not been trusting God. All these things God had given them, they were keeping it all for themselves.

But God is **kind**. He gives them another **promise**.
Read verse 10 carefully. Malachi uses picture language here. What does God say he will open?

What does God say he will pour down?

What do you think this means?

Like the people in Malachi's day, we also should remember that everything we have is from

_____.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

work

thankful

helps

money

gives

We should be _____ for everything he _____ us.

This includes honouring him with the _____ we earn when we grow up. This money helps the _____ in his church and _____ those of God's people who are in need.

We can never thank God enough for the wonderful things he has done for his children. Especially in giving his son Jesus to die for us to make us his own!

Write down two things that you are thankful to God for:

1. _____

2. _____

Why don't you pray now by yourself or with a grown up to thank him!

"Return to me, and I will return to you,
says the LORD of hosts."

Malachi 3v7