

We're still in the book of

Malachi, which has

had a lot to say about the

leaders of God's

people in the Old Testament, the priests.

In our passage today we're going to see the

priests are given a
final chance to change before God comes in

person, but they are upset

by this call to change. This shows that the

priests have a ruined

relationship with God.

Yet, God is still willing to try again with them and he tells them to

"Return" or come

back to Him. But they still don't seem to see how they have been the ones doing

wrong so God tells them

that they have ruined the

temple.

The way they have done this is by not

making sure that the **right**

amount of money was being given to the temple for

sacrifices so

they were ruining the way that

forgiveness

could happen. But, we also know that this pointed forward to a

better and total

sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross so

that all who believe in him can be truly forgiven. This shows us what a **very generous God** we have.

Pray with your grown up asking Jesus for forgiveness and to help us trust our generous God. Colour the picture of people bringing the full tithe into the temple to remind you of today's passage.

