

written: "Jacob was left alone, and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day" . . . and Jacob said: "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." . . . . "And he blessed him there . . . And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel. for, said he, I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

When the nation was faithful to its duty of tithing it was blessed. "Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and Levites concerning the heaps. And Azariah, the chief-priest of the house of Zadok, answered him and said: "Since the people began to bring the oblations into the house of the Lord we have eaten and had enough, and have left plenty, for the Lord hath blessed His people, and that which is left is this great store." Here the great store which was left was the blessing of God in return for the bringing in of the oblations to the house of the Lord.

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." But less than the prescribed minimum so far from honoring God would be the robbing of God.

When the tithe law was neglected the nation suffered. In Malachi's day the ill-condition of the