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HOW TO DO IT.

"Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. But ye say, wherein shall we return? (Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me—but ye say, wherein have we robbed thee?) In tithes and offerings. . . . Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . and prove me now herewith, with the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. . . . Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not."—Malachi iii, 7-18.

These few words of the last of the ancient prophets (written more than two thousand years ago, and carefully preserved for our benefit at this time) tell us very clearly and distinctly, how we may have the Kingdom of God upon earth now as soon as we like. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Suppose a few in good circumstances should now "prove" the Almighty precisely as they are here required to do, by devoting "all their tithes" (or the tenth part of their wealth) towards establishing "the Kingdom of God" upon earth. The promised "blessing" would certainly follow, as a matter of course, for the praiseworthy action of these few (who should thus manifest their sincerity and earnestness in the service of God, for the benefit of man) would inevitably condemn all those who refused or neglected to manifest a like sincerity and earnestness (by also devoting a tenth part of their wealth, as they are now required to do). Thus it would naturally follow, as foretold, "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not." For those who should bring "all their tithes" (or the tenth part of their wealth) at this time, would be recognized at once by God and man as "the righteous" who sincerely "served God," and (being in favour with God and man) they would prosper exceedingly, and

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