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THE POWER OF GIVING

Scripture Reading:

2 Corinthians 9:9-10; Philippians 4:19

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9 As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 4:19

'And my God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.'

Our key text is 2 Corinthians 9:10:

'He who gives the seed to the sower and turns that seed into bread to eat, will give you the seed of generosity to sow, and, for harvest, the satisfying bread of good deeds well done.'

The more you are enriched by God the more scope there will be for generous giving, and your gifts, administered through us, will mean that many will thank God.'



The theme of this key text is believer will receive a blessing when they share.

The purpose of this text is to show the power of giving.

It means that God will give you (the sower) the seed to turn that into bread to eat (for yourself) but also to use it to sow.



And as a result of your generous sowing, you will experience a harvest, good deeds well done and as you are enriched, there is more scope for generous giving.

Finally, after observing all that you have experienced, you will give glory to God.

There are reasons for sensitivity when it comes to giving:



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Firstly, sermons about giving rarely comes at a time when we are giving sufficiently.

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Secondly, sermons on giving may remind us that we do not agree on how the money is being spent sometimes.

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Thirdly, we may feel guilty for having indulged ourselves maybe a little too much in worldly pleasure at the expense of our offering, and that makes us feel a little guilty.

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Lastly, we are afraid of the future. We are afraid that if we give too much away, we will not be able to make ends meet.

However, in God's economy, there is always enough for everyone's needs.

In the Kingdom of God, there is no need to worry.

Truly the LORD owns everything.

Truly the LORD is not stingy.

He's not possessive about everything.

The LORD wants to bless His children.



All He asks is that we trust Him.

I want to share three promises that God makes to those who give to Him.





1. GOD
WILL MAKE YOU
RICH.

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2 Corinthians 9:10-11 says, 'Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; **11** you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.'

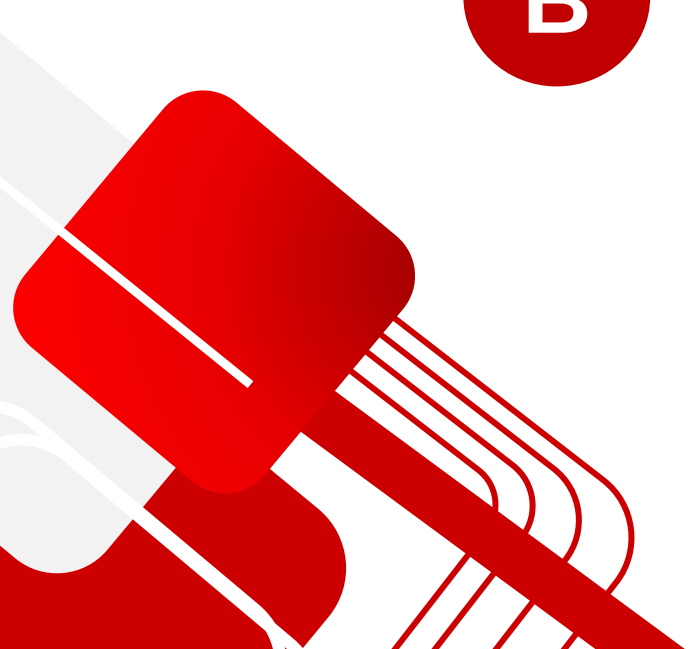


2 Corinthians 9:10 seems to be a quote from **Isaiah 55:10** and the second part seems to be quoted from **Hosea 10:12**
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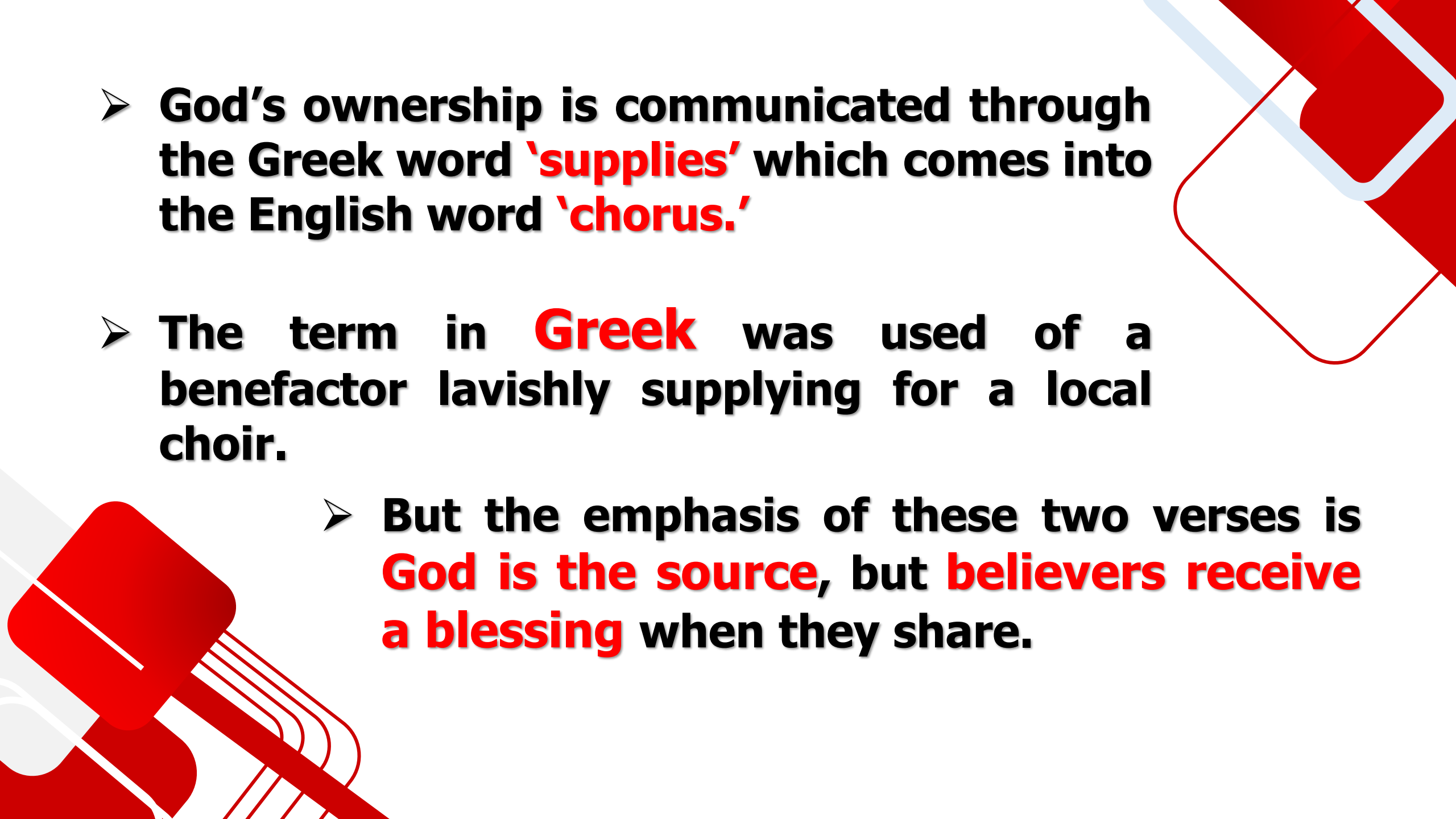


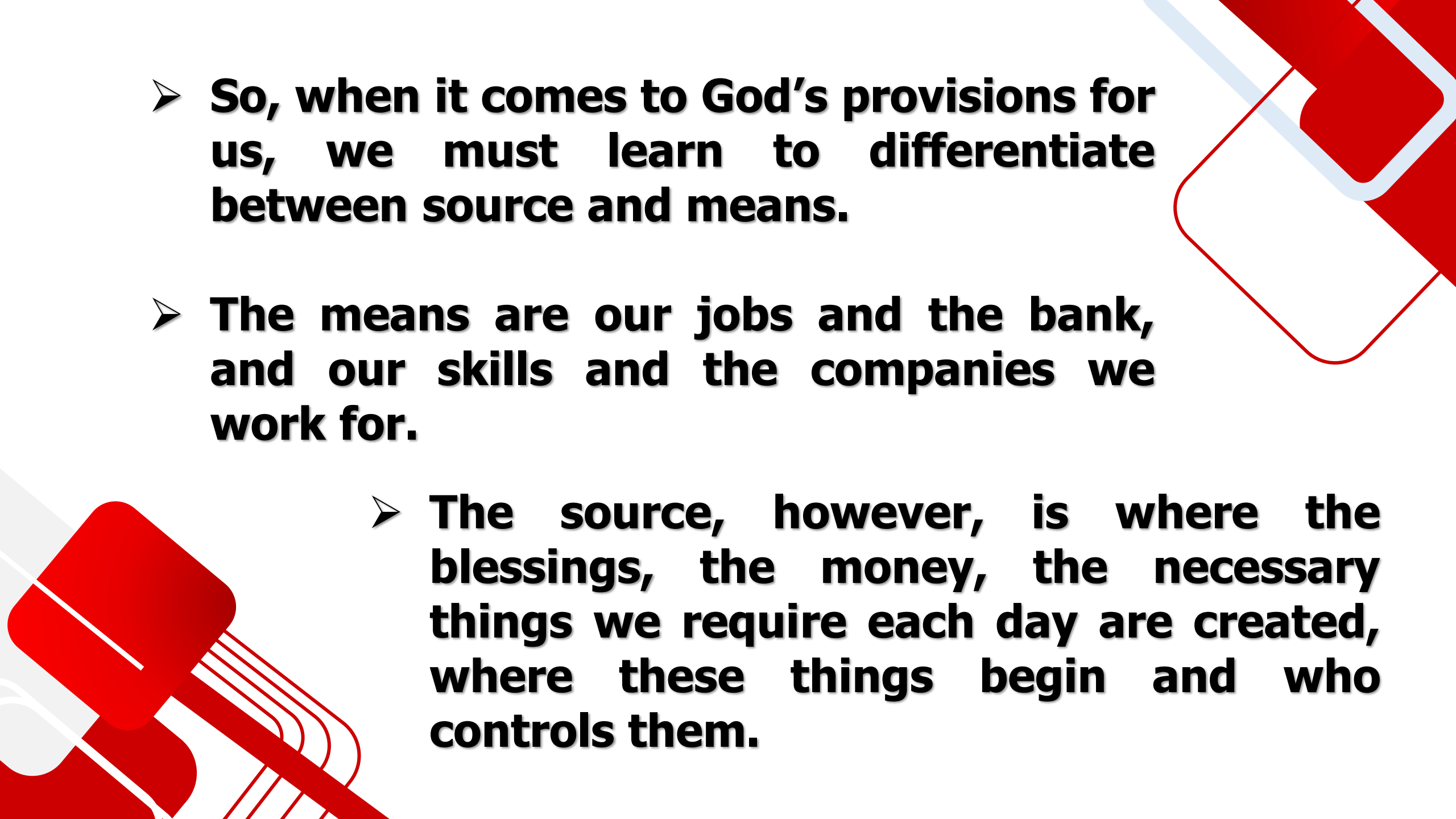


A **God's** ownership **and** provision **of**
all things.



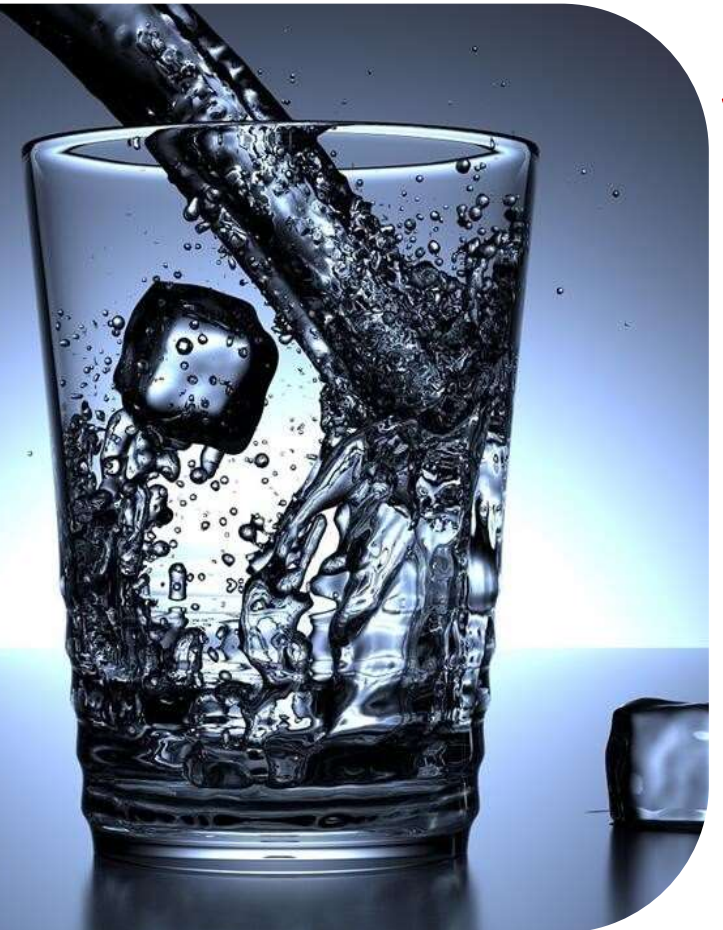
B **Believers'** stewardship requirement
to share.

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- **God's ownership is communicated through the Greek word 'supplies' which comes into the English word 'chorus.'**
 - **The term in Greek was used of a benefactor lavishly supplying for a local choir.**
 - **But the emphasis of these two verses is God is the source, but believers receive a blessing when they share.**

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- **So, when it comes to God's provisions for us, we must learn to differentiate between source and means.**
 - **The means are our jobs and the bank, and our skills and the companies we work for.**
 - **The source, however, is where the blessings, the money, the necessary things we require each day are created, where these things begin and who controls them.**

- And for us that source is **God**.
- And **God being the source**, He has this to say to you:

But my God shall
supply all your needs
according to his riches
in glory by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19



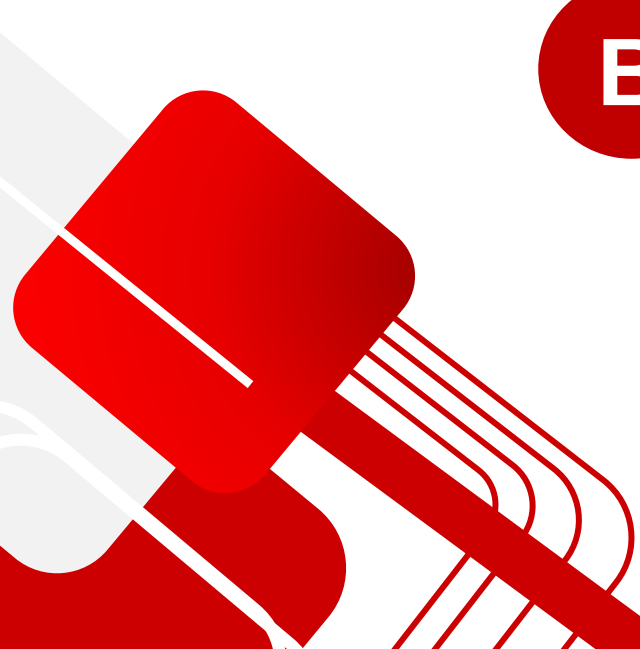


Tapping into the source by **giving**
generously out of love will produce **two**
specific riches for us:



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We will be made richer in **our giving**. This is not the '**give to get**' theory of religion. This is the '**you give, so that you can give again**' type of theory. No one ever went broke giving to the **LORD**.



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Another blessing of giving generously is that **you will receive more than you give**. In other words, you cannot outgive God. God promises us that whatever we give, **we will receive back a hundredfold**.

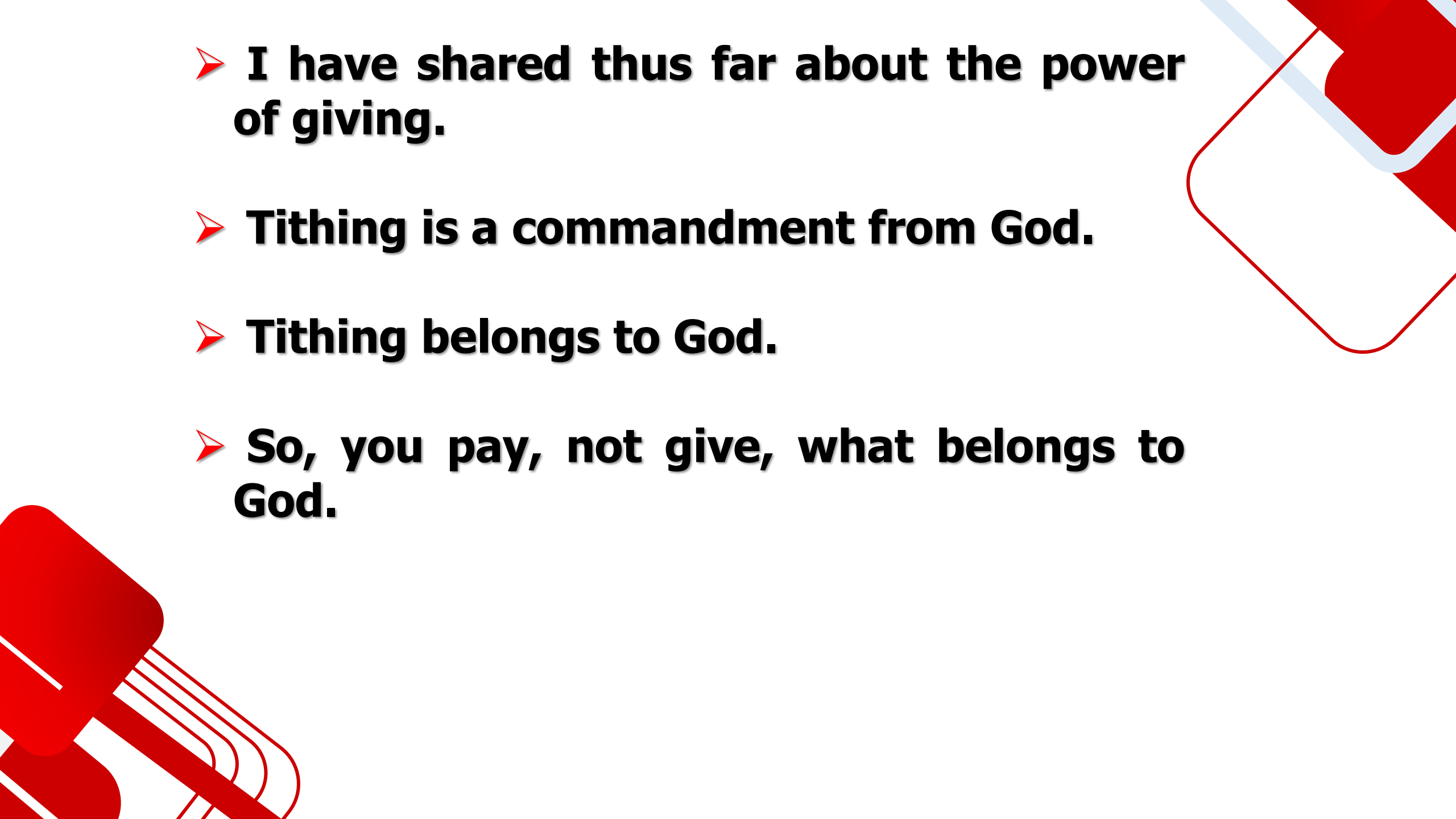


**2. GOD WILL
REWARD YOU.**

Malachi 3:10 says, 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that they may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,' says the LORD of hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.'



- **Every truly born-again Christian pays their tithes.**
- **Tithing broke the curse of poverty in my life.**
- **Malachi uses the word '**rob**' when you did not pay tithes.**

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- **I have shared thus far about the power of giving.**
 - **Tithing is a commandment from God.**
 - **Tithing belongs to God.**
 - **So, you pay, not give, what belongs to God.**

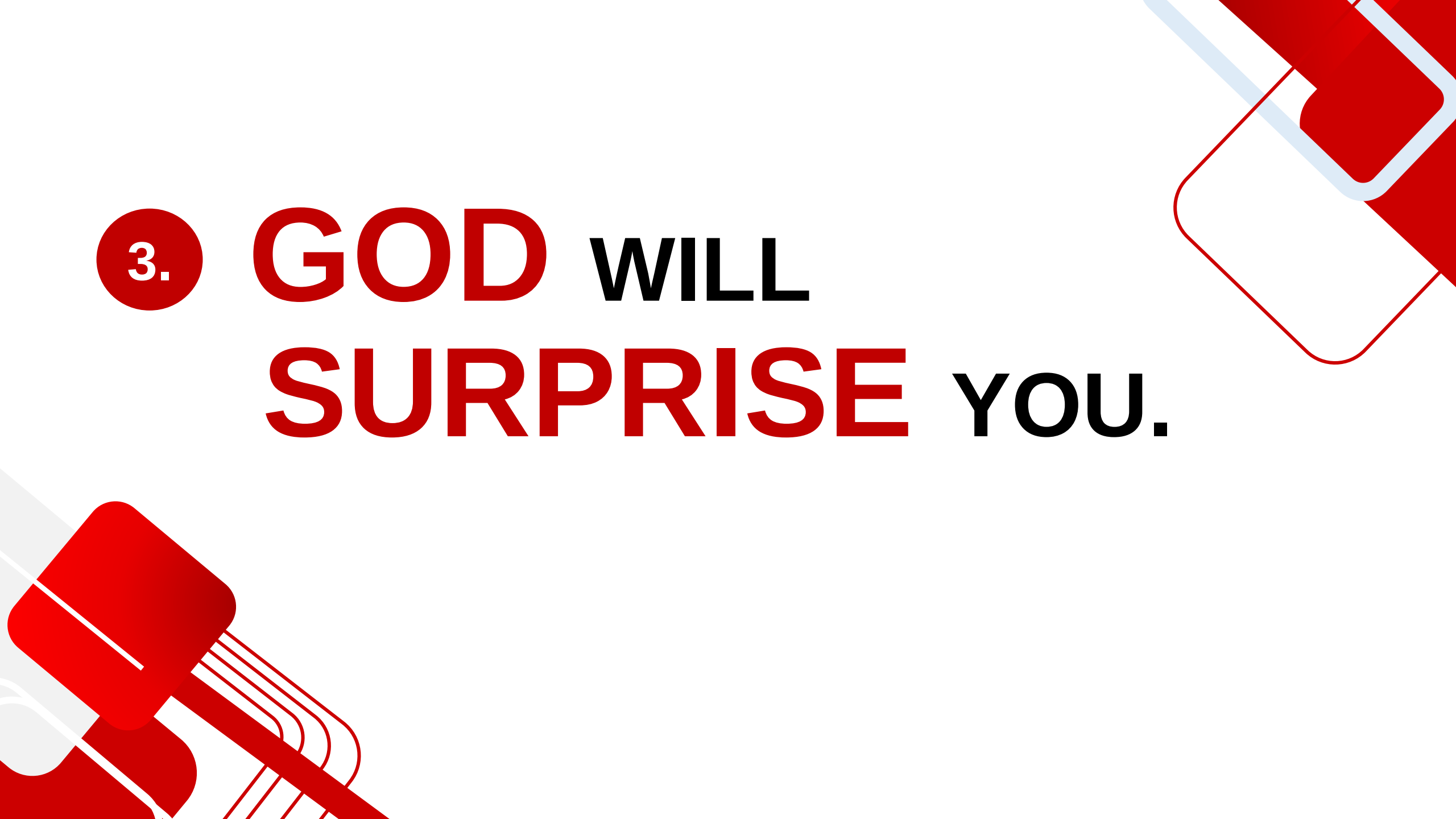
One of the problems with the Jews, and now even the Christians, that Malachi refers to, is that they did not fulfill their financial commitments to the LORD.

Matthew 23:23 Jesus referred to tithing as something that should not be neglected.

- **He said, 'Woe unto you, scribes, and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done (law, judgment, mercy, faith) and not leave the other undone (tithing).'**

- **Paul says so clearly, in 1 Corinthians 16:2 'On the first day of every week, each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.'**

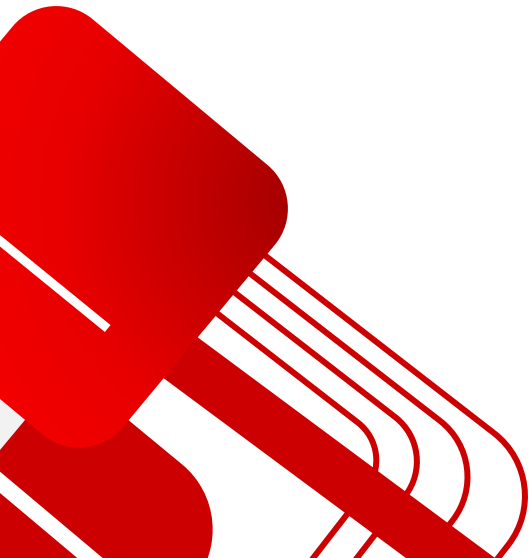
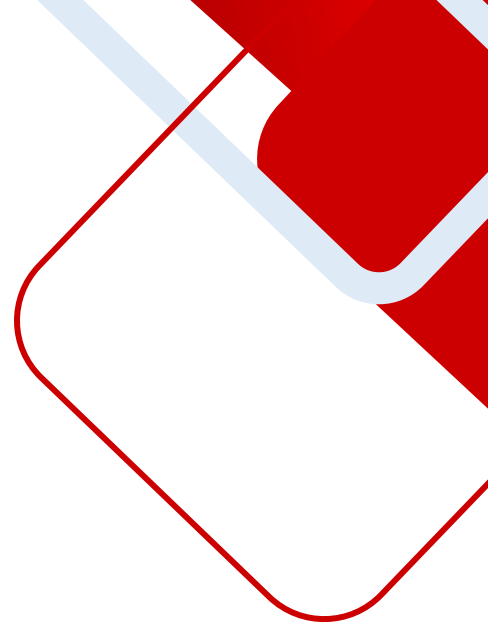
- **You asked why did God put such commandment on us?**
- **The tithing is to cause you to acknowledge God is the source of all our blessings.**



**3. GOD WILL
SURPRISE YOU.**

- **Ephesians 3:20 says, 'Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.'**
- **The phrase 'abundantly beyond all that we ask,' is a surprise.**
 - **A surprise means you are not expecting what will happen, you do not know the outcome.**

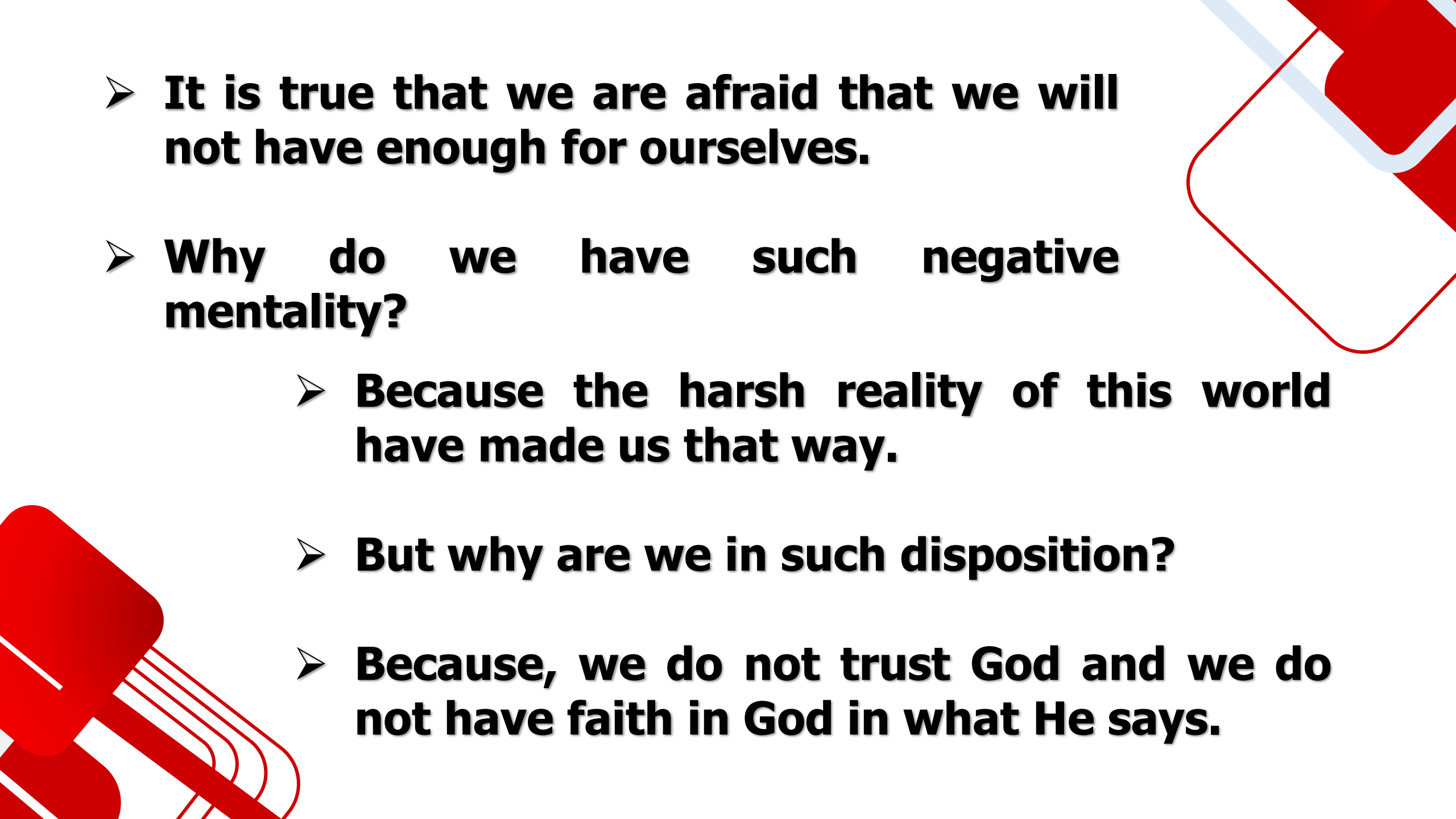
The Lord promises those who commit themselves to regular, generous giving, that He will not only bless us, He will surprise us.

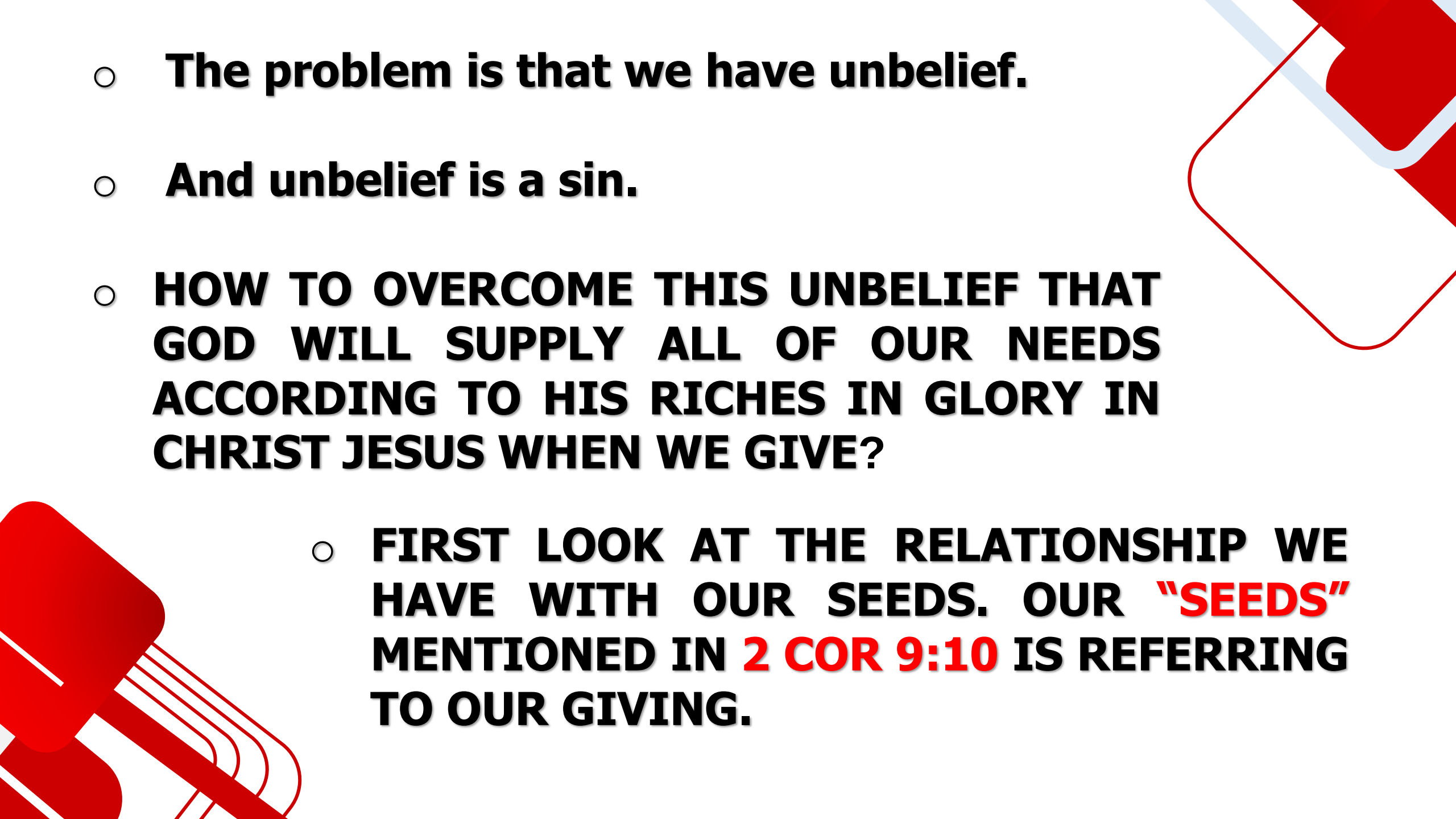


In conclusion, it is true that it is a very sensitive topic to talk about giving.

It is true that we feel guilty especially when we do not pay our tithes.

It is true that we are afraid that if we give too much away, we will not be able to make ends meet.

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- **It is true that we are afraid that we will not have enough for ourselves.**
 - **Why do we have such negative mentality?**
 - **Because the harsh reality of this world have made us that way.**
 - **But why are we in such disposition?**
 - **Because, we do not trust God and we do not have faith in God in what He says.**

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- **The problem is that we have unbelief.**
 - **And unbelief is a sin.**
 - **HOW TO OVERCOME THIS UNBELIEF THAT GOD WILL SUPPLY ALL OF OUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS WHEN WE GIVE?**
 - **FIRST LOOK AT THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH OUR SEEDS. OUR "SEEDS" MENTIONED IN 2 COR 9:10 IS REFERRING TO OUR GIVING.**

- **WE HAVE THIS FALLEN MINDSET THAT WHATEVER WE SOW WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN BEARING FRUITS DUE TO THE "THORNS" PRONOUNCED BY GOD ON ALL MAN'S LABOR AND TOIL AFTER THE FALL OF ADAM.**
- **WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING THIS STIGMA OF WRONG BELIEF THAT EVERY SEED WE SOW HAS BEEN CURSED.**

- **THEREFORE, AT THE CHANCE OF ANY REAPING, WE HOARD, THINKING THAT BY HOARDING, OUR SECURITY AND CONTROL WILL BE GUARANTEED.**
- **IT IS IN HUMAN NATURE TO BE RELUCTANT AND UNWILLING TO GIVE.**
- **LOOK AT THE BIRTH OF ANY INFANT- IT IS BORN WITH A CLENCHED FIST.**

SECONDLY, COME TO THE CROSS AND LOOK AT THIS GREATER AND BETTER SEED.

IT IS TRUE THAT THE FIRST SEED SOWN BY ADAM WAS CURSED WITH UNPRODUCTIVITY.

BUT THE SECOND SEED, JESUS CHRIST, WAS PERSONALLY SUPPLIED BY GOD THE FATHER.

- **AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS SECOND SEED?**
- **IF FELL TO THE GROUND AND DIED ON THE CROSS SO THAT TODAY, GOD THE FATHER COULD PUT INTO OUR HANDS THIS SECOND AND BETTER SEEDS TO SOW.**

- **BECAUSE JESUS DIED FOR THE ACCURSED SEED OF ADAM, TODAY WE HAVE THIS HIGHER QUALITY OF SEED FROM JESUS TO SOW – TO GIVE AWAY THE RESOURCES GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH.**
- **SOWING IS NOT DONE UNLESS WE SCATTER AWAY WHAT IS IN OUR HANDS OPENLY AND NOT WITH A CLENCHED FIST.**

- **WITH JESUS DYING FOR THE BAD FIRST SEED, HE HAS ALREADY CRUCIFED OUR ENDEMIC UNBELIEF IN GOD BY HOARDING ALL OUR RESOURCES.**
- **AND BY HIS RESURRECTION AND A VISION OF CHRIST'S GIVING LIFE, WE CAN ONCE AGAIN STAND CONFIDENTLY ON THIS PROMISE OF GOD – THAT HE WHO SUPPLIES SEED TO THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR THE FOOD WILL SUPPLY AND MULTIPLY OUR RESOURCES AND INCREASE THE HARVEST OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

- **JUST AS JESUS WAS ENRICHED IN EVERY WAY FOR HIS GREAT GENEROSITY, GOD WILL DO THE SAME TO US AFTER WE FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEP OF JESUS IN GIVING.**

- **PREACHING**
IN THE BOAT





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