

GIVING TO A GIVING GOD

Introduction:

How do we move from "*giving to the church*" to "*giving to God*"?

1. Where Did Giving to God Start?

- Genesis 4:1-5

- It commenced as a concrete expression of gratitude

2. What are some concrete modes of giving to God?

- Systematic Giving: tithe and freewill offering - Malachi 3:10

- Sacrificial Giving - Luke 21:4

- Special Giving - I Chronicles 29:9

3. Why do we give unto God? Psalm 116

A. The question in the middle (v.12): a question of remembrance and reciprocity

B. The reflection above (vv. 1-11)

- God heard his prayer
- God delivers
- God is gracious
- God preserves
- God restores joy

C. The resolution below

- Prayer
- Thanksgiving
- Generosity
- Praise