



OCTOBER 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE · SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

## *“Prove Me Now Herewith”*

**Elder Moisés Villanueva** · General Authority Seventy

### *Words to remember*

- *“Sometimes we expect the Lord’s blessings to come the way we would wish, rather than in His own way and timing.”*
- *“I have developed the gift of gratitude by learning to appreciate the Lord’s hand in each of His tender mercies.”*

In Elder Moisés Villanueva’s own words, from the talk.

Elder Moisés Villanueva, a General Authority Seventy, was 10 years old when he and his family were baptized. He had never attended any church before. Joining the Church brought big changes as his family tried to live the gospel.

The change that took the most faith was paying a full tithe. Those were hard years. His mother had separated from his father and worked tirelessly to support eight children, most of them still very young. But when the missionaries taught them the law of tithing, his mother chose to trust the Lord’s promise in Malachi: “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, 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”

He taught that every blessing from God comes by obeying the law it is based on, and that the Lord keeps His promises. “Sometimes we expect the Lord’s blessings to come the way we would wish, rather than in His own way and timing.”

After one sacrament meeting, a faithful sister told him her testimony of tithing was getting weaker. She had always paid a full tithe, but she never got the promotion or the raise she hoped for. Elder Villanueva shared what Elder David A. Bednar taught in his talk “The Windows of Heaven”: tithing often brings blessings that are significant but subtle, not always what we expect, and easy to overlook.

That prompted Elder Villanueva to list his own blessings from paying tithing. He has had steady work for many years. His family has had good health. Their home and belongings have been preserved even in hard times. He was able to manage his time and money to get an education. “I have developed the gift of gratitude by learning to appreciate the Lord’s hand in each of His tender mercies.” He invited the sister to make her own list.

Later, another sister shared that the 20-liter propane tank in her home lasted far longer than expected. It almost seemed it would never run out, and she knew it was a tender mercy for paying her tithing. That reminded him of the Lord's words to Israel: during 40 years in the wilderness, their clothes and shoes did not wear out. He asked, have you ever wondered whether the Lord has made your things last longer because you pay tithing?

Thinking of his mother's faith, he remembered the widow of Zarephath. The Lord sent the prophet Elijah to her. She had only a handful of meal and a little oil, enough for one last meal for herself and her son. Elijah said, "Fear not," and asked her to make him a little cake first. He promised her meal and oil would not run out until the Lord sent rain. She trusted him and gave all she had, and the promise was fulfilled. "Elijah understood that blessings will come after the trial of our faith."

Elder Villanueva is grateful his mother trusted the Lord's promises in their hard circumstances. He testified that God is our loving Heavenly Father, who knows our needs even before we ask, and that He gives us commandments because He wants to bless us.

**Scripture to look up:** Malachi 3:10. "Prove Me Now Herewith" saith the Lord, who keeps His promise to open the windows of heaven.

### *Let's talk about it*

What did this talk teach us about the Savior? What is one small thing our family can do this week?

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