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“Prove Me Now Herewith”

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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 when he and his family were baptized. “I had never attended any church before.” Entering the covenant path brought profound changes, which he now understands reflected their sincere efforts to apply the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

“Perhaps the change that required the greatest faith and sacrifice was to honorably pay a full tithe.” Those were financially difficult years. His mother had separated from his father and worked tirelessly to support eight children, most still very young. Yet when the missionaries taught the law of tithing, she chose to trust the Lord’s promise: “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” (Malachi 3:10).

He cited the revealed principle that “There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated—” (Doctrine and Covenants 130:20–21), and the Lord’s question, “Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled?” Then came a caution: “Sometimes we expect the Lord’s blessings to come the way we would wish, rather than in His own way and timing.”

After a sacrament meeting, a faithful sister told him her testimony of tithing had begun to weaken. She had always paid a full tithe but never received the promotion she hoped for, nor even the salary increase she deserved. He gave her the counsel he gave everyone listening: in “The Windows of Heaven,” Elder David A. Bednar taught that as we live the law of tithing, we often receive significant but subtle blessings that are not always what we expect and easily can be overlooked.

Elder Bednar’s words prompted him to make his own list, and the Holy Ghost helped him recognize many blessings: steady employment for many years, good health for his family, home and possessions

preserved even in difficult times, and the ability to manage time and resources to obtain an education. “I have developed the gift of gratitude by learning to appreciate the Lord’s hand in each of His tender mercies. I have learned to recognize the influence of the Holy Ghost when making important decisions in my life.” These blessings, both temporal and spiritual, are evidence that the Lord has indeed opened the windows of heaven. He invited the sister to write her own list of blessings that are often easy to overlook.

Later, another faithful sister shared in sacrament meeting that the 20-liter propane tank in her home had lasted far longer than expected: “It almost seemed as though it would never run out.” She recognized it as a tender mercy for paying an honest tithe. He was reminded of the Lord’s words to Israel after 40 years in the wilderness, that their clothes and shoes had not grown old (Deuteronomy 29:5). “Have you ever asked yourselves whether the Lord has caused your personal possessions to last longer because you have faithfully lived the law of tithing? I have seen those subtle blessings many times in my own life.”

His mother’s faith also reminded him of the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17). The Lord told Elijah, “Arise, get thee to Zarephath ... : behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee” Elijah found her gathering sticks and asked for water and a morsel of bread. She had only a handful of meal and a little oil, enough for one final meal for herself and her son. Elijah said, “Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.” She did as Elijah said. “Elijah understood that blessings will come after the trial of our faith.” The widow offered up all she had, and the Lord’s promise was fulfilled.

“I am especially grateful that my mother trusted the Lord’s promises and chose to live the law of tithing regardless of our difficult circumstances.” He testified that God is our loving Heavenly Father: “He knows each of us and is aware of our needs even before we ask (see Matthew 6:8).” Jesus Christ is His Son and directs His Church today, and “He gives us commandments because He wants us to receive His blessings.” By living the law of tithing, the Lord indeed opens 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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