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When do we think about what we should give to God for all the wonderful gifts we have received? When do we give thanks for life and love and all the graces we have been given? Is it after we have looked after every other possible need? Do we even think about it at all? Today's readings remind us that it is from the first fruits that our gift to God should come; because all good things come from God, our return to the Lord comes off the top, not from the leftovers. Moses explains how this is to be done in our first reading, and the point seems to be that we need to proclaim God as the source of everything we have, a message that gets reinforced in the reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans and especially in the actions of Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus shows us how easy it is; no one should be able to deceive us, no one should be able to lead us astray because we have God in our lives.

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