

MALACHI

Background Information

The Man

- Name means “My Messenger”
- We know nothing else about him

The Message

Date – Two views

- 432 BC – 425 BC
During the time Nehemiah went back to report to the King of Persia
- 396 BC
This date is held by those who believe the above date was too quick for things to have gotten as bad as described in the book

Facts

- 47 of 55 verses are direct quotes from God
- Only prophet who ends with judgment (Last word is curse)
- Internally the people were cynical but externally they performed empty rituals

Simple outline

1. Israel’s Privileges – 1:1-5
2. Israel’s Pollution’s – 1:6-3:15
3. Israel’s Promises – 3:16-4:6

7 Questions in the book

- 1:2
- 1:6
- 1:7
- 2:17
- 3:7
- 3:8
- 3:13

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MALACHI 1-2

Malachi 2:17

Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.

Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*?

When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD,
and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 2:17

Read – Malachi 1:1-5

Examine –

1. Who is writing this book?
2. To whom does he write?
3. From whom does he get this burden?
4. What does God say to Israel?
5. What does Israel say in response to this?
6. Who was Esau?
7. Who did God love?
8. Who did God hate?
9. What did God do to the inhabitants of Edom? (Esau's People)
FACT: God chose Jacob based upon His foreknowledge. To be fair to other people, however, some would disagree with this conclusion.
10. What was Edom's condition?
11. What would they do anyway?
12. If they do build, what will God do to them?
13. What would others call them?
14. When Israel sees this what will be their response?

Apply-

This was a good reason why God loved them. Does God love you?

How do you know this?

Do you love Him?

How does He know this?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 2:17

Read – Malachi 1:6-9

Examine –

1. What does a son give to his father?
2. What does a servant give to his Lord?
3. Is God a father?
4. What does God want to know?
5. To whom did He address this?
6. What did these people do to His name?
7. What question did they ask?
8. What did they offer on the altar?
9. What were they saying about the table of the LORD?
10. What were they offering for sacrifice? (2 things)
11. What does God call this?
12. What does God suggest they try?
13. What should they do as a result of these sins?

Apply-

They should have been giving their best to God, but instead they were giving the sick and lame. We could say they were giving Him the leftovers. A lot of people have the idea that they will do what they want, then in later years turn back to God. Are you doing this?

Are you planning on doing this?

We should give the KING of KINGS our very best!

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Praise: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 2:17

Read – Malachi 1:10-14

Examine –

1. What two things were they doing for nought?
NOTE: These were empty rituals!
2. As a result of these what was God's response?
3. Would He accept the offering?
4. What group of people would praise God's name?
5. What would be the extent of that praising?
6. What kind of offering would this group of people offer?
7. What have they done to His name?
8. How have they done this?
9. How did they see the worship of God at the temple?
10. What did they do at the worship?
NOTE: We would say today that they turned up their noses at it.
11. Again He shows what they have brought. What was it?
12. If you were in His position, would you accept it?
13. What does God call those who have good lambs in the flock and offer Him the corrupt?
14. What does He pronounce on them?
15. What is God according to verse 14?
16. How is His name among the heathen?

Apply-

Do you get bored with the things of God?

Does having your devotions and witnessing and going to church just seem boring to you?

Do you turn up your nose at these things?

Most of us have to be careful, or we will have this attitude!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 2:17

Read – Malachi 2:1-7

Examine –

1. To whom was this commandment?
2. What two things were they supposed to do?
3. What were they supposed to give unto God's name?
4. If they don't respond, what will God do to them?
5. What will He do to their blessings?
6. Why has He already cursed them?
7. What will God spread upon them?
8. From where will this waste come?
9. With whom did God have a covenant?
10. What was the covenant about?
11. Why did he receive this covenant?
12. What was in his mouth?
13. What was not found in his lips?
14. How was his walk described?
15. What should the priest's lips keep?
16. What should they seek?
17. Why should they do this?

Apply-

These same qualifications can be made for anyone who is to serve the Lord. We should have truth, we should abstain from sin, and we should turn others from sin to seek God's law.

How are you doing these things?

Where are you the weakest?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 2:17

Read – Malachi 2:8-13

Examine –

1. From where are they departed?
2. What have they caused many to do?
3. What have they corrupted?
4. What has God made them like in front of the people?
5. Why did He do this?
6. Is God the same all the time?
7. How were they dealing treacherously?
8. What abomination did Judah commit?
9. What will God do to the man whom does this?
10. Does it matter what their position is in the camp?
11. With what was the altar covered?

NOTE: This is probably referring to those ladies who were divorced in order for the men to marry the daughters of a strange god in verse 11. These ladies were weeping and the men were leaving a token gift at the altar as if that would appease God.

12. Will God receive the offering?
13. What does the term “daughters of a strange god” mean?

Apply-

They have totally disregarded God’s law but make a token swipe at religion. Most people do enough to appease their conscience but do not follow God’s law. What are some ways that you have done this?

How can you change this?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 2:17

Read – Malachi 2:14-17

Examine –

1. What do they ask next?

THINK: It's as if they are saying: "God, why are you so mad? Just calm down. It's not that big of a deal."

2. What has God witnessed?

3. How have they treated the wife of their youth?

4. What is she to them even now?

5. Did God make one when marriage happened? (Eph. 5:31)

6. Did God give Eve (or any woman in marriage) part of the man's spirit?

NOTE: The Hebrew seems to indicate that marriage is a union of the spirits as well as the bodies and so part of this man was in the wife of his youth.

7. Why did God want you to be one?

8. To what should the man take heed?

9. How should they not deal with their wife?

10. What does God hate?

11. With what does he try to cover his sin?

12. What phrase in verse 16 is a repeat from verse 15?

13. How have they wearied the LORD?

14. What do they say about those who are evil?

15. In whom does He delight according to them?

16. What else do they wonder?

Apply-

Sometimes we look at the wicked, and we may think the same thing as they did. They seem to be happy and rich and have everything, but we must remember Psalms 73:1-17.

Don't look at the world with longing, and don't try to be God.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 2:17

Read – Malachi 1-2 - Review

Examine –

1. God's treatment of whom was proof of His love?
2. To whom did God despise?
3. What would God have against these people forever?
4. What was God not getting even though He was a father?
5. How did the priests treat God's name?
6. What did they offer to Him?
7. Who would praise God's name?
8. How did they feel about the worship at the Temple?
9. What did God pronounce on those who did not bring their best?
10. To whom is He addressing in the opening of chapter 2?
11. What will God send on them?
12. Why did God originally make a covenant with Levi?
13. What were some characteristics of these people?
14. What abomination does God deal with in the rest of the chapter?
15. How does God feel about divorce?
16. What accusation do the people make against God?

Apply-

Can you understand the seriousness of marriage? God wants a godly seed. Your marriage will affect every area of your life. Have you been praying for your spouse or your future mate?

If you aren't married now, you may not know who you are praying for, but God does. Ask God to give you and your parents godly wisdom in relation to your future marriage.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

MALACHI 3-4

Malachi 3:6

For I *am* the LORD, I change not;
therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 3:6

Read – Malachi 3: 1-4

Examine –

1. What will God send to Israel?
2. What will he do?
3. Who will come?
4. How and where will He come?
5. What is He called in this passage?
6. How should they respond to Him?
7. Will He come?
8. Note: This is in response to those who did not believe that He was coming in 2:17.
9. What is the obvious answer to the question in verse 2?
10. To what is He likened?
11. Bonus: What is Fullers' soap?
12. What will He purify?
13. How will He purge them?
14. What will they do as a result of this cleansing?
15. Whose offerings will be pleasant unto the Lord?
16. What will these offerings be like?

Apply-

Are you allowing God to refine you?

What is He using to do this?

Are you closer to God than you used to be?

Ask God to restore you to the place of real worship and to remove the “dross”!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 3:6

Read – Malachi 3:5-7

Examine –

1. Why will God come near?
2. What will He be against a group of people?
3. List the groups of people He will be against:

4. What three groups of people do others oppress?

5. Who do they turn aside?
6. Who do they not fear?
7. Why are the sons of Jacob not consumed?
8. How long have they been disobeying God?
9. What have they not obeyed?
10. What does God want them to do?
11. If they do this what will He do for them?
12. What was their disrespectful answer to this pleading?

Apply-

Have you ever had someone say, “I can’t repent; I’m too far gone”?

Have you ever said that?

God is willing to help you, if you turn to Him. Will you do it?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 3:6

Read – Malachi 3:8-12

Examine –

1. What question does God ask to open this passage?
2. Had they robbed Him?
3. How?
4. What are they dealing with as a result of this robbing?
5. How many in the nation are affected by this?
6. What should they bring in?
7. Where should they bring it?
8. If they do this what will God do for them?
9. What will the blessing be like?
10. Who will He rebuke for their sakes?
11. What will not happen to their crops?
12. What will all nations call them?
13. What will their land be?

Apply-

How have you learned the principle of giving?

God has demonstrated this to me over and over. Give one example of your giving and God opening the windows of Heaven for you. If you don't have an example, maybe you are not giving like you should.

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 3:6

Read – Malachi 3:13-15

Examine –

1. How had their words been to God?
2. Define Stout –
3. What do they ask God?
4. What have they said?
5. There was no profit to them in what things?
6. Read Leviticus 26:4-46. They have forgotten the promises of God. Write what God would do if they disobeyed.

7. What do they call the proud?
8. What do they think about those who work wickedness?
9. What about those that tempt God?

Apply-

Many Christians have this same attitude. They think the only way to get ahead is to serve Satan. The truth is, even if we had it rough here, we would have all of eternity. What is your attitude about this?

Do you look with envy at the wicked or are you satisfied with what God has given you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 3:6

Read – Malachi 3:16-18

Examine –

1. Who was speaking to each other?
2. How much did they do it?
3. Who heard it?
4. What was written before Him?
5. Who was it written about?
6. What does Psalms 56:8 say about this subject?
7. What does Revelation 20:11-15 say about books recording stuff?
8. What does God call these people in verse 17?
9. What will He do for them?
10. When God comes back what will He discern?

Apply-

In what category will you be?

Are you righteous or wicked?

Are you serving God or not?

If you have to answer yes to the second part of those questions, then ask God to forgive you!

If you are in the first category, ask God to keep you strong and help you to grow.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 3:6

Read – Malachi 4:1-6

Examine –

1. When the day comes how will it burn?
2. Who will turn to stubble?
3. What will it not leave?
4. What does the writer call God in this passage?
5. What will He have in His wings?
6. To whom will He give this?
7. How will they grow?
8. What will they tread down?
9. What will they be under the feet of the righteous?
10. What should they remember?
11. Where did Moses get the Law?
12. What will God send before the day of the LORD?
13. What two adjectives does he use to describe this day?
14. What will this forerunner do?
15. If not then what will God do to the earth?

Apply-

Where is your heart?

Are you in danger of the curse that God is talking about?

Have you claimed God's healing?

Ask Him today for mercy!

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Malachi 3:6

Read – Malachi 3-4

Examine –

1. Who will prepare the way before God?
2. To what two things is God likened?
3. What group will He purify?
4. God does not _____.
5. What will God do if they turn to Him?
6. Would they do it?
7. How had the people robbed God?
8. What would God do if they gave to Him?
9. What did they think was vain?
10. What did they think about those who were against God?
11. What was written and for whom was it written?
12. What will God do when He returns?
13. Who will burn up in the day of the LORD?
14. Who will receive healing from God?
15. God is called the _____ of _____.
16. What should they remember?
17. Who will God send before Him?

Apply-

What two things do you think God spoke to you about the most in these two chapters?

Money, attitude, fearing God, turning to God, etc.

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Praise: _____

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