



MALACHI

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The days of Malachi were marked by Israel's broken relationship with God. The priests themselves had led the people astray. Calling what was evil, good; keeping the tithes and offerings for themselves; offering defiled sacrifices to God; and leading the people into disobedience showed Israel's betrayal against God.

God, however, being the God of love, and the God of forgiveness, fixed all that had been broken. His forgiveness was available if Israel would repent and turn their hearts back towards Him. Ultimately, they did and God forgave their sins bringing healing to their land.

*"But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall."
~ Malachi 4:2*

The lessons in Malachi are timeless and appropriate for us today. Join us as we walk through the book of Malachi to see how God's love is available to all; especially for those who do not deserve it.



Week 1
Malachi 1:1-5
God's love for Israel

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Idea of the Message

God loves his people with a fierce and jealous love
that requires them to respond appropriately

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Questions for discussion:

- Discuss the idea of predestination.
- Does God choose because He knows how people will respond to His call; or does He choose based solely on His sovereignty?
- In God's economy, what does justice for the human race look like?
- What does God's grace look like?



Week 2
Malachi 1:6–2:9
True worship

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Idea of the Message:

The people charged with teaching Israel the proper reverence for the Lord were instead corrupting their office and the offering.

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Questions for discussion:

- What issues were created by the priests' actions during the time of Malachi?
- What would be parallel issues in the church today with the time of Malachi?
- What determines the acceptability of worship practices?



Week 3
Malachi 2:10-16
Faithfulness, Covenant, Marriage

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Idea of the Message

God's love for his people is shown in his covenants, and believers are called to reflect this in the covenant of marriage.

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Questions for discussion:

- What comparisons can be made between the marriages today and those of the days of Malachi?
- Why is marriage so important?
- Discuss divorce in the modern Christian family.



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Week 4

Malachi 2:17-3:5

God's response to sin

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Idea of the Message

God has sent Jesus as his messenger to reveal God's great salvation for his people once and for all.



Week 5

Malachi 3:6-12

God desires to bless His people

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Idea of Message:

God has promised to forgive those who repents and desires to bless his people.

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Questions for discussion:

- In what ways are God's people displeasing to him?
- What does God prefer?
- How does this passage apply to the church today?



Week 6
Malachi 3:13-4:6
The Day of the Lord

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Questions for Discussion

- Discuss the cynicism displayed in verses 13-15.
- Compare and contrast that to the actions of the faithful in 16-18
- Discuss the Day of the Lord in chapter 4.