

Malachi

Chapter One

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[3] And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

[4] Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

[5] And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.

[6] A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

INTRODUCTION

- **Remnant**... Bible **92x** ... (Translated - "**Residue**" **13x** ... "**remainder**" **2x**... "**escaped**" **1x**)
- **Returned**... *Seventy years later...younger one born in Babylon.*
- **Revival**..... *Renewed interest in the things of God...His **Word**...His **Will**...His **Way**.*
- **Apathy**..... *Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.*
 - **Result:**
 - **Apostasy**... *Abandoning...His **Word**...His **Will**...His **Way**.*
 - **Result:**
 - **Second Timothy 4:4,**
 - "And they shall **turn away** their ears from the truth, and **shall be turned** unto fables."

"THE BURDEN"

That to which the **SOUL** lifts itself up!

Context

Malachi 1:1,

[1] The **burden** of the word of the **LORD** to **Israel** by **Malachi**.

"The burden of" - **21 verses in the Bible.**

* That to which the **SOUL** lifts itself up!

* **RESULT:** Causing some action

“MY MESSENGER”

Malachi 1:1,

“The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.”

Malachi - “My Messenger.”

- Message - 7x in the Bible
- Messenger - 34x in the Bible
- Messages - 79x in the Bible
- Isaiah 14:32 - “What shall one then answer **the messengers?**”
- Second Corinthians 8:23 - “**The messengers** of the churches.”
- Nahum 2:13 - **WARNING** - “The voice of **the messengers** shall be no more heard.”
 - Haggai - “The **Lord’s messenger.**” - (Haggai 1:13)
 - Malachi - “**Messenger of the Lord.**” - (Malachi 2:7)
 - Malachi - **THE LAST MESSENGER FOR 400 YEARS!**

Willing to listen?
Willing to obey?

QUESTIONING GOD LOVE???

Malachi 1:2,

“**I have loved you**, saith the LORD. **Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us?**”

Evidence???

WHAT ABOUT THE PROMISES???

“I Will”???...Over 50 times in Haggai and Zechariah!

- **Prosperity**???
- **Leadership**???- Examples of the past...*Elijah...Elisha...Moses...*
 - *Ezra... Zerubbabel...dead!*
 - *Nehemiah...Back in the Persian palace!*
- **Temple**???...Fill with **glory**???(Zechariah 6:13)... More **gloom** than glory.
- **Promises**???

Their
Problem
Was a short-
sighted
focus.

“Written For Our Admonition

First Corinthians 10:11,

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

DANGER FOR US - QUESTIONING GOD LOVE?

Second Peter 3:3-13, - WARNING TO CHRISTIANS

This is church talk - Not hotel talk

- [3] There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, (DESIRES 3X)
[4] And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
[5] For this they **willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens...
[8] But, **beloved**, be not ignorant...
[9] The Lord is not slack concerning his **promise**, as some men count slackness;
[13] Nevertheless we, according to his **promise**, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Promises in the Bible - Over 5000 promises

[9] The Lord is not slack concerning his **promise**

GOD'S RESPONSE - "I Loved." ... "I Hated."

Malachi 1:2-3,

- [2] I have **loved** you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet **I loved Jacob**,
[3] And **I hated Esau**, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

"Love" ... **"Loved"** ... 408 times...Bible

"Hate" ... **"Hated"** ... 147 times...Bible

First, whatever it means - DO NOT QUESTION GOD!

Romans 9:13-14,

- [13] As it is written, **Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**
[14] "What shall we say then? **Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid."**

Expression Used As A Metaphor

Luke 14:26, - Test of discipleship

“If any man come to me, and **hate** not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”

Matthew 10:37, - Test of discipleship

“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

Metaphor

Example: “I hate this weather.”

Malachi 1:2-3,

[2] I **loved** **Jacob**.....**chose Jacob**

[3] And I **hated** **Esau**.....**rejected Esau**...How God dealt with Esau’s descendants - v.4

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Malachi’s Message For The Leadership

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[7] Ye offer **polluted** bread upon mine altar; and ye say, **Wherein** have we **polluted** thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is **contemptible**.

Like the Seven Letters in Revelation - Malachi Begins With A Message To The Leadership.

First Thessalonians 2:4,

“But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel.”

Pastors & Parents
Are Part of God’s
Leadership.

“Despised My Name”

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Same Hebrew Word

- **“MY NAME”** - 10x in Malachi...“Name”...“Reputation.”
- **“POLLUTED BREAD”** - “Contaminate with harmful or poisonous substances.”
- **“UPON MINE ALTAR”** - “Symbol of WORSHIP!”

Example
C.C.M. Music

Privilege of leadership brings responsibility

- Having the **God-given duty** to deal with circumstances.
- Having **authority** over God’s heritage. (see First Peter 5:3)

- God-given **accountability** and **blame** for when done wrong.

“Much Given” - “Much Required.”

Luke 12:48,

“For unto whomsoever much is **given**, of him shall be much **required**: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”

Trans: “Judgment” 13x

James 3:1,

“My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater **condemnation.**”

“Offer It Now to The Governor???”

Malachi 1:8,

And if ye **offer** the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye **offer** the lame and sick, is it not evil? **offer** it now unto **thy governor**; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts

- More respect for **Persian** Governors than for their God.
- The Governors Didn’t Go To Calvary For Us!

“Knowest not...” - No Discernment - Spiritual Things

Revelation 3,

- [15] “... *thou art neither cold nor hot...*”
- [17] “...*knowest not...*”
- [15] “...*I would thou wert cold or hot.*”

- Malachi 1:2, “Wherein hast thou loved us?”
- Malachi 1:6, “Wherein have we despised thy name?”
- Malachi 1:7, “Wherein have we polluted thee?”
- Malachi 2:17, “Wherein have we wearied him?”
- Malachi 3:7, “Wherein shall we return?”
- Malachi 3:8, “Wherein have we robbed thee?”

Better to shut the doors...

Malachi 3:9-10,

[9] “...*this hath been by your means.*”

[9] “...*will he regard your persons?*”

[10] “*Who is there even among you that would shut the doors...*”

[10] “*I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts,*

[10] “...*neither will I accept an offering at your hand.*”

God’s Message - From The Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 1:11-15,

[11] *To what purpose* is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: *I am full of the burnt offerings* of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and *I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.*

[13] *Bring no more vain oblations;* (“offering” 164x) *incense is an abomination unto me...*”

[14] *...your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.*

[15] *And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear...*”

God's Sad Comparison - Heathen Have More Respect

Malachi 3:11-12,

[11] For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same **my name shall be great among the Gentiles**; and in every place incense shall be offered unto **my name**, and a pure offering: for **my name shall be great among the heathen**, saith the LORD of hosts.

[12] **But ye have profaned it**, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

[14] ...**my name is dreadful** ("reverence" 3x) **among the heathen**.

"What A Weariness"

Malachi 3:13,

[13] **Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it!**

Weary **IN** The Work...**Never** Weary **OF** The Work

Ecclesiastes 12:12, "...much study is a weariness of the flesh."

Second Corinthians 4:16, "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

Keeping The Good - Sacrificing The Corrupt

Malachi 3:13-14,

[13] Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and **ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick**; thus ye brought an offering: **should I accept this of your hand?** saith the LORD.

[14] **But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing**: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful ("reverence" 3x) among the heathen.

"Acceptable Unto The Lord"

Psalms 19:14,

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, **be acceptable in thy sight**, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

Romans 12:1,

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, **acceptable** unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Romans 12:2,

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and **acceptable**, and perfect, will of God."

Ephesians 5:10,

"Proving what is **acceptable** unto the Lord."

All Christians Are Priests Unto God!

“A holy priesthood...Acceptable Sacrifices

First Peter 2:5,

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

First Peter 2:9,

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood...”

Conclusion

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The - Mind...Will...Emotions

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Actions Following

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1. “All these things happened.”

2. “For examples.” (i.e. to make an impression).

a. Translated “*print*” (John 20:25, Referring to the impressions in Christ’s hands from the crucifixion).

3. “They are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”