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MALACHI
QUESTIONING GOD

“I AM THE LORD, AND I DO NOT CHANGE.”

MALACHI 3:6

ABOUT MALACHI

Malachi means “*My Messenger*.”

This is the _____ that the Lord gave to _____ through the _____ Malachi. (1:1)

We are given no other history or insight into who Malachi was.

The content suggests that the time of his ministry was probably during the second half of the 5th century. The temple had already been rebuilt. There was widespread apostasy, intermarriage with foreign women, neglect of the tithe and care of the temple—all these things we see during the time of Nehemiah’s ministry (444-432 BC).

For more insight, go back and read the book of Nehemiah.

A REBELLIOUS PEOPLE TALK BACK TO GOD

How have you _____ us? (1:2)

How have we ever shown _____ for your _____? (1:6)

How have we _____ the _____? (1:7)

It’s too _____ to _____ the Lord. (1:13)

_____ doesn’t the Lord accept my _____? (2:13)

How have we _____ God? (2:17)

Where is the God of _____? (2:17)

How can we _____ when we have never gone away? (3:7)

When did we ever _____ you? (3:8)

What have we _____ against you? (3:13)

What’s the use of _____ God? What have we _____ by obeying his commands or by trying to show the Lord of Heaven’s Armies that we are _____ for our _____? (3:14)

GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIESTS

"You have shown _____ for my _____!" (1:6)

"Go ahead, beg God to be _____ to you! But when you bring that kind of [worthless] offering, why should he show you any _____ at all?" asks the Lord of Heaven's Armies. (1:9)

"You dishonor my name with your _____." (1:12)

"Listen, you priests—this command is for you! _____ to me and make up your _____ to honor my _____," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "or I will bring a terrible curse against you. I will curse even the _____ you receive." (2:1-2)

**"...BRING ALL THE TITHES INTO THE
STOREHOUSE... IF YOU DO... I WILL OPEN THE
WINDOWS OF HEAVEN FOR YOU. I WILL POUR OUT
A BLESSING SO GREAT YOU WON'T HAVE ENOUGH
ROOM TO TAKE IT IN! TRY IT! PUT ME TO THE
TEST!..."**

MALACHI 3:10

GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIESTS (CONT.)

God's Purpose For The Priesthood (2:5)

"The purpose of my _____ with the Levites was to bring _____ and _____, and that is what I gave them..."

Back When God Established This Covenant With The Levites (2:5-6)

This required _____ from them, and they greatly revered me and stood in awe of my _____.

They passed on to the people the _____ of the instructions they received from me.

They did not _____ or cheat.

They walked with me, living _____ and _____ lives.

They _____ many from lives of sin.

God's Expectations (2:7)

"The words of a priest's lips should preserve _____ of _____, and people should go to him for instruction, for the priest is the messenger of the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

God's Observations (2:8-9)

You priests have left God's _____.

Your instructions have _____ many to _____ into sin.

You have _____ the covenant I made with the Levites.

You have not _____ me.

You have sown _____ in the way you carry out my instructions.

God's Response (2:9)

I have made you _____ and _____ in the eyes of all the people.

THOSE WHO FEARED THE LORD SPOKE WITH EACH OTHER,
AND THE LORD LISTENED TO WHAT THEY SAID.

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GOD'S MESSAGES TO ISRAEL

"I have always _____ you," says the Lord. (1:2)

The men of Judah have defiled the Lord's beloved sanctuary by _____ women who _____ idols. (2:11)

You cry out, "Why doesn't the Lord accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the Lord _____ the vows you and your wife made when you were _____. But you have been _____ to her, though she remained your _____ partner, the wife of your marriage vows. (2:14)

Guard your _____; remain _____ to the wife of your youth. (2:15)

You have wearied the Lord with your words (2:17):

- By saying that all who do _____ are good in the Lord's sight, and he is _____ with them.
- By asking, "_____ is the God of justice?"

The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming. (3:1)

What that messenger will be like (3:2-3):

- A blazing _____ that refines metal.
- A strong soap that _____ clothes.
- A refiner of silver, _____ away the dross.

He will _____ the Levites, refining them like gold and silver.

At that time I will put you on _____. (3:5)

These people do not fear me (3:5):

- Sorcerers.
- _____.
- Liars.
- Those who cheat _____ of their wages.
- Those who _____ widows and orphans.
- Those who deprive foreigners living among you of _____.

GOD'S MESSAGES TO ISRAEL (CONT.)

It's Time To Repent (3:6-14)

"Now return to me, and I will _____ to you," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

"You have _____ me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been _____ me."

If you bring all the tithes into the storehouse for my temple:

- I will open the _____ of heaven for you.
- I will pour out a _____ so great you won't have enough room to take it in!
- Your crops will be _____, for I will guard them from insects and disease.
- Your _____ will not fall from the vine before they are ripe.
- All the nations will call you _____, for you land will be such a _____.

You have said terrible things about me:

- What's the use of _____ God?
- What have we _____ by obeying his commands or trying to _____ him we are sorry for our sins?
- We will call the _____ blessed.
- Those who do evil get _____, and those who dare God to punish them _____ no harm.

**"FOR YOU WHO FEAR MY NAME, THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL
RISE WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS. AND YOU WILL GO FREE, LEAPING
WITH JOY LIKE CALVES LET OUT TO PASTURE..."**

MALACHI 4:2

THE FAITHFUL MINORITY (3:16-4:3)

Then those who _____ the Lord _____ with each other, and the Lord _____ to what they said.

In his presence, a scroll of _____ was written to record the _____ of those who feared him and _____ thought about the honor of his name.

“They will be my _____,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special _____. I will _____ them as a father spares an obedient child...”

“...Then you will again see the difference between the _____ and the wicked, between those who _____ God and those who do not.”

The Lord of Heaven’s Armies says, “The day of _____ is coming, burning like a furnace...”

On that day the _____ and the _____ will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed—roots, branches, and all.

“But for you who fear my _____, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with _____ like calves let out to pasture. On the day when I act, you will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

UNEXPECTED INSIGHT

“...my name is _____ by people of other _____ from morning till night. All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my _____ is great among the nations,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. (1:11)

“...I am a great _____,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “and my name is feared among the nations!...” (1:14)

THE LAST MESSAGE (4:5-6)

“Look, I am _____ you the prophet _____ before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives...”

His _____ will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.

**“...NOW RETURN TO ME, AND I WILL RETURN TO YOU,”
SAYS THE LORD OF HEAVEN’S ARMIES...**

MALACHI 3:7

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