

Malachi #1

Chapter 1

- 1) The name "Malachi" means, "my messenger". Why would that name be appropriate?
- 2) Did God love Israel?
- 3) Did they feel loved?
- 4) Which brother followed the Lord? a) Esau b) Jacob
- 5) Knowing John 3:16-"for God so loved the world.....", do you think God hated the individuals or the nations represented by the names, Jacob and Esau?
- 6) In verses 3-5, is it talking about individuals or nations? (hint-Edom is another name for Esau)
- 7) What would be a modern translation of the description of the land of Edom in vs. 4? a) Mountain paradise b) The "bad lands" c) Home of the brave
- 8) What did God say He deserved because He was a Father?
- 9) What did God say He deserved because He was a Master?
- 10) How did the priest feel about God? a) Respected Him s) Despised Him
- 11) Did they think they were despising God?
- 12) "You are presenting _____ food upon My _____. But you say, 'How have we defiled Thee?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be _____.'"
- 13) How would you describe the sacrifices they offered?
- 14) Would the governor appreciate such offerings?
- 15) Do you think this passage is written so that we might consider how we treat the Lord?
- 16) Isn't it convicting to consider what kind of sacrifices we make for the Lord?
- 17) Does God usually get first claim on our time and money or do we tend to give Him what is left over?
- 18) "'For from the _____ of the sun, even to its setting, _____ will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name _____ great among the nations,' says the LORD of hosts."
- 19) Is the greatness of God dependant on our praise?
- 20) What would the "table of the Lord" be today? a) Furniture b) The Lord's supper (communion) c) Fellowship dinners
- 21) Do some believers think it is "tiresome" to break bread (have communion)?
- 22) Should we feel that way?

Chapter 2:1-9

- 1) Who was chapter two written to?
- 2) What were the priests not honoring?
- 3) Is verse 3 pretty graphic and shocking?
- 4) Does it sound like God is serious about these issues?
- 5) Who was Levi? a) Man who invented jeans b) The son of Jacob whose descendents became special leaders for the worship of God (Numbers 3:6-9) c) The greatest warrior tribe
- 6) According to verses 5 & 6, did the Levites really serve God after He appointed them?
- 7) Do we sometimes start out strong and then slip back to our old habits/
- 8) What kind of influence did Levi have on others? (hint-last phrase of verse 6)
- 9) Read Revelation 1:5&6. Who are to be priest? a) Us b) The people of Judah c) Seminary grads
- 10) If we are priests of God, what is an important aspect of our ministry found in verse 7?
- 11) Instead of , "turning many back from iniquity", the priest were now, "causing _____ stumble by the _____"
- 12) These teachers were causing others to stumble by "corrupting" the message of the word of God. Do we get that same kind of result from the preaching of many Bible teachers today?
- 13) A big mistake teachers make is to try not to say anything that will offend anyone, even when it is a clear teaching from the word. Verse 9 calls this, " _____ in the instruction".

Malachi #2

Chapter 2:10-17

- 1) “Do we not all have _____ father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his _____ so as to profane the covenant of our _____?”
- 2) Verse 10 has been used to promote the brotherhood of man and the fact that we are all children of God but it is actually referring to the brotherhood within the nation of _____!
- 3) Who is actually the father of unbelievers according to John 8:44?
- 4) God had created them all, but the one father being referred to was Jacob. This was important because the tribes were descended from different mothers. Which brother (tribe) dealt treacherously in Israel?
- 5) Why were the people of Israel not allowed to intermarry with other nations? (see Deuteronomy 7:3&4)

- 6) Does it sound like the men of Judah were following that instruction?
- 7) Read verses 13 & 14. Why wasn't God accepting the sacrifices of Judah?
- 8) Read verse 15. Does the Spirit lead you to deal treacherously with your wife?
- 9) Can you see the difference between, “the Spirit” and “your spirit” in verse 15?
- 10) What phrase is repeated in verses 15 & 16?
- 11) Does it sound like God takes it lightly when you mistreat your spouse?
- 12) What is one good reason for a strong marriage found in verse 15?
- 13) Who said this? “I hate divorce!”
- 14) Should we try to avoid the things God hates?
- 15) When people are talking about marriage and contemplating divorce these days, which two of these statements do you often hear that are found in verse 17?
 - a) God isn't fair making me stay in this marriage
 - b) It's Ok to do whatever you need to for your own happiness, because God wants you to be happy! It's good if it is what you need.
 - c) We really need to be careful to follow God's instructions!

Chapter 3:1-13

- 1) Read verses 1-3. Who do you think is the one who is coming?
 - a) The Messiah
 - b) A great leader
- 2) Can you see why the Jews thought the Messiah was coming as a judge?
- 3) Read John 3:17. Did Jesus come to judge the world?
- 4) Read John 5:24-27. Will Jesus judge people when he returns?
- 5) Who “will not come into judgment”?
- 6) Did the Jews miss the suffering Messiah found in Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 and concentrate on the judging Messiah found in Malachi 3?
- 7) If you are an employer, what instruction can you gain from Malachi 3:5?
- 8) Why are the son's of Jacob (Israel) “not consumed”?
- 9) Read Hebrews 13:8. In what way do we see Jesus has the characteristic that is unique to God?
- 10) God says, “_____ to me, and I will _____ to you”. For this equation to work, who must have been the one who left in the first place?
- 11) What is one way believers can rob God?
- 12) What did God promise to do if they gave freely to him?
- 13) Read Romans 12:1&2. What does God want from believers today?
 - a) Their money
 - b) Their free time
 - c) Themselves (then everything will be His)
- 14) After reading these verses, do you think what you do with your money is important to God?
- 15) Read verses Malachi 3:10-12. Were many of the blessings for the nation of Israel physical and material blessings?
- 16) According to Ephesians 1:3, today our blessings are mostly.....
 - a) Material
 - b) Spiritual
 - c) Physical
- 17) Read Mal. 3:13. Do these people seem to have any clue why God is unhappy with them?
- 18) Are we sometimes so far away from the Lord that we don't realize how much we offend him?

Malachi #3

Chapter 3:14-15

- 19) "You have said, 'It is vain to _____ God; and what _____ is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts?'"
- 20) Put verse 14 in words you might hear someone say today.
- 21) In verse 15, do the people think God punishes evil?
- 22) Doesn't it seem like people are getting away with a lot of evil and God doesn't do anything about it?

Read Psalm 73

- 23) What caused the writer to stumble in verses 2 & 3?
- 24) Did the wicked seem to die painful deaths?
- 25) Did they seem to have a lot more trouble in their lives?
- 26) Did they mock God and say a lot of evil things?
- 27) Ps 73:12 "Behold, these are the wicked; and _____ at _____, they have increased in _____ (their rich)."
- 28) What verses in Malachi 3 does Ps 73:13 & 14 remind you of?
- 29) Why was the writer afraid to say what he felt? a) Because it would discourage the children
b) Because God would punish him c) Because he thought God was always fair
- 30) What changed the writers mind in verse 17?
- 31) What is "the end" of the wicked? (vs 18)
- 32) "How they are destroyed in a moment! They are utterly _____ away by sudden _____!"
- 33) "Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when aroused, Thou wilt _____ their form."
- 34) Are the wicked really getting away with anything?
- 35) This describes what the life of the believer is like: "Nevertheless I am continually _____; Thou hast taken hold of my right _____. With Thy counsel Thou wilt _____ me, and afterward _____!"
- 36) Why should we not envy the arrogant (the wicked)?

Chapter 3:16-18

- 1) How can we as believers encourage one another?
- 2) How do we know God cares about that?
- 3) What two groups of people are included in the "book of remembrance"?
 - a)
 - b)
- 4) "And they will be _____," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man _____ who serves him."
- 4) Who are the righteous? (see Galatians 3:6, 2:21 and II Corinthians 5:21)
- 5) Does God make a distinction between those who serve Him and those who do not?

Chapter 4

- 1) As to the arrogant and evil doers, what does verse one describe from Ps 73? a) Their end b) Their attitude c) Their salvation
- 2) "But for you who fear My name the *sun* of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings;" What word in this sentence could be replaced and it would be read the same way?
- 3) Who did the God promise to send before the "day of the Lord," would come?
- 4) Who should we expect to show up in the world before the Messiah returns to reign on earth?
- 5) Did Elijah die according to II Kings 2:11 & 12?
- 6) Might he be one of the witnesses that appears in the last days mentioned in Revelation 11:3-8?
- 7) Where else do we see Elijah? (see Luke 9:28-31)
- 8) Who else is with him and Jesus on the mountain?
- 9) Who do you think might be the other witness from Revelation 11?
- 10) The loss of what important family relationship causes a curse according to verse 6?
- 11) What brings a blessing according to Ephesians 6:2 & 3?
- 12) Do we need to cultivate the relationships we have with our parents and our children?