

Logos Class – Book of Malachi

On-Campus and Zoom class for May 22, 2022

Malachi – Ch 1B & 2

Our next few weeks...

- ✓ *May 15, 2022 – Testimony and Malachi Intro/Ch 1A*
- ✓ *May 22, 2022 – Malachi Ch 1B & 2*
- *May 29, 2022 – Malachi Ch3*
- *June 5, 2022 – ICYMI & Malachi Ch 4*
- *June 12, 2022 – Special lesson*
- *June 19, 2022 – Carroll Springer*
- *June 26, 2022 – Carroll Springer*

Book of Malachi itself

- *Malachi means = **My Messenger** in Hebrew*
- *Although not totally clear, the Jews believed the writer was an actual man named Malachi, and we will adopt that premise in this study.*
- *Written to the Jews in Judea and the prophetic parts are both for the time, and for the future. We will look at that when we get there.*
- *The style of the book is different than Habakkuk or Amos or any other prophetic book. It uses what is called the **Disputational Style of writing***
- *It also uses **Oracles** as part of the writing...6 of them*
- *You will also notice that the translations vary quite a bit. I am using the NASB for this because it is a word for word translation of the Hebrew (or Greek Septuagint)*

Malachi Ch 1: 1-3 Oracle 1- *God's Love for Jacob*

*1 The oracle of the word of the **LORD** to Israel through Malachi.*

2 "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have You loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob;

3 but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."

Malachi 1:4-5 *Judgment on the Edomites*

⁴ *Though Edom says, “We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins”; thus says the LORD of hosts, “They may build, but I will tear down; and men will call them the **wicked** territory, and the **people toward whom the LORD is indignant forever.**”*

⁵ *Your eyes will see this, and you will say, “The LORD be **magnified beyond the border of Israel!**”*

***Note:** to see God’s final judgment on the Edomites read the book of Obadiah.*

Malachi 1:6 Oracle 2 – the Sin of the Priests

⁶ *“‘A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?’ says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’*

Reminder: In Matt 25 – the parable of the sheep and the goats

Malachi 1:7-10 God answers

*⁷ You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, ‘**How have we defiled You?**’ In that you say, ‘**The table of the LORD is to be despised.**’*

*⁸ **But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?**” says the LORD of hosts.*

*⁹ “**But now will you not entreat God’s favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?**” says the LORD of hosts.*

*¹⁰ “**Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you,**” says the LORD of hosts, “**nor will I accept an offering from you.**”*

Malachi 1:11-14 *A prophetic note*

*11 For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, **My name** 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** will be great among the **nations**,” says the LORD of hosts.*

*12 “But you are **profaning it**, in that you say, ‘**The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.**’*

*13 You also say, ‘**My, how tiresome it is!**’ And you **disdainfully sniff at it**,” says the LORD of hosts, “**and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so, you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?**” says the LORD.*

*14 “But **cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King**,” says the LORD of hosts, “**and My name is feared among the nations.**”*

A lot to consider...

- *What is this about the Nations?*
- *Sacrifice from the Nations and everywhere?*
- *The Sacred versus the Profane*
- *Pledge versus performance*
- *God's Name will be feared (respected in awe) by the Nations (Gentiles)*
- *Why is a male animal to be sacrificed? Did you ever think about it?*

Malachi Ch 2:1-3 *Priests to be disciplined*

2 *“And now this commandment is for you, O priests.*

2 *If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name,” says the LORD of hosts, “**then** I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart.*

3 *Behold, I am going to rebuke your offspring/Seed, and I will spread refuse on your faces, the refuse of your feasts; and you will be **taken away** with it.*

Malachi Ch 2:4-7 *Honor and Service*

*4 Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, [e]that My covenant may **continue with Levi**,” says the LORD of hosts.*

*5 “My covenant with him **was one of life and peace**, and I gave them to him as an **object of reverence**; so, he revered Me and stood in awe of My name.*

*6 **True instruction** was in his mouth and **unrighteousness was not found on his lips**; he **walked with Me in peace and uprightness**, and he **turned many back from iniquity**.*

*7 **For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts**.*

Malachi Ch 2:8-9 *Corruption and Trust*

⁸ But as for you, you have **turned aside from the way**; you have **caused many to stumble by the instruction**; you have **corrupted the covenant of Levi**,” says the LORD of hosts.

⁹ “So I also have made you **despised and abased before all the people**, just as you are **not keeping My ways but are showing partiality in the instruction**.

Malachi Ch 2:10-12. *Judging unfaithfulness*

Oracle 3 -Be faithful as God's Covenant people

10 “Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?”

11 Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which He loves and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

12 As for the man who does this, may the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob everyone who awakes and answers, or who presents an offering to the LORD of hosts.

Malachi Ch 2:13-15 (NIV)

13 *Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.*

14 *You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.*

15 *Has not the one God made you(one)? You belong to Him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring.*

So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.

Malachi Ch 2:16

*16 “The man who hates and divorces his wife,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “does violence to the one he should protect,” says the LORD Almighty.
So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.*

Malachi Ch 2:17

Oracle 4 – Hope in God

17 You have wearied the LORD with your words.

“How have we wearied him?” you ask.

By saying, “All who do evil are good in the eyes of the LORD, and he is pleased with them” or “Where is the God of justice?”

We will start here next week – Read Chapter 3