

Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014  
Malachi – God’s Messenger  
Part Fourteen  
Study Questions

- 1). Read Malachi 3:10-14 – What is God encouraging the nation to do in v10?
  - a). According to v14, what is Israel’s attitude?
  - b). Why had they come to this conclusion and which scriptures did we look at that describe it?
  - c). What did they fail to see operating on their behalf and what happened to their focus as a result?
  - d). What did they then do as a consequence of this?
  - e). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
  - f). What is the overall context in which all of this must be seen?
  - g). How does the tithe fit into this and which scripture did we look at?
  - h). How is God’s promise to Abraham presented in Romans 4:13?
  - i). Within the context of this verse how would we have to see Abraham’s giving of the tithe?
  - j). What admonition do we find on this in 1 Timothy 6:17?

k). What is the tension that always exists with respect to tithing and which foundational scripture did we look at that shows this?

l). What have we learned in past weeks in Malachi concerning Israel's rebellious relationship with God and what might we conclude from it?

2). Read Revelation 3:17 – where do we find a parallel verse to this and what is at the heart of both?

a). Read Luke 16:10-13 – how should we understand these verses with respect to the tithe and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

b). Read Matthew 6:19-21 – How might we see these verses in relation to the tithe?

c). What has happened then during the course of this dispensation with respect to the tithe?

d). In order for us to view this correctly what is the foundation upon which all tithing must rest?

e). Within the camp of Israel where was the tithe brought and what was it used for?

- f). Where is the tithe to be brought in our day and where do we find scriptures that would parallel its usage as seen with respect to Israel?
- g). So, what would we conclude about the use of the tithe today?
- h). Read 1 Corinthians 9:14 again – what is significant about this verse and what does it teach us about where our tithe is to be placed?
- i). Does this really matter do you think?

3). Read Malachi 3:13-15 – Where do these verses take us back to?

- a). What do these verses teach us about Israel?
- b). What had they to forget to come to these conclusions?
- c). How was God dealing with the nation and why?
- d). Would it be possible for Christians to have the same outlook as Israel had and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- e). What do we learn from 1 Peter 1:17 with regards to this?
- f). Read Matthew 7:21-23 – what do we learn from these verses concerning the same thing?
- g). Which other scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- h). Do you have any thoughts about all of this?

4). Read Malachi 3:16 – within the midst of unfaithful Israel which group of people is introduced here?

a). What do they do and what is God’s response to this?

b). Read Hebrews 3:12-13 - how do these verses connect with what we read in Malachi 3:16?

c). Read Ephesians 5:17-20 and Romans 5:14 – What additional commentary do we find in these verses?

d). What parallel is there between our own day and the days of Malachi?

e). How important is this speaking to each other would you say and what would it look like in practice?

f). What was done before the Lord with respect to those who spoke to one another?

g). Which verses from Proverbs 2, Matthew 12 and Hebrews 6 give us added insight here?

h). Read Daniel 7:10 – What is taking place here and what would this mean for us?

i). What other references to books did we look at?

j). Any final thoughts?