

Sunday October 27th 2013
Malachi – God’s Messenger
Part Three
Study Questions

1). Read Hebrews 2:1-4 – What does the history of the Children of Israel provide for us?

- a). What do we learn about Israel in these verses?
- b). What do we learn here about ourselves?
- c). Which other scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- d). What do we learn about Israel at the beginning of the Book of

Malachi?

e). What might we say about Israel’s unfaithfulness, disobedience and foolishness with regards to ourselves?

f). What is it then that will have to be overcome in order to set the faithful apart from the unfaithful?

g). What would it be good for us to remember in the midst of this?

2). Read Malachi 1:6-9 – What does God say in Exodus 4:22?

a). What commandment is given in Exodus 20:12?

- b). What is Israel not doing as seen in Malachi?
- c). What does this mean with regards to their relationship with God?
- d). Why would they give honor and respect to men, but not to God?

3). Read Leviticus 22:21-24 + 31-33 – What specific instructions are given to Israel in these verses?

- a). According to v31-33 what is the context for these instructions?
- b). The offerings we see referenced in these verses- who are they made on behalf of?
- c). What is the point for making them?
- d). What would honoring their Father look like in this context?
- e). According to the verses we have read in Malachi did Israel do this?
- d). What do the offerings found in Leviticus provide a parallel with and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- e). What then do the offerings in Leviticus form a type of?
- f). Who is the indictment concerning the ‘evil’ sacrifices in Malachi against?
- g). Why should we not dismiss this with regards to ourselves?

h). Read Malachi 1:7-8 again – what might the offerings here tell us about the spiritual condition of the people?

i). How is this reflected in what we find at the Lord's first advent and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

j). What should have been the attitude of the priests towards the offerings the people brought?

k). Why do you think the people only brought the blind, lame and sick?

l). Read Malachi 1:12-13 – What is the result of the priests condoning the sin of the people?

m). Who do they blame for this and what do the priests have to say about it?

n). What do we see here from a typological standpoint and how does this equally apply to the first generation of Israel and the 'Church'?

o). Which category of people are being dealt with in all this and what are they being dealt with in relation to?

4). Read 1 John 1:1-4 – What is the main theme of 1 John?

a). What is John writing to these people and why is he writing it?

b). If they take to heart what he writes what will they have and what will this mean?

c). Read 1 John 1:6-7 – why would we lie and not practice the truth if we walk in darkness?

d). Why would we have ‘fellowship’ with the Lord if we are in the light?

e). What is the significant key that we should learn from this?

f). What if we are not like minded with the Lord with respect to sin?

g). What 3 examples did we look at in connection with this and which scripture did we look at?

h). Read 1 John 3:9 – How should we understand what is taught in this scripture and which scripture did we look in connection with it?

i). Although what we read in 1 John 3:9 should be our constant practice what is the reality that goes along with it?

j). What does John teach is the solution to this problem?

k). What did we find that David had to say about this?

l). How important is our knowing the Word in all of this?

m). What would it cost us not to do so?

n). Any final thoughts?