

Sunday November 3rd 2013
Malachi – God’s Messenger
Part Four
Study Questions

1). Read Ezekiel 22:26 – In what way does this verse aptly describe the priests of the Lord as we see them in Malachi?

a). What would it mean not to distinguish between the holy and the unholy?

b). What would it mean to have ‘hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths’ and which verses did we look at from the NT that speaks of the same thing within our context?

c). What significant warning should we see for ourselves in this verse from Ezekiel?

d). Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

e). What would this mean for us in practical terms?

f). Why is this so important?

g). What does the Lord have to say to His ‘Church’ about this in the Revelation Chapter 2?

h). Simply put, how would we understand ‘the doctrine of Balaam’?

i). What does this doctrine do for distinguishing between the holy and the unholy?

j). How would we see this within modern Christianity?

k). How might we see this within our own experience?

l). How can we see that which Balaam accomplished with regards to Israel brought over into our setting?

m). What does Peter have to say about this?

2). In order to distinguish between the holy and the unholy what is a necessity for us?

a). How does this necessity connect with 1 John Chapter 1?

b). How should what we see in 1 John Chapter 1 be part of our everyday experience?

c). Which scripture from Ephesians did we look at in connection with this?

d). What is absolutely essential to our being like-minded with the Lord?

3). How would we describe the attitude of the priests in Malachi's day towards sin?

- a). What were they the keepers of and what should this have meant?
 - b). They were performing the services of the sanctuary, but in what sense were they doing this?
 - c). What do we read in 2 Corinthians Chapter 3 about this?
- 4). Read 1 John 1:8 – What does this verse teach us?
- a). What does Paul record about this in Romans 7:19-25?
 - b). In which verse do we find the answer to the question Paul asks and what is the answer?
 - c). Explain how our deliverance from this body of death takes place through Christ Jesus our Lord?
 - d). What commentary do we find on this at the beginning of Romans Chapter 8?
 - e). Where is our focus if we walk according to the flesh?
 - f). How would we see this in the priests in Malachi?
 - g). What do we read in Romans 12:1-2?
 - h). What would it mean for our sacrifice if we are conformed to this world?

i). What is God's purpose seen through Malachi and what is His purpose seen through sending the Holy Spirit to His 'Church'?

j). How is Christ delivering us in the present if we still have a sin nature?

k). How can we walk in the Spirit with a sin nature and which 2 scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

l). What does the word translated 'confession' literally mean and what does this do for understanding of 1 John 1:9?

m). Read Psalm 38:3-5 – What is David's experience recorded here?

n). What do you think our own experience with regards to our sin should be and are you there yet?

5). Read Malachi 1:10 – what does this tell us about the priests and which scripture in Micah did we look at in connection with this?

a). How does this tie in with that which the Lord says to the Church of the Laodiceans?

b). How does Balaam come into this picture again?

c). Do you see this within modern day Christianity?

d). Is it right for those who minister the Gospel to be paid and what do the scriptures have to say about this?

e). What is the problem the priests of Malachi and the Church of the Laodiceans have gotten themselves into with respect to this?

f). Which word inevitably comes to mind to describe this and where did we see it in the scriptures?

g). What was God's attitude to the priests because of this?

6). Any final thoughts?