

Sunday November 17th 2013
Malachi – God’s Messenger
Part Five
Study Questions

1). Mal 1:11 *For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts.* From our past weeks of study how does the Lord describe His relationship with Israel?

a). How has Israel responded to this as seen through the priests in Malachi?

b). Within this context what does the Lord write about here in v11?

c). How would the statements made about the Gentiles be received by the priests in Malachi’s day?

d). What firstly would be the purpose for making these statements and which scriptures from the NT did we look at in connection with this?

e). What is the poignant contrast being drawn in this verse from Malachi?

- f). In order for that seen in v11 to come to pass what must have happened first?
- g). What does this demonstrate about God and what should it provide for Israel even today?
- h). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- i). What encouragement should we find in all this for ourselves?
- j). How is our present experience a parallel to Israel's future experience and which scriptures did we look at with regards to this?

2). Read Malachi 1:12-14 – What is dealt with in these verses and which scripture from Leviticus do they take us to?

a). Read Exodus 24:3 – in what sense could we see this as Israel making a vow to the Lord?

b). Read Genesis 24:58 and Ruth 1:16 – in what sense could we see what we read in these verses as making a vow to the Lord?

c). What do both these scriptures form a type of?

d). Have you made this commitment to the Lord and if so are you honoring your vow?

e). What would it look like for us to be seen by the Lord as a 'deceiver' with regards to this?

f). What did we read in Matthew and in James concerning the kind of integrity we are to have?

g). Which NT account did we look at that demonstrates the opposite of this kind of integrity and what was the consequence for those involved?

h). What does this point to and what did we read in the Revelation concerning this same thing?

3). Read Malachi 2:1-3 – What commandment was given to the priests and how should we understand it with regards to their responsibility to Israel and to the nation's calling?

a). Read Malachi 2:7-8 – what do these verse teach that the priests should have done and what did they in fact do?

b). Do you see any present day parallel to this?

c). What 2 promises does the Lord make the priests because of their actions?

d). How should we understand their descendants being rebuked?

e). How would this translate into the experience of the 'church'?

f). Where do we find a scripture that presents an equally graphic picture as that found in spreading the refuse of their feasts on the faces of the priests?

g). What do both of these graphic pictures demonstrate about how the Lord feels concerning those involved?

h). According to the scripture, what is the solution to this appalling condition of the 'church'?

i). Is this the same solution as that presented to the priests in Malachi and which verse from Malachi would show us this?

j). At the time of Malachi's prophecy which 2 future events does 'one will take you away with it' refer?

k). What should the nation being 'taken away' have demonstrated to Israel?

l). What is the purpose for them being taken away?

m). How does the Lord describe His covenant with Levi?

n). According to the scripture how did Levi respond to this?

o). What are the circumstances by which the priesthood was given to the lineage of Levi?

p). Any final thoughts?