

Sunday November 24th 2013
Malachi – God’s Messenger
Part Six
Study Questions

1). Mal 2:1 ¶ *"And now, O priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If you will not hear, And if you will not take it to heart, To give glory to My name," Says the LORD of hosts, "I will send a curse upon you, And I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, Because you do not take it to heart - What does the Lord promise to do to the priests?*

a). Why does He promise to do this?

b). How should the priests have related to God as their Father and how would we know that they should do this?

c). What is significant about the Father / firstborn son relationship?

d) To which period of time does rulership apply and what will take place because of this? Which scripture did we look at?

e). What was required of the priests in terms of preparing the people for this time?

f). What does Israel’s existence even today demonstrate to those with eyes to see?

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

2). What is the reason for the 'Church'? Which scriptures did we look at with regards to this?

a). What should be taking place within the 'Church' because of this?

b). However, what does the Lord say about His 'Church' in Revelation 3:15?

c). How does this parallel that which He says to the priests in Malachi?

d). What failure has there been in the camp of Israel and in the 'Church' that has brought about this situation?

e). What are the reasons for this?

f). How should we understand the idea of the 'Church' being lukewarm?

g). What is the solution to this and who will be the only ones to avail themselves of this opportunity?

3). Read Malachi 2:5-6 – How should we understand the covenant made with Levi?

a). Which scripture references the covenant of peace?

b). To whom does the Lord give this and why?

- c). Where have we seen Levi's zealously for his God before?
- d). How does this compare with what we see of the priests in Malachi and how would it compare with the priests at Christ's first advent?
- e). When will the sons of Levi again bring an offering in righteousness and what will have happened to them to make this happen?
- f). Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- g). What do you notice about who will and who won't stand before the Lord in this scripture?
- h). What are the circumstances by which Levi received the right to the priesthood? Can it ever be returned to Reuben? Can it ever be taken from Levi?
- i). To whom was the offer of the Kingdom of the Heavens first made and what are the 2 reasons why this had to be so?
- j). How does Israel's behavior over the centuries parallel Reuben's and where do we see it brought to its zenith?
- k). What happens to the heavenly realm of the Kingdom because of this?
- l). Can this realm of the Kingdom ever be returned to Israel?
- m). Is it automatically the province of the eternally saved?

- n). What does that which we have learned about Levi and the priesthood teach us about our own situation?
- o). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- 4). Read Malachi 2:6-7 – Which 4 specific areas does v6 address?
- a). The law of truth was in his mouth – explain
 - b). Injustice was not found on his lips – explain
 - c). He walked with Me in peace and equity – explain
 - d). He turned many away from iniquity – explain
 - e). What does the Lord say about priests in v7 and how should we understand what He says in the first half of the verse?
 - f). What statement does He make in the 2nd half of v7?
 - g). Where else do we find the use of this word ‘messenger’ in Malachi?
 - h). What do these uses of ‘messenger’ all have to do with?
 - i). What would you conclude from this?
 - j). How do you think this might relate to us?
 - k). Any final thoughts for today?