

Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2013  
Malachi – God’s Messenger  
Part Seven  
Study Questions

1). Read Malachi 2:5-6 – On what basis did the Lord make a covenant with Levi and what examples of this have we looked at?

a). How is this zeal for the Lord described in verses 5 - 6?

b). What do we know about the covenants of the Lord and which particular example did we look at?

c). Where then do we find a reference to ‘life and peace’ within a Christian context?

d). How should we understand what we read here with a view to that which we have been studying?

e). What would be the timeframe for experiencing the ‘life and peace’ spoken of in Romans 8:6?

f). How can we see this to have a present application for us and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

g). Where did we find further commentary on this and what did it say?

2). According to Malachi 2:7 – What was the Lord’s expectation for the priesthood?

- a). Why should the Lord have expected this?
- b). What 3 ways did we look at whereby we can understand what it means to ‘keep knowledge’ and which scriptures did we look at?
- c). Where do we find this same thing from a slightly different perspective?
- d). What is the broader perspective for this?
- e). What about those engaged in the ministry of the Word?
- f). How should we view all of this with respect to ourselves and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- g). Do you have any thoughts on this?

3). Read Malachi 2:8 – What happened with the priests and what happened concerning their keeping knowledge?

- a). What happened to those in their care as a result of this?
- b). Which scriptures did we look at?
- c). Did this situation with the priests change at the Lord’s advent?
- d). Which scripture shows this to us?

- e). How would this parallel the present situation within Christendom?
  - f). Read John 14:4-6 – What do these verse tell us?
  - g). Read Acts 9:2 – How are Christians referred to in this verse?
  - h). What connection is there in this with what we read in Malachi 2:8?
  - i). How should we understand ‘the Way’?
  - j). Read Matthew 7:14 – What examples did we look at with regards to the way which leads to life being difficult?
  - k). Do you have any personal thoughts about this?
- 4). Read Malachi 2:9-10 – What do we see that the Lord has done as part of the curse He has placed on the priests?
- a). What relationship has been the focus of the Book of Malachi thus far?
  - b). How does this begin to change in v10?
  - c). Is this still connected to what has gone before though?
  - d). What 3 questions are asked to introduce this change?
  - e). ‘Have we not all one Father?’ – Explain what is meant through this question and which scripture did we look at in connection with it?
  - f). In what sense could we say that we all have one Father?

g). 'Has not one God created us?' – Where does this question now take us and which scriptures did we look at?

h). In what sense does this also apply to us?

i). What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> question and how does it relate to the other 2 questions?

j). Why have they dealt treacherously with one another?

k). What can we learn for ourselves from the way we relate to one another?

l). Why would this be so?

m). Read 1 John 4:20 – What does this verse teach us and how does it connect with what we have just studied?

n). Read 1 John 5:1-2 – What does this verse teach us and how does it connect with what we are studying?

5). Do you have any final thoughts?