

Sunday December 8th 2013
Malachi – God’s Messenger
Part Eight
Study Questions

1). Read Malachi 1:2-3 – How is God’s faithfulness to Israel demonstrated in these verses?

a). What is the basis for God’s faithfulness to Israel?

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

c). Where else do we see God’s faithfulness to Israel?

d). What had the priests done to this covenant?

e). What will God do yet future that will show His faithfulness to the covenant of Levi and what will be the result?

f). Do you have any thoughts about God’s faithfulness in this context?

g). How has God acted towards His people throughout the centuries?

h). What does He expected them to do because of this? And which scripture did we look at?

2). Read Malachi 2:10-12 – Which 2 rhetorical questions are asked in these verses and what do these questions reveal to us?

a). What is the question that needs to be addressed?

b). What is the reason for the treacherous conduct of the nation?

3). Read 1 Peter 1:13-17 – According to these verses what should our focus be?

a). How does this parallel Israel in the days of Malachi?

b). What are we told to do in our present?

c). What must come within the parameters of being holy and why would this be so?

d). Which scripture did we look at for this?

e). Why does God place us together in community and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

f). How can this be made easier or more difficult for us and which scriptures did we look at?

g). What is our personal responsibility in this, how seriously do you take it, and how should we see this with respect to our appearance at the Judgment Seat?

4). Read Leviticus 19:18 – What does this verse teach us about our neighbor?

a). How had Israel profaned this command?

b). Read Mark 12:28-31 – What question is the Lord asked here?

c). What is His response to the question?

d). Why is there no other commandment greater than these?

e). Where do we find commentary on this in Romans and what should we learn from it?

f). Where do we find commentary on this same thing in Galatians and what should we learn from it?

g). What do we read in James about this and what is added here that is of particular significance and how should we understand it?

h). How is it possible for us to love our neighbor as our self and which scriptures did we look at?

5). Read 1 John 4:7 +11-12 + 20-21 – What is the key to understanding what is being taught in these verses?

a). What is the process by which we can come to the place of loving our brother / neighbor as God loves us?

- b). Is this possible in our own strength?
- c). Where do we find this process to spiritual maturity described for us?
- d). What does the phrase 'add to' literally mean?
- e). What is the foundation that must be in place first?
- f). What things are to be abundantly supplied in our faith and how should we understand what is meant by each?
- g). How is it possible for each of these things to be abundantly supplied?
- h). What is at the very pinnacle of this process and why must it be there?
- i). How might we connect this process with the way that leads to life and Jesus being the way?
- j). What then would you say is to be our ultimate goal in our relationship with one another?
- k). What will this cost us?
- l) What will we gain?
- m). What are the 2 choices that we face and which scripture might we encourage ourselves with?
- n). Any final thoughts?