

Sunday December 15th 2013
Malachi – God’s Messenger
Part Nine
Study Questions

1). Mal 2:10 ¶ *Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?* [KJV] – What was God’s expectation for His people?

a). Where would we find a good example of what this would look like for them set out in the scriptures?

b). Where do these verses begin, where do they progress to and where do they come to conclusion?

c). What according to Malachi 2:10 did the people actually do?

d). What is promised because of this, which scripture did we look at and what do we see in this verse?

e). Where do we find scripture in the NT that parallels the verse in Malachi 3:5?

f). What parallels with Malachi do we see in these verses?

g). Supposing the things detailed in these verses were done to those outside the body of believers to which the individual belonged – would that individual still be dealing treacherously with those in the body?

h). Read Romans 12:4-5 – how do these verses explain why the individual in our last question would deal treacherously with those in the body?

i). Where do we also find the phrase, ‘members of one another’ and what would we learn from these verses?

j). Read Ephesians 4:15-16 – if we add these verses into what has just gone before what do we learn?

k). Why would any unresolved disobedience on our part cause us to deal treacherously with one another?

l). What do we learn then about how we are to live and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

m). Why would the body being joined and knit together be the same as the husband and wife becoming one flesh?

n). What is the process by which we will become ‘one flesh’ with each other and which scriptures did we look at?

2). Read 1 John 3:17 and James 2:15 – What do these verses teach us?

a). Read Romans 13:9-11 – What do these verse teach us?

b). What then must we realize with regards to being found faithful at the Lord's Judgment Seat?

c). Can we love the Lord and still deal with one another according to our flesh and which scripture did we look at?

d). Which verses did we look at that describe the love we are to have for each other?

e). Do you have any thoughts about this?

3). The Lord said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life' – as we think about 'agape' love in this context what 2 things will stand out to us above all else?

What will these 2 things mean for us and which scriptures did we look at?

a). Just how significant would you say our relationship with each other is with regards to the saving of our soul?

4). Read Malachi 2:11-12 – What do these verses draw our attention to and how is this described?

- a). How should we understand Judah marrying the daughter of a foreign god?
- b). What does Jeremiah have to say about this?
- c). What in fact did Israel do and why does the Lord describe Israel's actions as harlotry?
- d). Why is the marriage relationship so important to God?
- e). What specifically do we learn from Malachi 2:12?
- f). Why is all of this of paramount importance and how does Balaam fit into this?
- g). Where do we find the doctrine of Balaam in the NT?
- h). How does all of this carry over into our own experience?
- i). Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- j). Read Matthew 13:31-33 – What do we learn in these verses and how would this fit into our understanding of the doctrine of Balaam?
- k). What conclusion would you draw from this?
- l). Do you have any final thoughts?