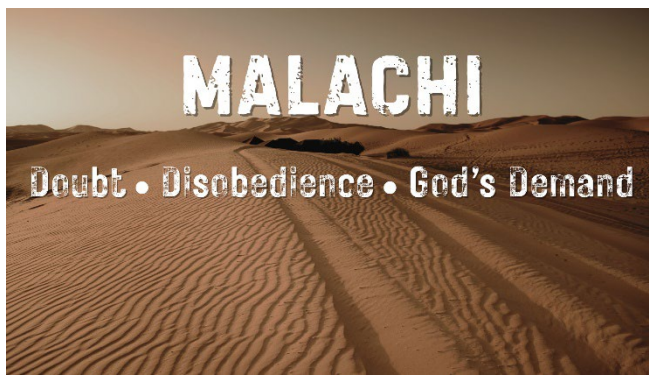




MALACHI

“The Danger of Dishonoring the Lord in Our Worship”

Malachi 1:6-2:9

November 23, 2025

Read [Malachi 1:6-2:9](#)

The pervasive problem [1:6-8a, 12-14; 2:1,8-9](#)

- 1) They despised God's name [1:6a,7a](#)
- 2) They disregarded God's laws [1:7, 12, 14](#)
- 3) They dishonored God with their worship [1:13; 2:8-9](#)

The people & priests plead ignorance [1:6-7](#)

- 1) How have we despised Your name?
- 2) How have we defiled You?

The Lord's pronouncements [1:9-11, 14; 2:1-7](#)

- 1) Request the Lord's mercy [1:9-10](#)
- 2) Recognize the promise of the Lord [1:11,14](#)
- 3) Respond to God's warning [2:1-3](#)
- 4) Remember the role model of Levi [2:4-7](#)

Personalize it for us today...

- 1) We should be deeply devoted to the worship of our amazing God in every part of our lives to bring glory and honor to His name
- 2) Our worship should be Biblical, authentic, passionate, and not just going through the motions.
- 3) Leaders, we must be careful that we are authentically worshipping ourselves and leading others to the same in a way that please the Lord
- 4) Giving is a part of our worship and what we give and how we give matters to the Lord.

Our Response:

- 1) Why does God compare Himself to a father and a master in Vs 6? What does this reveal about His expectations?
- 2) How do the priests respond to God's accusations ("How have we despised your name?"), and what does this reveal about their spiritual condition?
- 3) How can worship become routine, "a weariness," or something we do out of obligation rather than love? What steps can we take to guard against spiritual drift or numbness in worship?
- 4) In what ways does our attitude toward giving, serving, or participating in church reveal the state of our hearts and the authenticity of our worship?
- 5) For leaders: what does this passage teach about the responsibility to teach God's truth faithfully, to walk in integrity and to worship authentically?