

Ordinary Faith

Malachi 1:1-11

Overview: Malachi 1:1-11

- Read Malachi 1:1-11.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- If God ever got frustrated, this is how it would read.

Insights:

- The culture of religion in America has created an attitude of disrespect toward God. This disrespect of God, His Worth and Authority has turned God into a beggar in the American Mind.
- As we explore what God really wants from us it will be necessary to honestly consider what we are currently giving him. This may be painful.
- We are called to be disciples. Being a disciple requires more than religion and tradition. It requires honestly following Jesus Christ.

Explore:

- Discuss Malachi 1:1-11. How do you feel about it? How do you feel about God as represented here?
- Consider how God loved Jacob. You can explore his story in Genesis. What kind of man was Jacob? Does it encourage you to know that God was able to love a man like Jacob?
- How do we misunderstand our parents love as children? How do we misunderstand God's Love?
- What do you want in this Life? What do you honestly feel you deserve? (No Sunday School answers please)
- Why do you want those things? Who taught you they were the right things to want?
- In what ways do we give God our leftovers?
- After reviewing verse 10, how does God feel about our leftovers? How should this impact our giving, worship, service and etc?
- Is God honestly being worshipped today? Who is doing it?
- Discuss and define Biblical Discipleship.
- Discuss and Define Missions.

Application:

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

Notes:

Malachi 1:1-2, 6-11 NLT This is the message that the LORD gave to Israel through the prophet Malachi. 2 "I have always loved you," says the LORD. But you retort, "Really? How have you loved us?" And the LORD replies, "This is how I showed my love for you: I loved your ancestor Jacob, ... 6 The LORD of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: "A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name! "But you ask, 'How have we ever shown contempt for your name?' 7 "You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. "Then you ask, 'How have we defiled the sacrifices?' "You defile them by saying the altar of the LORD deserves no respect. 8 When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn't that wrong? And isn't it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!" says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. 9 "Go ahead, beg God to be merciful to you! But when you bring that kind of offering, why should he show you any favor at all?" asks the LORD of Heaven's Armies. 10 "How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "and I will not accept your offerings. 11 But my name is honored by people of other nations from morning till night. All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name is great among the nations," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

What Does God Want From Me?

Our FIRST Relationship Is With God

Dearly Loved!!! (Mal 1:2)

God Loves You

Misunderstood Love

Matt 6:33; Luke 10:11; 11:20; 17:21

Leftovers??? (Mal 1:6-8)

What Do I Deserve?

What Does God Deserve?

Luke 17:7-10; 1 Cor 9:17; 15:10; Rom 11:35

Table Scraps

Close the Doors! (Mal 1:10-11)

Something Must End

For Worship Exists

1 Cor 1:27-28, 31; Mal 3:10

Worthy! (How to Worship God)

Priority

Quality

Authenticity

Discipleship, Follow Jesus

Missions, Serve Jesus