

Major Words from Minor Prophets - Malachi

Two overarching themes of Malachi:

1) The _____

- The problem is sin. Period. It's always sin.
- Ephesians 2:13 *Remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- Romans 5:7-10 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- Malachi 1:2-3 "I have loved Jacob; I have hated Esau."
- Ephesians 2:13-16 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

2) The _____

- God will make us new through repentance and faith.
- Malachi 3:1 Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

1. Realignment in _____

Malachi 1:6 A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor?

- **Israel offered God _____ worship.**

Malachi 1:7-8 *You* are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled You?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be despised.' 8 "But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

2 Samuel 24:24 However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver."

- **Israel held back their _____.**

Malachi 3:8-10 Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. 9 “You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!* 10 “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

Malachi 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name *will be* great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering *that is pure*; for My name *will be* great among the nations,” says the LORD of hosts.

2. **Realignment in** _____

Malachi 2:10 Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?

Malachi 2:13 This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts *it with* favor from your hand.

- **God’s** _____

Malachi 2:10

- We find approximately 59 “one another” commands in Scripture.
- <https://overviewbible.com/one-another-infographic/>

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Malachi 2:14-16 Yet you say, ‘For what reason?’ Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. 15 “But not one has done *so* who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did *that one do* while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. 16 “For I hate divorce,” says the LORD, the God of Israel.

- Why would God say He hates divorce?
- He doesn’t hate divorcees, but He hates divorce. Why?
- Two reasons:
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- 1) He loves us.
- 2) Marriage is a picture of Christ’s relationship with the Church.

3. **Realignment in** _____

Malachi 3:7 Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 2:17 You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, “How have we wearied *Him?*” In that you say, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them,” or, “Where is the God of justice?”

- If you want to know the spiritual temperature of a culture, put the thermometer in the mouth of the church.

- Malachi 4:1-2 For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” 2 But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

Consider the areas that move you along in your spiritual life: worship, relationships, surrender, discipleship, prayer, evangelism, service, etc. Does your life need a spiritual realignment?