

Major Messages from the

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Malachai's Message

Malachi's name means "My messenger"

He ministered during the time of Nehemiah and about a century after the time of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah

There's a sadness that runs through Malachi

God is speaking—but His people aren't listening

In arrogance, they hear His accusations and say, "Not I, Lord."

God makes seven charges against them.

Every time, they answer, "How?"



Micah

God's got questions
how will we answer?

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What are They Saying?

Yet you ask, “What have we said against you?”

“You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly, evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.’”

They have the wrong perspective
on serving

“What's in it for me”

Malachi 3:14 – 15

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What are They Saying?

They are looking for is not a real relationship with God but a limited return on investment

This leads to having no joy in serving

Their Complaint: Evil doers are prospering

They looked at gains in the world as gains in life

When we serve with the wrong focus God calls us arrogant

Seeing serving as doing God a favor and in such feeling we have earned favor with him

Their service was empty because their hearts were proud

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How They Are Giving

But you ask, “How are we robbing you?”

“In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Churches never have money issues, they only have heart issues

Malachi 3:8-10

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How They Are Giving

In Malichai when God addresses the issue, he references tithes and offerings

The tithe was a 10% off the top of everything they

Then there were all those celebrations which would have amounted to another 25%

For this 25%, around 85% was to be burned in the act of sacrifice not to be used for “ministry”

**When God says, “You’re robbing Me,”
He’s not counting coins**

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How They Are Giving

“You’ve stopped valuing My ministry (**tithes**) and My presence (**offerings**).”

Malachi isn’t trying to raise funds; he’s revealing hearts

Because it’s not a money problem, it’s a heart problem.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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How Do We Relate to God

But you ask, “How are we to return?”

“I the Lord do not change. So, you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

They had prophets, teachers, and the written law all revealing His heart

Yet they still said, “We don’t get it.”

Repentance is how we return to God

Malicha 3:6-7

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How Do We See God

“How have we wearied him?” you ask

By saying, “All who do evil are good in the eyes of the Lord, and he is pleased with them” or “Where is the God of justice?”

Malachi 2:17

God isn't tired, He's weary of their attitude

Their complaint is basically, “It's not fair!”

They wanted God to make them happy and punish everyone else.

They no longer saw God as God, but as a tool to get what they wanted

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How Do We Worship God

**“How have we shown contempt for your name?”
and “How have we defiled you?”**

“By saying that the Lord’s table is contemptible. When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?” says the Lord Almighty.

**Contempt: lack of respect or reverence
for something**

Defile: To make unclean or impure

Malachi 1:7-8

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How Do Worship God

They were offering God the leftovers—blind, lame, and diseased animals

He says He'd rather shut the temple doors than receive halfhearted worship.

He scolds the priests for allowing such worship to happen and even participating themselves in such a fashion

It all points to one reality: they were unfaithful to the covenant relationship

I Have Loved You

“But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’

All the times God has been in their corner and pulled them out of the fire

The fact he has remained faithful in all their unfaithfulness

They still don't get the most basic premise of God,

He loves us

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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I Have Loved You

“But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’

He loved you enough to create you

He loved you enough to have compassion for you

He loved you enough to come to you

He loved you enough to die for you

**He loves us enough to offer grace, mercy,
forgiveness and life eternal**

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The Final Words

“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

Malachi 4:5-6

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Silence Begins

When Malachi finishes, God goes silent for 400 years—the same length Israel spent enslaved in Egypt

No new prophets. No new messages. Just those lingering questions

Empires rise and fall—Persia, Greece, then Rome

But when God speaks again, it's in fulfillment of Malachi's final words.

(John 1:13-17)

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"He Shall be Called"

*Wonderful Counselor – Mighty God
Everlasting Father – Prince of Peace*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



Isaiah 9:6