

# Malachi 1

- I. A People Loved by God (1:1-5)
  - a. Love Declared by God
  - b. Love Debated by the People
  - c. Love Demonstrated by Esau and Jacob (Romans 9:10-15)
    - i. Esau & the Edomites
    - ii. Seven events that led to their destruction
      1. Refused to allow Moses passage
      2. Routine foe to Israel's kings in time of war
      3. Did not help Israel during invasion
      4. Looted Jerusalem after destruction
      5. Road blocked Jewish people who were fleeing
      6. Rejoiced over Israel's captivity
      7. Helped deliver Jewish people to their captors
  - d. Love Diffused – all will acknowledge God's Love
  
- II. A compromising Clergy (1:6-14)
  - a. God's sacredness defamed
  - b. God's sanctuary desecrated
  - c. God's sacrifice defective
  - d. God's servants demeaning
    - i. Priest's actions
    - ii. Priest's attitudes
  - e. Godless service denounced
    - i. God's charges against the priests
      1. Halfhearted – boring
      2. 'Sniffed' (belittled)
      3. Accepted lame sacrifices
      4. God pronounced curse on deceptive vows
  
    - ii. The Believer-Priest Trust Luke 6:46

## Malachi – Chapter 2

- I. The problems with the Priesthood (2:1-9)
  - a. Indictment (vs. 1,2)
  - b. God's Judgments (vs.3)
    - i. Corrupted seed
    - ii. Degraded
    - iii. Removal
  - c. The Priest's Covenant (vs. 4-7)
    - i. Provisions (vs. 5)
    - ii. Principles (vs.6)
    - iii. Prudence (vs.6)
    - iv. Practice (vs.6)
    - v. Prevention (vs.6)
    - vi. Preservation (vs.7)
    - vii. Proclamation (vs.7)
  - d. The Priest's Corruption – vs. 8-9
  - e. God's Discipline
  
- II. The Broken Marriage Covenant (2:10-16)
  - a. Mixed Marriage Laws Violated (vs.11)
  - b. Exodus 34:11-16, Deut. 7:3-4, Joshua 23:12-13
  - c. Five questions for the believer: II Cor. 6:14-16
  - d. Consequences of Judah's actions (vs. 12)
  - e. God's plan for marriage – (vs. 15)
  
- III. Three false assumptions 2:17

# Malachi 3

- I. Prophecy concerning John the Baptist (verses 1-7)
  - A. The Messiah's Coming was unexpected
  - B. The Messiah is the Messenger of the Covenant
    - 1. One with Father in Abrahamic Covenant
    - 2. Angel of the Lord in the OT (Gen. 17:1, Jud. 13:6, 9)
    - 3. Mediator of the New Covenant – Heb. 12:24
  - C. Messiah's purging – Fire and Soap
    - 1. Judgment of Believer's sins – John 5:24
    - 2. Believer's self judgment – I Cor. 11:31
    - 3. Judgment of Believer's Works – II Cor. 5:10
    - 4. Great Tribulation
    - 5. Judgment on Jews – Ezek. 20:33-34
    - 6. Judgment on the Gentiles – Matthew 25:32
    - 7. God's judgment on the wicked angels – Jude 6
    - 8. Great White Throne Judgment – Rev. 20:11-15
  - D. Four Areas of Swift Judgment – verse 5
    - 1. Sorcerers and Witchcraft
    - 2. Adultery
    - 3. Perjury
    - 4. Usury – against the helpless
  - E. Immutability of God – verse 6 and 7
- II. Robbing (defrauding) God (verses 8-12)
  - God challenged them to 'prove' Him – verse 10
- III. Evil words (verses 13-18)
  - A. "It is vain to serve God" (verse 14)
  - B. "profit to have kept His ordinances" (verse 14)
  - C. "walked mournfully before the Lord" (verse 14)
- IV. Judah's conclusions (verse 15)
  - A. Arrogant persons were blessed
  - B. They that work wickedness are prospered
- V. They that test God are delivered
  - A. God's reproof is long term and often not immediate
  - B. God Remembered the Righteous – verse 16
  - C. God Treasured them – verse 17

# Malachi 4

## I. Day of Judgment (verses 1-3)

- A. Hope for the righteous – verse 2
- B. Christ's ministry of healing – Isaiah 35:5-6
- C. His glory will permeate the earth – Isaiah 11:4-5
- D. Wicked destroyed - verse 3

## II. Final thoughts (verses 4-6)

- A. Remember the law – verse 4
- B. The coming Elijah – future prophecy (Matt. 17:11)

## Review:

1. God's Love is evident though questioned
2. Those in service for God
  - Ambassadors of God in service
  - Attitude in service
  - Action in service
  - Accountability in service
3. The marriage relationship
  - the covenant of marriage
  - unequally yoked
4. Giving to God
5. Remembering the Righteous
6. The Messianic Hope
  - His Coming
  - His Cleansing
  - His Condemnation
7. The Day of the Lord