



MALACHI

A PASSION FOR GOD

**GOOD LEADERS ARE
HARD TO FIND**

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Malachi 2:1-9 (ESV)

“And now, O priests, this command is for you. ² If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart.”

Malachi 2:1-9 (ESV)

³ “Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it.

⁴ So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the LORD of hosts.”

Malachi 2:1-9 (ESV)

⁵ “My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name. ⁶ True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity.”

Malachi 2:1-9 (ESV)

⁷ “For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. ⁸ But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts,”

Malachi 2:1-9 (ESV)

⁹ “and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction.”

Four Questions

1. Why is God so angry?
2. Does this passage still apply?
3. Why should we care?
4. What shall we do in response?

WHY IS GOD SO ANGRY?

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DOES THIS PASSAGE STILL APPLY?

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Hebrews 7:23-25 (ESV)

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

Hebrews 7:23-25 (ESV)

²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 9:24-28 (ESV)

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own,

Hebrews 9:24-28 (ESV)

²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Hebrews 9:24-28 (ESV)

²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

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Malachi 2:8a (ESV)

But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction.

Galatians 3:1-3 (ESV)

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

WHAT SHALL WE DO IN RESPONSE?

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Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.