

# MALACHI

## I have loved you

↳ God reaffirms His unconditional love to them

## JACOB

- faithful descendants
- choosing for intimate fellowship
- idolatrous descendants
- ROMANS 9:6-13
- not choosing for intimate fellowship

## ESAU

- God loves everyone because He created them.
- God allowed Esau to father a nation however, Esau, later became an enemy of Israel.
- Esau's descendants were blessed!
- They rejected God after He chose them.
- Jacob & Esau's story is in Genesis 25:19-26

## Worship of God

through sacrifices was no longer from heartfelt adoration; it became a burden to the priests.

\* How would then expect God to expedite to extend His grace when they offer offering unacceptable sacrifices?

### EXPEDITE.

The priests bring cheap animals as possible.

### NEGLECT.

The priests no longer care how they should offer their sacrifices.

### OUTRIGHT DISOBEDIENCE.

Sacrifices must be perfect, unblemished, just as God had commanded. The priests sacrifice blind, crippled, and diseased animals.

## SINFUL PRIESTS

outright  
neglect  
disobedience

- God wasn't pleased & won't take any offering from them.
- God only gets a portion of our time, treasures, talents, He is greatly disrespected with us.
- Serving God must be more important to us than anything else.
- It takes hard work to live by God's standards, but then again, that will gain afterwards will be of greatest importance of anything, and that is an eternal life with God.
- Am I still pleasing God with my lifestyle?

## SINFUL PEOPLE

- God's people are living as if He does not exists!
- Men will leave their wives for a younger woman who worships idols
- Then they weep & grumble asking why God has been blessing or answering their prayers

## MESSENGER

→ John the Baptist  
↳ Jesus; whom Malachi & John the Baptist prepared us from. purification process → To refine metals, it must be heated and melted. ↓ without the heating and melting, there could be no purifying. for all who have sinned by the time Jesus comes.

For I, the Lord do not change; therefore you are not consumed. — Mal. 3:6

↳ Indeed, God's patience & love is endless!

↳ He is ready to return to us if we are willing to return to him.

↳ Zec 1:3

↳ it will never be too late to repent and follow God's commands.

## Megathemes



God's love for His people even they ignore or disobey

## PRIESTS

→ Willful disobedience.

- repudiating God's love (1:2-5)
- refusing God His due Honor (1:6; 2:9)
- rejecting God's Faithfulness (2:10-16)
- disdaining God's righteousness (2:17; 3:6)
- robbing God's riches (3:7-12)
- reviling God's grace (3:13-15)

## PEOPLE

→ Calloused

Faith

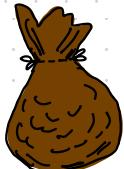
- divorcing faithful wives to many pagan young women
- prideful hearts

## LORD'S COMING

↳ MESSIAH is coming!

- it'll be a day of comfort and healing for a faithful few and a day of judgment for those who reject him

## tithes and offerings



- 10% of your income
- Give, and it will be given to you — Jesus (Luke 6:38)
- Are we selfish to take 100% of what God owns naturally?

## FAITHFUL FEW

- Book of Remembrance
  - may not be an actual book
  - God remembers those far, love, honor, respect Him
  - God's treasured possession are those faithful to Him
  - 1 Peter 2:9
- ↳ the MESSIAH is coming and John the Baptist will help the people repent.
- ↳ Jesus' coming shall bring judgment between the righteous and the wicked.
- ↳ between the one who really serves God & who does not.

Mal. 1:7-10 God deserves the BEST

Mal. 2:1-2 We must be willing to change our wrong ways

Mal. 2:13-16 Family must be a lifelong priority

Mal. 3:3 We should welcome God's refining process in our lives

Mal. 3:8-12 We should tithe our income

Mal. 3:13-15 There should be no room for pride

Repent and follow him