

Malachi: Not the Final Word

Series: Major Messages from the Minor Prophets
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The OT can be summed up in the book of Malachi.

A. God's Concerns with His People:

1. They were Doubting God's Love. (Mal. 1:1-5)

A prophecy: The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi.

²“I have loved you,” says the Lord. “But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’ 1:1-2

- **How have you loved us?**

2. They Were Dishonoring God's Name. (Mal. 1:6-2:9)

⁶“A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the Lord Almighty. “It is you priests who show contempt for my name. “But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’ ⁷“By offering defiled food on my altar.

“But you ask, ‘How have we defiled you?’ “By saying that the Lord's table is contemptible. ⁸When 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. 1:6-8

Give Him the HONOR due his name.

3. They Were Robbing God (Mal. 3:7-12)

⁸“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 3:8-10

- **God encourages them to TEST HIM.**

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.

¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty. 3:10-11

- **God wants to bless them!**

¹²“Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty. 3:12

B. God's Promises for His People: (Mal. 4:1-6)

- **The OT Comes to a Close with a Future PROMISE**

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. 4:1-2