November 12, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell
Malachi 1:6-2:9| "Worthless Worship"

SERMON APPLICATION REVIEW FROM MALACHI 1:1-5
How many times did you read the book of Malachi this past week?
How did the Lord communicate His love to you?
What unmet expectations did you release to the Lord?

Scripture Reading
Malachi 1:6–2:9
Leviticus 22:18–20
Psalm 145:1–21
Hebrews 12:28–29
1 Peter 2:4–5, 9
Romans 6:13–19; 12:1–2
2 Corinthians 11:2–3

Study Questions

1. What are some ways God's name is being dishonored today (1:6)? How can you show reverence for God's name? How can CBC honor the LORD?

2. In what area of your life does God receive leftovers (1:6–14)? To whom (or what) are you tempted to give your highest worship? Read 2 Samuel 24:24. What can you do to ensure you don't offer worship and service that costs you nothing?

3. How have worship and service become "tiresome" to you (1:13)? How might your attitudes or actions be dishonoring to the Lord? In what specific ways do you honor the Lord as "a great King" (1:11, 14)? Who do you know from CBC with a passionate intimacy for Christ? How can this example motivate you to draw near to God in worship?

4. How would you explain God's discipline to a new believer (2:1–3; cf. Hebrews 12:5–11)? How have you experienced God's discipline? How has God blessed your life? Which leaders have had the biggest impact on your life? How did they encourage your Christian faith?

5. How does it affect you to think of yourself as a "royal priest" (2:1–9; cf. 1 Peter 2:4–5, 9–10)? In what specific ways do you "preserve knowledge" (2:7)? How do you practically "seek instruction"? In what areas do you need to confess sin and reexamine your commitment to the Lord (2:9)?

Recommended Reading
K. Erik Thoennes, Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love (Christian Focus, 2005)
Uche Anizor, Overcoming Apathy: Gospel Hope for Those Who Struggle to Care (Crossway, 2022)
R. T. Kendall, Out of Your Comfort Zone: Is Your God Too Nice (Warner Faith, 2005)