

Malachi 1-4 (Slides)

### **Issues Addressed in Nehemiah and Malachi**

- Allowing the enemy in (Neh. 13:4)
- Neglect and misuse of the Lord's funds (Neh. 13:5, Mal. 3:8-9)
- Neglect of God's servants (Neh. 13:10)
- Selling of wares (Neh. 13:16)
- Defiled/polluted offerings (Mal.1:7)
- Corrupt leaders (Mal. 2:8, Neh. 13:28)
- Infidelity/mistreating of wives (Mal. 2:11, Neh. 13:23-24)
- Complaining against God (Mal. 3:14)

### **Questions They Ask**

- In what way have You loved us? (1:2)
- In what way have we despised Your name? (1:6)
- In what way have we defiled You? (1:7)
- For what reason? (2:14)
- In what way have we wearied Him? (2:17)
- In what way shall we return? (3:7)
- In what way have we robbed You? (3:8)
- What have we spoken against You? (3:13)

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**Hebrews 3:12-13** - Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

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**Genesis 29:30-31** - Then Jacob also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years. When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved [hated], He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

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**Luke 14:25-26** - Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

**John 12:25** - "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

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**Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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**James 3:1** - My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

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**Proverbs 27:23–27** - Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds; For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations. When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in, The lambs will provide your clothing, And the goats the price of a field; You shall have enough goats' milk for your food, For the food of your household, And the nourishment of your maidservants.

**1 Peter 5:1–4** - The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

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**1 Peter 3:7** - Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

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**Genesis 2:24** - Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

**Matthew 19:3–8** - The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 'and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

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**Matthew 19:9** - "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

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**2 Peter 3:9** - The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**Matthew 6:7** - "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words."

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**1 Peter 1:6-9** - In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls.

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15** - For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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**Hebrews 13:8** - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**Psalms 102:26-27** - They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

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**Romans 11:29-33** - For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.

For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

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**Acts 7:51** - "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

**Zechariah 1:3** - "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

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**2 Corinthians 9:6–7** - But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

**Giving should be:**

-Proportional

-Planned

-Private

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**Jude 14–15** - Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

**Matthew 12:36** - "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

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**Deuteronomy 28:47–48** - "Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, "therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

**Romans 3:1–2** - What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.

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**Deuteronomy 7:6** - "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

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**Luke 1:16–17** - "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. "He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

**Mark 9:11–13** - And they asked Him, saying, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Then He answered and told them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? "But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him."