



Lesson 118 – Malachi Prophecies of Jesus Devotions for Week of November 2, 2025

Children's Ministry has prepared a five-day, weekly devotion to reinforce the Bible lesson covered on Sunday. We're here to come alongside you as you train up your child in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). Please contact us or go to the Children's Ministry app for added support or resources. We love you and are here for you and your children.

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Unit Memory Verses

1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Jeremiah 33:7-8 I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against Me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against Me.

Day 1

Read: Malachi 1:6-14

God brought the people back to the land He had promised them, but now the people began to do evil again. Yes, they were offering sacrifice and offerings to God just like they were commanded to, but the problem was that they were offering sacrifices of lambs that were sick or lame. So, they were offering old yucky things to God, not their best. They were giving gifts to God that were broken instead of the best. This same thing happened in Genesis. Cain and Abel offered sacrifices to God. Abel brought his best sheep to God. He did this because he loved God. Cain offered sacrifices to God, but it was not his best and he only did it because he was commanded to, not because he loved God. God sees our hearts and He knows why we do the things we do. God knew what was in Cain and Abel's heart when they gave to Him, and He knew what was in Israel's heart when they were offering sacrifices to Him. They were not doing it because they loved Him, but because they were commanded to. God wants our love and for us to serve Him because we love Him.

Discussion: Search your heart. Why do you read the Bible and pray and worship God? Is it because you are supposed to or because you truly love Him?

Pray: Confess and repent if your heart has been hard and not truly loving towards God. Ask Him to fill you with His love. Ask Him to help you love Him with your whole heart. Tell God you love Him.

Day 2

Read: Malachi 2:1-9

The next thing the people were doing when they returned to land was not truly obeying God. The priests were telling everyone what God said to do, but they were not doing the things they were teaching. They would tell people not to lie, but then they would lie. They thought they were above the law of God and thought they could get away with sin because they were teaching others the right way. When we tell others about God and His commands, it is important that it is not just words but from our heart. We should be doing the things that we are telling others to do. Usually when we see others sin, it is easy to point them out, but don't forget to look at your own life and heart. Are you doing the same bad things that you see others doing and hate? When we tell people about God and His commands, we can share how we too struggle in certain areas of obedience. Maybe you are telling someone to obey their parents. You can share how you didn't obey your parents and then how you told your parents you were sorry and prayed for God to forgive you and help you and how the next time you did obey your parents. When we teach or share about Jesus and what He is doing in our lives, let it be real and true in our lives as well. People will listen to us more and God will be well pleased.

Discussion: Do you see the sins of others and not realize you are doing the same things? Think and examine your life. Talk about areas in your life that you know are not right and tell others not to do, but you still do them.

Pray: Confess any sin in your life. Thank God for His grace, mercy and forgiveness. Ask God to help you be obedient and live pleasing to Him. Praise God.

Day 3

Read: Psalm 51

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden, sin entered the world and is now in every human after Adam. Sin is missing the mark of perfection. God is perfect, which means there is no evil or nothing bad in Him. God is so holy and pure. He cannot be around sin or evil, but God loves us and wants to be with us. So, God made a way to make us clean and take away our sins. God sent Jesus, who was perfect and never sinned, and He died in our place. When we choose to follow Jesus and ask Him into our lives, He takes away all our sins. We can then talk with God and have a relationship with Him and ultimately live with Him in heaven for eternity someday. This psalm is a prayer for us when we sin and mess up. We acknowledge our sin or confess our sin. When we do something bad,

we shouldn't deny it and pretend we didn't do it or blame others. We can confess it to God and ask for His forgiveness and help. Verse 6 says that God desires truth. When we confess our sins and bring them to the light, God will then take them away and make us clean and blot them out. He restores us and gives us joy. It is so wonderful for our sins to be completely taken away. God wants us to be broken for our sins or to feel bad about them. After we confess and repent, there is joy and praise to God for all He has done for us.

Discussion: Are there any sins that you need to confess? Do it now and pray the words of this psalm.

Pray: Praise and thank God for His mercy, grace and forgiveness. Thank Him for all He has done for you. Tell God you love Him.

Day 4

Read: Malachi 3 :1-7

God spoke to Malachi and told him about a new promise or a new covenant. The old covenant was the promise that when an animal sacrifice was given, your sins would be covered. You would have to give an animal sacrifice every time you sinned. But God promised a new covenant - Jesus! The promise was that He would come and save us, and He did! It talks about how He would purify the sons of Levi. Do you remember when Jesus walked on the earth, many of the priests, who were from the tribe of Levi, did not believe in Him. He had many discussions and sometimes arguments with them and the Pharisees to persuade them and teach them. Some of them listened and turned to Him like Nicodemus, but many did not. God is promising a better future to take away our sins, and this promise was fulfilled when Jesus did come and taught and loved. Verse 6 reminds us that even though this promise was so long ago, God does not change. His promises still stand and always come to pass. The best promise is in verse 7. God's arms are always open wide to us. If we have strayed or turned away from God, when we return to Him, He will return to us. We are never out of reach of His love and salvation. He loves us always and wants to bring us back to Himself.

Discussion: Think and talk about how God does not change. Think and talk about His love for you. Think and talk about the promise and the new covenant that we now live under.

Pray: Thank and praise God for His promise and the new covenant and for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Thank Him for His forgiveness and love. Tell God you want to follow Him always.

Day 5

Read: Malachi 4 and Luke 1:13-17

God promised that before the Messiah would come, Elijah would come and prepare the way for Him. This man would turn people back to the Lord. God sent John in the spirit and power of Elijah to do just that. John was miraculously born by an old woman and

man named Elisabeth and Zacharias. God had a plan for his life from the beginning of his birth. When he grew up, we read about him living in the wilderness and preaching that the kingdom of God was coming. John was telling everyone that Jesus, the promised Messiah, was coming any day. He was telling people to repent and turn from their sins and to be baptized to show that they had repented and turned from their sins. Many came to the wilderness to hear him and listened to him. One day, Jesus came to John and was baptized by him, and just like the promise and just like John had been telling everyone, the Lamb of God had come to take away the sins of the world. John prepared the way first, and then Jesus came. Jesus came to do the work and die on the cross to take away all our sins and the sins of the whole world. It was a very exciting time as all the promises God made had come true. And we now have a way to be saved from our sins. We can also tell people about Jesus coming. Remember, Jesus will return again and take those who are His to heaven to be with Him forever. You can prepare the way for others to know Jesus and be saved just like John did.

Discussion: Talk about the things you remember of John and his life. Read Luke 3:1-22. What can you learn and do like John and his example he provides?

Pray: Thank and praise God for sending Jesus to take away your sins and the sins of the whole world. Pray for help and boldness to tell others about Jesus. Pray for those who don't know Jesus. Thank God that Jesus will return again and take us to heaven forever someday.

Upcoming Events/Announcements:

- Children's Ministry Prayer –
Sunday, November 9 in Living Room at 1:00 pm

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