

Giving God Our Best

Malachi 1:6-2:9

The Bottom Line: Our great King deserves great worship.

Introduction:

Last week, we began a new series through the book of Malachi which we are calling, *Returning to Reverence*.

One of the reasons we are discussing reverence is because of the state of the modern church today.

Who is to blame for the condition of Christianity in our society? Well, for the most part, it is the leadership who is at fault.

Truth:

In our passage today, we see God rebuking His people for their lack of reverence in the "worship" that they offer to Him. However, the audience he addresses is very intentional and specific. Look with me at Malachi 1:6-2:9.							

Application & Conclusion:

Our great King deserves great worship. He deserves honor, praise, and whole-hearted devotion. Not only does He deserve it, but He <u>demands</u> it. His name will be great among the nations; why not start here at our church?

Brothers and sisters, we must position God in His rightful place, both in our hearts and in our church. The proof of that is in our worship – not only who we worship, but in what our worship says about who we worship.

As we worship, we must remember that worship requires sacrifice. The sacrifice is given to please God. As God's new covenant people, there are two applications for us regarding sacrifice:

- 1. Do not despise Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, who gave Himself as the once-for-all sacrifice.
- 2. Do not despise your self-offering to God (Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15-16).

Reflection Questions:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?