

# INSULTS AND LEFTOVERS

**Malachi 1:6–14** – The Lord of Heaven’s Armies says to the priests: “A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name! But you ask, ‘How have we ever shown contempt for your name?’ You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. Then you ask, ‘How have we defiled the sacrifices?’ You defile them by saying the altar of the Lord deserves no respect. When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn’t that wrong? And isn’t it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “Go ahead, beg God to be merciful to you! But when you bring that kind of offering, why should he show you any favor at all?” asks the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “and I will not accept your offerings. But my name is honored by people of other nations from morning till night. All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name is great among the nations,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “But you dishonor my name with your actions. By bringing contemptible food, you are saying it’s all right to defile the Lord’s table. You say, ‘It’s too hard to serve the Lord,’ and you turn up your noses at my commands,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “Think of it! Animals that are stolen and crippled and sick are being presented as offerings! Should I accept from you such offerings as these?” asks the Lord. “Cursed is the cheat who promises to give a fine ram from his flock but then sacrifices a defective one to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “and my name is feared among the nations!”

**Worship is a waste of time when it’s about me instead of God.**

**Acceptable worship:**

**1. Honor the greatness of God.**

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- He is the Creator of life.
- He is in charge of heaven and earth.
- He is the great King.
- His name will be great among the nations.

## 2. Offer your best to God.

- Sacrifice is never easy or cheap.
- Sacrifice is always contrary.

## 3. Live with purity and honesty before God.

- **Psalm 51:10, 16–17** – Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

Coming soon:

1. **TRO Summer Camp:** Thomas Road Outpost (TRO) is a summer camp for middle school and high school students. Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, each day is filled with high-energy activities: zip-lining, rock walls, kayaking, and much more. The last day to register is this Wednesday, May 20.
2. **Baptisms:** If you have made the decision to follow Jesus as your Savior but have never been baptized, sign up today for baptism on Sunday, May 31.
3. **5th Sunday:** Every 5th Sunday is family day at DRC. All of our preschool and elementary kids will join us for a special time of worship. We can't wait to worship with your family!
4. **Fight Like a Man:** Join us this Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 pm as we continue our men's Bible study on how to overcome the daily battles that men face.