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How do you see God?

We don't get to create God.

Personal Inventory -

Does your life reflect faith in the true God?

How we see God determines how we respond to God.

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At Bat This Week:

- Malachi
- Last book of the Old Testament
- Post exile, temple rebuilt, same trouble
- A conversation between God and Israel, narrated by God through Malachi
- Six disputes

First dispute:

Israel questioned God's love

“I have always loved you,” says the LORD.

But you retort, “Really? How have you loved us?”

Malachi 1:2

Second dispute:

Israel failed to honor God in worship

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!

Malachi 1:6

Third dispute:

Israel was unfaithful to God's covenant

Are we not all children of the same Father?
Are we not all created by the same God?
Then why do we betray each other,
violating the covenant of our ancestors?

Malachi 2:10

Fourth dispute:

Israel challenged God's justice

You have wearied the LORD with your words.

“How have we wearied him?” you ask.

You have wearied him by saying that all who do evil are good in the LORD's sight, and he is pleased with them. You have wearied him by asking, "Where is the God of justice?"

Malachi 2:17

Fifth dispute:

Israel robbed God of His tithe

“Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!

But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?

You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.”

Malachi 3:8

Sixth dispute:

Israel spoke arrogantly against God

“You have said terrible things about me,”
says the LORD.

“But you say, ‘What do you mean? What
have we said against you?’

“You have said, ‘What’s the use of serving God? What have we gained by obeying his commands or by trying to show the LORD of Heaven’s Armies that we are sorry for our sins?’

Malachi 3:14

From now on we will call the arrogant
blessed. For those who do evil get rich, and
those who dare God to punish them suffer
no harm.”

Malachi 3:15

These weren't six unrelated problems.

They were six symptoms of one deeper problem: Israel had lost its reverence for God.

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How can we maintain a proper, reverent
view of God?

Recover a Right View of God

Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,
for he is our God.
We are the people he watches over,
the flock under his care.

Remember His Love

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

Ephesians 3:18

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Respond with Daily Reverence

Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.

Hebrews 12:28

Malachi's Admonition

- God has not changed (3:6)
- Return to me (3:7)

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies,

Malachi 3:10 - 12

“I will open the windows of heaven for you.
I will pour out a blessing so great you won't
have enough room to take it in!

Try it! Put me to the test!

Malachi 3:10 - 12

Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

Malachi 3:10 - 12

“Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

Malachi 3:10 - 12

We don't bring our best so that God will love us.

We bring our best because we've seen how great he is and how much he loves us.

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For I pass on to you what I received from
the Lord himself.

1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26

On the night he was betrayed, the LORD Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said,
“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper saying,
“This cup is the new covenant between God and his people - an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.”

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