

Covenant Commands & Concerns

Overview of the Book of Malachi

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.” Malachi 4:4

God’s Character Revealed in 7 Disputes

God Is Love: 1:2-5

God Is Worthy: 1:6-14

God Is A Covenant-Keeping God: 2:1-16

God Is Just: 2:17-3:5

God Is Faithful: 3:6-7

God Owns Everything: 3:8-12

God Is Righteous: 3:13-4:3

God’s Desire & Expectation: Purity

Pure Sacrifices/Offerings

“In every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering.” Malachi 1:11

Pure Priests

“And now, O priests, this command is for you.” Malachi 2:1

Purified People

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver.” Malachi 3:3

Complaints from God’s People in Malachi

“I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” 1:2

“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD’s table may be despised. When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? 1:6-8

But you profane it when you say that the Lord’s table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. 1:12-13

You cover the LORD’s altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless. 2:13-14

You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?” 2:17

Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. 3:7-8

“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God.’ 3:13-14