

OUTLINE OF MALACHI

Central text: Mal. 1:6

Golden text: Mal. 4:2

- I. Introduction- “I have loved you,” says the Lord- 1:1-5
 - A. Jacob’s descendants have been blessed and preserved.
 - B. Esau’s descendants have been cursed for annihilation.

- II. Body- “Where is My honor?” says the Lord- 1:6-3:15
 - A. The priests demonstrate contempt for the Lord’s covenant.
 - 1. They offer defiled sacrifices.
 - 2. They practice favoritism in judgment.
 - B. Marriage is profaned.
 - 1. Pagans are taken in marriage.
 - 2. The marriage covenant is not kept.
 - C. The Messiah will come and purify Israel.
 - 1. A messenger will prepare the way.
 - 2. The sinners will be purged from Israel.
 - 3. Then the worship will be as it ought to be.
 - D. The tithes are not given.
 - 1. Bring the tithes and offerings as commanded.
 - 2. The curse will be lifted.
 - 3. Greater blessings will be poured out than there will be room to receive them.
 - E. The people talk wickedly about God.
 - 1. “The wicked prosper.”
 - 2. “The proud get away with it.”
 - 3. “Those who ignore the law are the ones blessed by God.”

- III. Conclusion- “They shall be Mine,” says the Lord- 3:16-4:6
 - A. The ones who fear the Lord repent.
 - B. God promises their preservation.
 - C. The wicked shall be consumed.
 - D. Remember the law.
 - E. Elijah is coming to prepare the way!

Highlights of Malachi

I. Christ foreshadowed

- A. The Messenger of the Covenant- 3:1
- B. The Sun of Righteousness- 4:2

II. New Testament references

- A. John the Baptist- Matt. 11:10, 14
- B. John's ministry- Luke 1:17
- C. God's love and election- Rom. 9:13

III. Practical application

- A. No worship is better than bad worship.
- B. God pays attention to our fellowship.
- C. Leaders are responsible for their influence.
- D. God has no fellowship with the wicked, though they prosper.
- E. God is concerned about marriage and the home.
- F. God does not change.