

MALACHI: Live Fully Devoted

Lesson Three • Malachi 1:6-14

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The purpose of worship is to glorify the NAME of God.

“For from the rising of the sun, even to it’s going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; in every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations,” says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 1:11

“For I am a great King,” says the Lord of hosts, “And My name is to be feared among the nations.” Malachi 1:14

Despising God’s Name

God’s announcement: “You DESPISE My name.”

People’s response: “In what way have we despised Your name?”
Malachi 1:6

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1. We HONOR God’s Name with Meaningful Worship!

“A Son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence?” says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 1:6

The Worthiness of God:

- God is worthy of HONOR as our majestic Father.
- God is worthy of RESPECT as our supreme Master.

2. We DISHONOR God’s Name with Worthless Worship!

“You offer defiled food on My altar. But you say, ‘In what way have we defiled You?’ By saying, ‘The table of the Lord is contemptible.’ Malachi 1:7

“Who is there even among you who would shut the doors, so that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you,” says the Lord of hosts, “Nor will I accept an offering from your hands.” Malachi 1:10

The Origin of Worthless Worship

It begins with a failure to REMEMBER the greatness of God.

The Essence of Worthless Worship:

- Worship is worthless when we give what’s LEFTOVER, not what’s best. *Malachi 1:8-10*
- Worship is worthless when we make God TRIVIAL, not great. *Malachi 1:11-12*
- Worship is worthless when we feel it is a BURDEN, not a blessing. *Malachi 1:13*

The Curse of Worthless Worship

Warning: don’t try to DECEIVE the Lord in your worship.

“But cursed be the deceiver who has in his flock a male, and makes a vow, but sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished.” Malachi 1:14

Jesus Christ Is a Great King Worthy of Worship

Live fully-devoted as a LIVING SACRIFICE to the Lord.

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Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1 NIV