



The Message of Malachi (1)

As we come to the final month of this study, it is only natural that we look at the last book of the O.T., Malachi. This is how the O.T. ends.

(A) There are several textual things to notice:

1. Malachi was written about 100 years after the Jews came back from Babylonian captivity. The temple and the walls were rebuilt.
2. Malachi and Nehemiah were _____ and they deal with similar issues
3. There is no indication in Malachi that this would be the last book, nor that there would be a long period of _____ from God.
4. Malachi is written in a _____ manner. Accusation (charge) - denial—proof.
- the denial comes in the form of "But you say, How" (1:2,6,7)
5. Malachi points to both the coming of _____ and _____
6. Of the 55 verses in Malachi, God speaks _____ of them
7. The last book of the O.T. isn't a _____ message
- "The burden of the word of the Lord" (1:1)
Nahum 1:1; Habakkuk 1:1
8. Four times Judah is called " _____ "
(1:1, 5; 2:16; 4:4)
9. The last word in the O.T. is " _____ "
- _____ is in the last sentence of the N.T.

The Direction of the Message is Towards Unfaithful Priests

1. D _____ God (1:6)
2. P _____ His name (1:12)
3. W _____ God (2:17)
4. R _____ God (3:8)
5. A _____ against God (3:13-14)

(B) Chapter 1

1. Begins with God reminding the people that He loves them (1-5)
2. Quickly the nation is told that they are dishonoring God (6-10)
God was despised.
The offering of the inferior animals _____ God. It was considered " _____ " (8)
They thought worship was _____ (13)
3. God tells them that His name will be great among the nations (11,14)

(C) God expects to be treated as God

No one _____ Him (Isa 40:18, 25; 46:5)
Not like _____ (Num 23:19)
God cannot be _____ (Gal 6:7)
God does not _____ (Jas 1:13)
God has no _____ in Him (1 Jn 1:5)

Since God is not like us, nor anyone else,
how do we treat God?

- Our worship is a reflection of our attitude towards God

1. By saying, "How," was the nation unaware?
2. In what way might we offer the inferior to God?
3. Why were the priests leading this dishonorable manner?
4. How does one show honor?
5. What is the remedy to "tiresome" worship?

