



# The Message of Malachi (2)

Malachi is the last of the O.T. prophets. He was not the last prophet. It is easy to view the prophets as lofty men who only told about the future coming of divine events. But a truer picture is to see them as courageous men of faith who were placed in very difficult situations.

- Malachi dealing with corrupt priests who abused worship



- Nathan facing King David with a message of repentance
- Jeremiah having to deal with a heartless nation that would not listen
- Jonah going to a foreign pagan nation with a message of doom
- Elijah encountering Israel who could not decide who was God

### These Prophets:

- Their \_\_\_\_\_ in God was incredible
- Their challenges were \_\_\_\_\_
- They often were \_\_\_\_\_ and faced intense \_\_\_\_\_

### Some powerful take-aways for us:

1. God was counting on these men as the last line of \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord brought judgment
2. We don't think about what their \_\_\_\_\_ endured as these prophets were persecuted
3. Shame on God's people for \_\_\_\_\_ so low in their faith
4. It is important to put the right people in the roles of \_\_\_\_\_
5. The obligation of leaders is not to please the people, but the \_\_\_\_\_
6. The challenge of changing people spiritually is difficult and often \_\_\_\_\_ by the very people who need that help the most
7. Satan will not go quietly nor without a \_\_\_\_\_

## A. Malachi 2—A message directed towards the Priests

1. The role of what the priests should do (7)
2. What they were doing (8) - turned \_\_\_\_\_ from God's way, caused many to \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Two Specifics:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the sanctuary of the Lord (11)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the wife of your youth (15)

*You have dealt treacherously with your wife* (14)

- faithless (ESV)
- unfaithful (NIV)

- (a) God is a \_\_\_\_\_ (14)
- (b) your mate is your \_\_\_\_\_ (14)
- (c) you have made a \_\_\_\_\_ (14)

### Four Things Necessary to be Married

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Additionally God Requires:

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## C. God hates divorce (2:16)

- breaking of a \_\_\_\_\_
- means someone did something \_\_\_\_\_
- not what God \_\_\_\_\_

What does the N.T. say about divorce? What are the passages?

## D. A crooked spirit says, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord" (2:17)