

Malachi

Oracle 2 – God's Honor Despised

1:6-14

1. Claim: The
priests are not
honoring God
(1:6a)

Robert Alden in EBC: But spiritual leaders, both ancient and modern alike, have often run the risk of treating sacred things as ordinary. Intimate familiarity with holy matters conduces to treating them with indifference.

2. Question: “How
have we *despised*
your name?” (1:6b)

3. Explanation:

a. You present
defiled food in your
offerings. (1:7-9)

Deuteronomy 15:21 "But if it has any defect, *such as lameness or blindness, or any serious defect*, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

Neh. 5:17-18 Moreover, *there were* at my table one hundred and fifty Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us. ¹⁸ Now that which was prepared for each day was one ox *and* six choice sheep, also birds were prepared for me; and once in ten days all sorts of wine *were furnished* in abundance. Yet for all this I did not demand the governor's food *allowance*, because the servitude was heavy on this people.

b. It's better to close the temple than profane the sacrifices! (1:10)

c. My name will be
great among the
nations. (1:11)

Romans 2:22-24 22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? 24 For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.

d. You are *wear*y of
worship. (1:12-13)

e. You do not offer
what you vow.

(1:14)

Deut. 23:21-23 "When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, and the LORD your God will surely require it of you. ²² "However, if you refrain from vowing, it would not be sin in you. ²³ "You shall be careful to perform what goes out from your lips, just as you have voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God, what you have promised.