

Lesson 40 - Malachi Questions

These questions should be completed before the Wednesday class on **April 8, 2020**. Write your answers either on the back of this page or on a separate sheet of paper. Where possible and appropriate, **CITE THE VERSE** that supports your answer.

1. In the didactic-dialectic prose, what seven objections did God reveal the people would give to his assertions?
2. In the book of Malachi, what is the first thing God tells the Israelites?
3. According to Malachi, which ancestor of the Edomites did God say He hated? Does Gen. 29:31 as compared with Mal. 1:3 help one to understand the use of the word "hated" in such passages as this one? See Luke 14:26 (contrasted with Eph. 5:25-27 and Tit. 2:4) for another example.
4. What are the ways in which worship offered to God today may express contempt rather than honor. (1:7-8)
5. What attitudes were expressed in Israel's worship? (1:12-13). Why is the person in v. 14 referred to as "the deceiver" or a "swindler" or a "cheat"?
6. What contribution has Malachi to make to the marriage-divorce question? Compare it with the N.T. teaching.
7. What conclusions must be drawn concerning the quality of offerings made to the Lord? Is robbery a common practice today?
8. What has Malachi to teach about half-hearted worship?
9. What suggestions about the purposes of the godly home may be drawn from Malachi?
10. What lessons about leadership are to be learned from Malachi?
11. Chapter 2 starts with a commandment for whom?
12. In his rebuke of the priests, God speaks about his covenant with what biblical elder?
13. God announced He would not accept some of His people's offerings because they were unfaithful to which family member?
14. The statement "I, the Lord, do not change" (3:6) points in two directions. Note the connection by means of "For" with the preceding, and by means of "therefore" with the following statement. Show how the unchanging nature of Jehovah thus appears as the explanation of *two* things.
15. In what way does Jehovah challenge the people to "put him to the test?" (vv. 10-12)
16. How does one "prove" God?
17. What was the charge against Jehovah? (3:13-15)
18. What is meant by "a book of remembrance" (3:16)
19. God promised the day would come when every evildoer would be punished. However according to Malachi, what did He promise for those who were faithful and did what was right? 4:1-4
20. Explain "Elijah the prophet" (4:5) in light of Matt. 11:14; 17:9-13; Mark 9:9-13; and Luke 1:17. Contrast John 1:21.

Sins denounced by Malachi:

Moral offenses: adultery, perjury, oppression (Mal. 3:5)

Divorce: (Mal. 2:6; cf. Mark 10:5ff)

Cultic abuses (Mal. 1:8)

Skepticism which says there is no point in living the good life (Mal. 3:14f)

Unworthy priests (Mal. 2:7-9)

Robbing God (Mal. 3:8-9)

The seven objections of Judah:

1. How have you loved us?
2. How have we despised your name?
3. How have we polluted you?
4. How have we wearied him?
5. How shall we return?
6. How have we robbed you?
7. How have we spoken against you?