

## **WHO DO YOU HONOR IN WORSHIP?**

Malachi 1:6-2:9

*God calls you to honorable, authentic worship, so beware, knowing some worship is contemptible to Him.*

### **Authentic, honorable worship:**

1. Treats God as very important and with great respect (1:6-8).
  - A. God deserves being valued with your adoration and reverence (1:6).
  - B. Giving God second-rate gifts shows contempt for God (1:7-8a).
  - C. Litmus test- would your offerings be considered inappropriate for human dignitaries (1:8)?
2. Repents of where you have given shoddy worship and seeks God's forgiveness and favor (1:9-11).
  - A. Entreat God for forgiveness quickly when you have cheated him with corrupt worship (1:9).
  - B. It is better to close the doors than waste time on fake, corrupt worship (1:10).
  - C. God will turn to other peoples to be honorably worshipped (1:11).

3. Eagerly respects God's name, refusing to see worship as a dreaded inconvenience (1:12 - 14).

4. Returns to faithful service in God's name, which respects God's blessing on obedience (2: 1-4).

5. Models and teaches God's truth to others (2:5-7).

6. Takes seriously not to hypocritically lead others astray (2:8-9).

- *Why are you here this morning? Where has your worship become boring to you, too routine, cold, or detached? Maybe you feel put out and inconvenienced by that phone call, text or email asking you to serve in some way. Renew your vision for the greatness of God and love Him with your first love and not your leftovers.*
- *How are you approaching God? Search your heart for where you may be shallow and selfish with God? Is your deference and obedience for God growing? Do you exist to serve God or for God to please you?*
- *Worship is not an event; worship starts with your heart. Will you determine to worship God in spirit and in truth?*