

MALACHI 2; July 18; Failure of the Priests & Marriages

ANALYSIS:

1. To whom are the opening verses of this chapter addressed, and what were they warned to do? _____
2. What blessing did the LORD'S covenant give to Levi?

3. To what responsibility did the LORD appoint Levi and the priestly family? _____
4. What were some married men guilty of? _____
5. What were some saying that wearied the LORD with words?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Why were some people saying in Malachi's day, "Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?" God often allows the wicked to prosper in this life. When that happens, it appears God has blessed them. But the day is still ahead when God will manifest His righteous judgment. Then the present prosperity of the wicked will mean nothing.

Let us always do right in the LORD'S sight; which glorifies Him, will bring blessings to others, keeps our conscience clear and will merit His praise.

HELP:

1. The priests (v 1), who were to hear and lay it to heart (correct their ways) Malachi's warning (v 2).
2. Life and peace (v 5).
3. He was the messenger of the LORD of hosts, to teach God's truth and knowledge, and turn many away from iniquity (vs 6-7).
4. Some were dealing treacherously with the wife they had married in their youth by putting her away (divorcing her), and marrying a worshipper of some strange god (vs 11-16).
5. Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delighteth in them: Where is the God of judgment? (v 17).