

The “Wherein’s” Of Malachi

Ye say ... “Wherein hast thou loved us?”
Malachi 1:2

The Lord’s Answer:

- I chose Jacob (descendants) over Esau. 1:2-4; cf. Genesis 25:23
- NOTE: God restored Israel, but refused to restore Edom. Jeremiah 49:7-22
cf. John 3:16; Ephesians 1:3-9; Romans 9:8-13

Ye say ... “Wherein have we despised thy name?” Malachi 1:6

Ye say ... “Wherein have we polluted thee?” Malachi 1:7

The Lord’s Answer:

- Ye offer polluted bread; in weariness. 1:7,13
 - Faithless priests rebuked. cf. Deuteronomy 15:21
 - Gentiles would give honor and great sacrifices. 1:11
 - Curse pronounced. 2:1-9
 - Responsibilities: Keep the covenant. Teach the law. Observe sacrifices.
- cf. Elders, preachers, etc.

Ye say, “Wherefore?” (Why is God displeased with us?) Malachi 2:10-16

The Lord’s Answer:

- Ye divorced your wives and “married the daughter of a foreign god.” ... Genesis 2:18; Matthew 19:1-9; Matthew 14:1; Mark 6:16-18

Ye say ... “Wherein have we wearied him?”
Malachi 2:17

The Lord’s Answer:

- Ye say evil is good, skeptics. 2:17; cf. Isaiah 5:20
- God is just. 3:5; Ephesians 4:17-24 Ephesians 5:11-14

Ye say... “Wherein shall we return?”
Malachi 3:7

The Lord’s Answer:

- You have not kept mine ordinances. cf. Nehemiah 13; cf. 2 John 9

Ye say... "Wherein have we robbed thee?"
Malachi 3:8

The Lord's Answer:

- In tithes and offerings. 3:8; cf. Leviticus 27:30-33; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8-9

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Ye say... "What have we spoken against thee?" Malachi 3:13

The Lord's Answer:

- Ye say: 3:14 NOTE: 1:7, 12,13; 2:17
 - It is vain to serve God.
 - What profit is it that we have kept his charge?
 - We have walked mournfully ...
 - They tempt God, and escape.

Distinction, makes a difference. 3:16
cf. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:58

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Conclusion:

- Remember the law of Moses. - 4:4
cf. Deuteronomy 4:1-9
- Elijah will come. Matthew 11:14; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17

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