



Logos Class – Book of Malachi

On-Campus and Zoom class for May 15, 2022

Malachi – Intro & Ch 1A

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Our next few weeks...

- ✓ *May 15, 2022 – Testimony and Malachi Intro/Ch 1A*
- *May 22, 2022 – Malachi Ch 2*
- *May 29, 2022 – Malachi Ch3*
- *June 5, 2022 – ICYMI & Malachi Ch 4*
- *June 12, 2022 – Special lesson*
- *June 19, 2022 – Carroll Springer*
- *June 26, 2022 – Carroll Springer*

We are going to have an interesting lesson today

- Relating to the Holy Spirit Study we did
- Relating to the world and crises we find ourselves in the midst of in the US and World
- Our Pastor reminds us to be strong and hold our Christian values no matter what the world thinks
- Faith leads to Trust which leads to Obedience...even in the toughest times.
- We are all facing situations in our lives now, or at least preparing for them... so it is good to hear some encouragement.
- Barry Hoover will share his testimony with us.

Our most recent study of Habakkuk

- *We learned to wait and depend on God and the Holy Spirit*
- *We learned that even when we don't see it, God is moving in the world*
- *We learned to face our fears and talk honestly with God about them*
- *We learned to praise Him no matter the answer.*
- *We have seen in Barry and Linda; that these ideas played out in our class and God has been honored and His will has been done. **This is walking in Faith***
- *Thank you, Barry, for sharing*

Minor Prophet book of Malachi

- *Last book in the Old Testament*
- *Written 400 years before the birth of John the Baptist*
- *God has been silent to the Jews for these 400+years, although it has not been without God's action in the world.*
 - *End of the Persian Empire*
 - *Coming of the Greek Empire with Alexander the Great and the Hellenization of the Middle East*
 - *Coming of the Roman Empire and the preparation to ready the world for the coming Messiah*
 - *Also quietly preparing the world for the spreading of Christianity in the first century AD*

A look at the People in Malachi's time

- *Malachi was a contemporary of Zechariah, Ezra, and Haggai, and his prophecy was written after the fall of Judah that we studied in Habakkuk.*
- *King of Persia was Cyrus, and he was inclined to favor some of the Jews, like Nehemiah. He allowed them to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the city and temple.*
- *2 Chronicles Ch 36, and the book of Ezra describe this time in Jewish history*
- *Malachi writes after Nehemiah has returned to Persia to King Cyrus, and the Jews are falling away from God **again**.*
- ***Persia...then and now***

Book of Malachi itself

- *Malachi means = **My Messenger** in Hebrew*
- *Although not totally clear, the Jews believed the writer was an actual man named Malachi, and we will adopt that premise in this study.*
- *Written to the Jews in Judea and the prophetic parts are both for the time, and for the future. We will look at that when we get there.*
- *The style of the book is different than Habakkuk or Amos or any other prophetic book. It uses what is called the **Disputational Style of writing***
- *It also uses **Oracles** as part of the writing...6 of them*
- *You will also notice that the translations vary quite a bit. I am using the NASB for this because it is a word for word translation of the Hebrew (or Greek Septuagint)*

Malachi Ch 1: 1-3 Oracle 1- *God's Love for Jacob*

*1 The oracle of the word of the **LORD** to Israel through Malachi.*

2 “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have You loved us?” “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob;

3 but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness.”

Malachi 1:4-5 *Judgment on the Edomites*

⁴ Though **Edom** says, “**We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins**”; thus says the LORD of hosts, “**They may build, but I will tear down; and men will call them the wicked territory, and the people toward whom the LORD is indignant forever.**”

⁵ **Your eyes will see this, and you will say, “The LORD be magnified beyond the border of Israel!”**

Note: to see God’s final judgment on the Edomites read the book of Obadiah.

Malachi 1:6 Oracle 2 – the Sin of the Priests

⁶ *“‘A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?’ says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’*

Reminder: In Matt 25 – the parable of the sheep and the goats

Malachi 1:7-10 God answers

⁷ *You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, ‘**How have we defiled You?**’ In that you say, ‘**The table of the LORD is to be despised.**’*

⁸ *But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?” says the LORD of hosts.*

⁹ *“But now will you not entreat God’s favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?” says the LORD of hosts.*

¹⁰ *“Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not **uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you,**” says the LORD of hosts, “**nor will I accept an offering from you.**”*

Malachi 1:11-14 *A prophetic note*

*¹¹ For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, **My name** will be great among the **nations**, and in every place, incense is going to be **offered to My name**, and **a grain offering that is pure**; for **My name** will be great among the **nations**,” says the LORD of hosts.*

*¹² “But you are **profaning it**, in that you say, ‘**The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.**’*

*¹³ You also say, ‘**My, how tiresome it is!**’ And you **disdainfully sniff at it**,” says the LORD of hosts, “**and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?**” says the LORD.*

*¹⁴ “But **cursed be the swindler** who **has a male** in his flock and vows it, but **sacrifices a blemished animal** to the Lord, for I am a great King,” says the LORD of hosts, “**and My name is feared among the nations.**”*

A lot to consider...

- *What is this about the Nations?*
- *Sacrifice from the Nations and everywhere?*
- *The Sacred versus the Profane*
- *Pledge versus performance*
- *God's Name will be feared (respected in awe) by the Nations (Gentiles)*
- *Why is a male animal to be sacrificed? Did you ever think about it?*