

# MALACHI

## A Divine Q&A

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God Responds  
to our Common Questions  
*about Him*

**How Should We Then Worship? – Pt. 2**

***Malachi 1:6–2:9***

## John Calvin

“I have also no difficulty in conceding to you, that there is nothing more perilous to our salvation than a preposterous and perverse worship of God. For we maintain, what the sacred oracle [Scripture] declared, that obedience is more excellent than any sacrifice. In short, we train them [disciples of Christ], by every means, to be contented with the one rule of worship which they have received from his [God’s] mouth, and bid adieu to all fictitious worship.”

## **The Primary Focus of Malachi**

Malachi calls the people to repent and to rekindle zealous worship and obedience, fueled by right thinking about God, as they await the coming Messiah.

## **Theme of Malachi 1:6–2:9**

God demands His people offer true worship.

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(1:6–14)
- II. God Condemns the Priests and Their Corrupt  
Worship (2:1–9)

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  - i. God provides the priests a way of escape (1–2a)

## **Richard Taylor, *Commentary on Malachi***

“Malachi’s priests were to respond to the Lord’s greatness by repenting and giving him the honor he deserved.”

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“As they had treated the Lord with contempt (1:6) and defiled his altar with their corrupt and useless sacrifices (1:7), so the Lord would treat them with contempt and defile them, rendering them useless.”

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  - iii. God assures the people who is in charge (4)

## **Allen P. Ross, *Commentary on Malachi***

“One reason for removing corrupt priests was that when it happened they would know that this was from God. Their rejection and disgrace would be the sure evidence that the message was not just the raving of some prophet, but a clear word from

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# Priestly Duties in the OT

1. To handle the ark of the covenant (Deut. 10:8)
2. To serve Yahweh (10:8)
3. To bless the people (10:8)
4. To pronounce the Aaronic blessing (Num. 6:22–27)
5. To adjudicate disputes (Deut. 21:5)
6. To interact with the Torah (Deut. 17:18; 32:9–13)

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  - iii. To commune with God (6b)
  - iv. To turn people from sin (6c)
  - v. To mediate the truth (7)

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- C. God Evaluates the Present Priests (8–9)
  - i. God Charges the Priests for Corrupting the Covenant (8)
  - ii. God Charges the Priests for Neglecting His Ways (9)

## **Andrew Hill, *Commentary on Malachi***

“Instead of the blessing of life and peace (2:5), has punished the priests for their breach of by bringing ‘contempt’ and ‘shame’ upon them. retribution is meted out on the principle of measure, in that the priests had despised God’s (1:6), so now YHWH makes the priests a despised group.”

# How Should We Then Worship?

1. Are you an instrument of life and peace?
2. Do you teach others the truth revealed in God's Word—the whole counsel of God?
3. Do you regularly commune/fellowship with God?
4. Do you fight your own sin and help others turn from theirs?
5. Do you preserve and pass down the truth—as God's messenger?

