

MALACHI

A Divine Q&A

God Responds
to our Common Questions
about Him

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Six Dialogues or Disputations:

- God Makes an Assertion
- The People's Response is Summarized with a Question
- God's Answers Their Objection

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God Responds to Six Questions:

- 1:2 “How have you loved us?”
- 1:6-7 “How have we despised your name?”
- 2:14 “For what reason [do You not regard our offerings]?”
- 2:17 “How have we wearied Him?”

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 - A. Doubt about His Character

E. Ray Clendenen

Judah, unable to recognize its own corruption, saw its current economic and social troubles as a sign of God's unfairness or unfaithfulness. They deserved divine blessings, they thought, but were receiving divine afflictions instead. Ignoring their own sins and aggravated by the sins of others, either within or around Judah, which they perceived were going unpunished, they were complaining of divine injustice.

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John MacArthur

When all the preparations are completed, the Lord will come, not to Zerubbabel's temple, nor in partial fulfillment to Herod's temple, but finally to that millennial temple.... The unexpected coming of Christ, partially fulfilled at His first advent, will be accomplished in full at His second coming.

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 - B. The Purposes of His Coming (2-5)
 - 1. He will Purify His People
 - 2. He will Judge the Wicked

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Louis Berkhof

In virtue of this attribute He is exalted above all becoming, and is free from all accession or diminution and from all growth or decay in His Being or perfections. His knowledge and plans, His moral principles and volitions remain forever the same. Even reason teaches us that no change is possible in God, since a change is either for better or for worse. But in God, as the absolute Perfection, improvement and deterioration are both equally impossible.

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