

MALACHI

A Divine Q&A

God Responds
to our Common Questions
about Him

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.

The Rhetorical Structure of Malachi

A Divine Q&A – 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?”
- 3:7-8 “How shall we return?”
- 3:13 “What have we spoken against you?”

The Worship God Rejects

Malachi 2:10-16

- I. God Judges Those Who Profane The Marriage Covenant (10-12)
 - A. They Betray the Covenant (10)
 - B. They Defile God's Holiness (11)
 - C. They Invite God's Judgment (12)

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- I. God Judges Those Who Profane The Marriage Covenant (10-12)

- II. God Rejects The Worship of the Covenant Breaker (13-14)
 - A. He Refuses Their Offering (13)
 - B. He Rebukes Their Excuses (14)

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- I. God Judges Those Who Profane The Marriage Covenant (10-12)
- II. God Rejects The Worship of the Covenant Breaker (13-14)
- III. God Calls His People to Guard the Marriage Covenant (15-16)
 - A. Guard it for God's Purpose (15)
 - B. Guard it for God's Pleasure (16)

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Lessons

1. Recognize that our sin affects us and the body
2. Honor the Marriage Covenant with Unwavering Faithfulness
3. Guard Your Heart in Covenant Faithfulness Before Marriage