

Malachi – 4 Chapters

Title:

Malachi- after its author.

Author:

Malachi. Very little is known about Malachi. His name means “my messenger”.

Occasion and Purpose:

After the return, during the religious reforms, Malachi challenges the people to be faithful. The people are disputing with God about the lack of shalom and God responds that they are being unfaithful and they need to repent.

Theme:

1. Give God Your Best

Summary:

This is a call for God's people to return to the right way of life, in purity, sincerity, and generosity. Malachi speaks against many abuses of that time and calls the people to righteous living.

Organization:

Loved	Does God love us? Yes, compare with Edom Edom will be destroyed	1:1-5
Offerings	How have we shown contempt? Offering blemished sacrifices Better not to offer sacrifices Offer right sacrifices	1:6-14
Priests	Priests should honor God They have not, so they are cursed Levi was a model priest- preserve knowledge You are not like Levi	2:1-9
Divorce	Judah has broken faith Married foreign women Divorced the wife of your youth I hate divorce!	2:10-16
Messenger	Where is the God of justice? I will send my messenger with judgment He is like a refiner's fire I will judge you for your sins	2:17-3:5
Tithes	Return to the Lord Will you rob God? Bring the tithes- test me in this You have said it is futile to serve God Those who fear the Lord will be blessed	3:6-18
Messenger	The day is coming for judgment Righteousness for those who revere the Name Remember the Law I will send Elijah before the day He will turn the people back	4:1-6

Key Verses:

1:8-11; 2:13-16; 3:1-6; 4:5-6