

Bible Study – Outline

Malachi

Time Period 430BC

Audience The people of Jerusalem

Major Theme(s)

- God's Love
- The sins of the priests
- The sins of the people
- The coming of the Lord

Key People

Malachi
The priests

Malachi

GOD'S LOVE FOR THE NATION OF ISRAEL	1:1-5
THE SIN OF THE NATION	1:6-3:18
The sin of the priests	1:6-2:9
The sin of the people	2:10-3:18
GOD'S PROMISES TO ISRAEL	4
The prediction of the coming of Christ	4:1-3
The predicted coming of Elijah	4:4-6

Key Scriptures

The disobedience of the priests and the people

Mal. 1:6 Contempt for God's name

Mal. 1:7-14 Offering of defiled sacrifices

Mal. 2:7-9 Leading others to sin

Mal. 2:11-16 Breaking God's laws

Mal. 2:17 Calling "evil" "good"

Mal. 3:8-9 Keeping God's tithes and offerings for themselves

Mal. 3:13-15 Becoming arrogant

Mal. 3:7 ““Return to me, and I will return to you” says the Lord Almighty.”
Mal. 3:16-18 God will bless the faithful few – “They will be my treasured
 possession”
Mal. 4:1-2 “Surely the day is coming....”
Mal. 4:4 “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave
 him at Horeb for all Israel.”
Mal. 4:5-6 The coming of Elijah, and forgiveness to those who repent and have
 faith. “He will turn the hearts of the parents to the their children, and
 the hearts of the children to their parents...”

Discussion Questions

1. How well does Malachi describe the conditions of our society and religion today?
2. What are the two characteristics, mentioned in chapter 3, of those who were considered faithful? 3:16-18
3. Who is the sun of righteousness?
4. In chapter 4 – who is the prophet Elijah? See Luke 1:76-79

Resources Used

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