

**LIVING IN COVENANT WITH GOD:  
REMEMBERING GOD'S COVENANT LOVE  
Malachi 1:1-5**

**July 12-13, 2008**

Background

I. Life in the covenant begins with \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:1)

A. An "oracle" is \_\_\_\_\_

"Malachi" = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ verses are \_\_\_\_\_

B. An "oracle" is a \_\_\_\_\_ .

II. \_\_\_\_\_ is about \_\_\_\_\_ (1:2a)

*"I have loved you," says the Lord.*

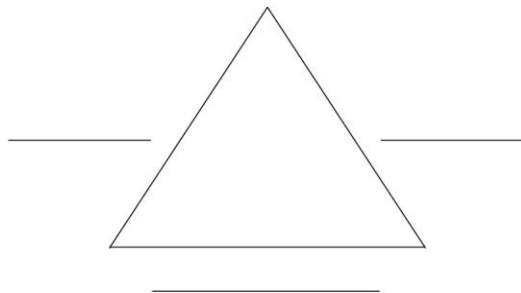
A. \_\_\_\_\_

cf. Deut. 4:37; 7:7,8; 10:15

B. \_\_\_\_\_

cf. Rom. 12:1,2

C. Common Experience



III. Our \_\_\_\_\_ stems from \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:2b)

*"But you ask, 'How have you loved us?'"*

A. We confuse \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ .

cf. II Peter 3:8-10

B. We confuse \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ .

cf. Hebrews 12:7-11

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ when we embrace \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ . (1:2c-5)

A. His \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:2c)

*"Was not Esau Jacob's brother?"*

cf. Rom. 9:10-16

B. His \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:3,4)

*"Yet I have loved Jacob."*

C. His \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:5)

**LIVING IN COVENANT WITH GOD:  
REVERING GOD'S COVENANT NAME  
Malachi 1:6-14**

**July 13, 2008 PM**

I. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is God's \_\_\_\_\_. (1:6-14)

God's \_\_\_\_\_:

1:6 \_\_\_\_\_ 1:12,13a

*"...where is the honor due me?"*

1:7-9 \_\_\_\_\_ 1:13b

*"you place defiled food on my altar."*

1:10 \_\_\_\_\_ 1:14a

*"...I will accept no offering from your hands."*

1:11 \_\_\_\_\_ 1:14b

*"For I am a great King...and my name is to be feared among the nations."*

A. Old Testament teaching

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Lev. 10; II Sam. 6)

\_\_\_\_\_

B. New Testament teaching

\_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:23)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 15:8f)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:18f)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 2:19-22; I Pet. 2:9,10)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 4:7,8)

John Calvin: "The first foundation of righteousness undoubtedly is the worship of God."

II. The purpose of our worship is \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:6a, 12-13a)

ka**bo**d = \_\_\_\_\_

môra = \_\_\_\_\_

Christian worship is the joyful activity of regenerate believers and their children in which they, in gratitude for the fullness of the Godhead as He is revealed in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ, seek by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission due Him, in accord with His will, revealed in the Scriptures.

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our worship is \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:6b-10, 13b-14a)

A. The Scriptures define \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:6b-8, 13b)

1. Old Testament (cf. Lev. 22:22; Deut. 15:21)

2. New Testament

- The sacrifice of \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 13:15)

A.W. Tozer: "I say the greatest tragedy in the world today is that God has made man to play the harp of worship before [His] face day and night, but [man] has dropped the harp. It lies voiceless at his feet."

- The sacrifice of \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 4:18b)

- The sacrifice of \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 12:1,2)

B. The Scriptures demand \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:9-10, 14a)

*"...shut the temple doors..."*

*"I will accept no offering from your hands."*

*"Cursed is the cheat..."*

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our worship is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1:11, 14b)

Thomas Carlyle: "Worship is transcendent wonder."

William Temple: "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the service of God."

**LIVING IN COVENANT WITH GOD:  
REBUILDING GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY  
Malachi 2:10-16**

**July 14, 2008**

I. Our \_\_\_\_\_ determines our \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (2:10-12)

A. God really cares about \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2:10,11b)

To violate His standard is:

- a \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Have we not all one Father?"*  
*"Did not one God create us?"*
- a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Why did we profane the covenant of our fathers..."*
- a \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
*"...by breaking faith with one another?"*
- a \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Judah has broken faith."*
- a \_\_\_\_\_ act  
*"A detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem."*
- a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Judah has desecrated the sanctuary the Lord loves..."*

B. God has told us \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2:11b)  
*"...by marrying the daughter of a foreign god."*

In selecting a spouse, one should look for  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The elements of \_\_\_\_\_ are:  
(I Cor. 7:39; II Cor. 6:14-18)

- \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
- \_\_\_\_\_ convictions
- \_\_\_\_\_ convictions
- \_\_\_\_\_ maturity
- \_\_\_\_\_ ambition
- active commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ friends

C. God has \_\_\_\_\_ about the  
\_\_\_\_\_. (2:12)  
*"May the Lord cut him off from the tents of Jacob."*

Practical questions:

1. What do I do if I am already unequally yoked?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does this teach us about dating?

- Dating should be conducted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Dating should occur with the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Dating should always include two things:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

II. Our relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ determines our \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (2:13-16)

A. Sincere \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_ (2:13)  
*"You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings..."*

B. Faithfulness in \_\_\_\_\_ means \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. (2:14)  
*"The Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth...though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant."*

C. Commitment \_\_\_\_\_ leads to

\_\_\_\_\_. (2:15a)  
*"...he was seeking godly offspring."*

D. A \_\_\_\_\_ guards \_\_\_\_\_. (2:15b)  
*"So guard yourself in your spirit."*

E. \_\_\_\_\_ prevents \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2:16)  
*"I hate divorce."*

Practical questions:

1. What if a spouse is non-cooperative?
2. Can a person ever legitimately divorce?
3. Should a divorced person ever be remarried?
4. Can a divorced person join the church? Serve in church leadership?

**LIVING IN COVENANT WITH GOD:  
RETURNING GOD'S COVENANT TRIBUTE  
Malachi 3:6-12**

**July 15, 2008**

I. God's \_\_\_\_\_ secures our \_\_\_\_\_. (3:6)  
*"I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed."*

2. We have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(3:9)  
*"You are under a curse – the whole nation of you..."*  
cf. also 1:14; 2:2

II. God's \_\_\_\_\_ secures our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(3:7-12)  
*"Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them."*

B. We \_\_\_\_\_.

A. We \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (3:7-9)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_

a. We have \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(3:7,8)

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Bring the whole tithe..."*  
cf. Matt. 23:23

a. Our sin is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"Return to me and I will return to you..."*

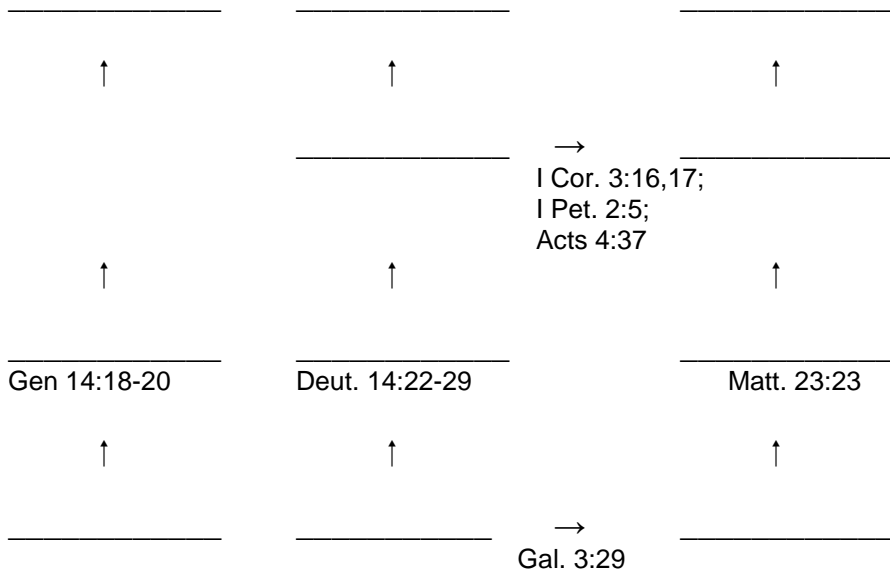
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"...into the storehouse..."*

b. Our sin is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"...will a man rob God? Yet you rob me."*

c. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"...that there may be found in my house"*

c. Our sin is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"How do we rob you?"*

d. Our sin is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"...in tithes and offerings."*



2. \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ (3:10b-12)

*"...test me in this..."*

a. He will \_\_\_\_\_ (3:10b,11)

*"...throw open the floodgates of heaven..."*

b. He will \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12)

*"Then all the nations will call you blessed..."*

**LIVING IN COVENANT WITH GOD:  
RECEIVING GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES  
Malachi 3:13-4:6**

**July 16, 2008**

I. God promises to \_\_\_\_\_ the cynical from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3:13-18)

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (3:13-15)  
*"You have said harsh things against me..."*

1. Serving God is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"It is futile to serve God."*

2. The arrogant are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"...we call the arrogant blessed."*

3. The ungodly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"...even those who challenge God escape."*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (3:16-18)  
*"Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other..."*

1. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"The Lord listened and heard."*

2. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"A scroll of remembrance was written.... They will be mine...my treasured possession."*

3. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"...You will again see the distinctions between the righteous and the wicked..."*  
cf. Exodus 9; Mal. 1:1-5

II. God promises \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace."*

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1)  
*"All the arrogant and every evil doer will be stubble..."*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ (4:2,3)  
*"You will go out and leap like calves released from the stall."*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ (4:4-6)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (4:4)  
*"Remember the law of my servant Moses..."*  
cf. Ecc. 12:13, 14

2. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (4:5,6)  
*"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah..."*  
cf. Matt. 11:14