

Malachi 1

“APATHY: Woeful Worship”

Introduction

A few quick facts to keep in mind about this marvelous book:

Fact #1 - The name Malachi means “_____”.

Fact #2 - Most Bible scholars generally agree that this book was written around _____ BC.

Fact #3 - Malachi lived in a time of relative normalcy, boredom and spiritual _____.

Malachi 1:1-14 -

I. Sickly Symptoms that Precede Apathetic Worship

A. Apathetic/Deviant worship will result when we...

1) ..._____ God’s love and goodness. - Malachi 1:1-5

a. God’s love is _____.

Romans 5:8 -

b. God’s love is _____.

Note: God loves us in spite of who we are, _____ because of who we are.

Deuteronomy 7:6-10 -

Romans 11:33 -

c. God’s love is _____.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 -

Revelation 2:4-5 -

2) ..._____ God’s glorious and exalted position. - Malachi 1:6-9

a. God is to be honored as the Holy _____.

Luke 14:25-26 -

Matthew 23:9 -

b. God is to be honored as the Highest _____.

Ephesians 6:9 -

Luke 17:1-10 -

2 Peter 2:1 -

Jude 1:4 -

Philippians 2:10-11 -

c. God is to be honored as the King/Commander/Authority over the Heavenly “_____”.

Note: In the book of Malachi, God is called “*the LORD of Hosts*” _____ times.

Note: This title speaks to the _____ greatness/authority/might of God.

Isaiah 40:25-26 -

Isaiah 40:7, 22-23 -

Nehemiah 9:6 -

3) ..._____ ourselves to rituals instead of inward adoration. - Malachi 1:10-14

II. Severe Sins that are Produced by Apathetic Worship

1) Through apathetic worship we _____ God’s name.

2) Through apathetic worship we _____ God’s commands.

Leviticus 22:17-20 -

Hosea 6:6 & Micah 6:6-8 -

John Calvin - “...their offerings were rejected; for where there is no pure heart, there we know all works are impure.”

3) Through apathetic worship we _____ people about God.

1 Peter 2:9 -

4) Through apathetic worship we miss out on _____ in God’s person and work.

Warren Wiersbe - “If our concept of God is so low that we think He’s pleased with cheap halfhearted worship, then we don’t know the God of the Bible. In fact, a God who encourages us to do less than our best is a God who isn’t worthy of worship.”