

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Malachi 3:10

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And try Me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be enough room to receive it.

BEGINNING AGAIN 25-1**"QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"**
Malachi 1:1 – 4:6

1. What was a new thought to you from last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ Malachi 1:1-14

2. a. What was the Lord's first statement?
 - b. List the first five blessings that come to your mind that remind you of God's love for you.
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - 4)
 - 5)
 - c. What did Israel ask in response?
3. a. Who did the Lord cite as an example of His sovereign election?
 - b. Hebrews 12:16 reminds us of what about Esau?
4. What were God's questions in Malachi 1:6?
5. What were God's charges against the priests?
6. "I am not pleased with you," says the Lord Almighty, _____." (vs. 10 NIV)

7. a. What apparent attitude did God accuse the priests of having in verse 13?

- b. What did the Lord affirm about Himself in Malachi 1:14?
- c. How is your attitude toward service to God? Write Psalm 96:8,9.

DAY 2 – READ Malachi 2:1-16

8. a. What rebuke did God have for the priests?
 - b. How do you think we can honor God properly?

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Malachi 2:1-16

9. How did God describe His covenant with Levi?
10. According to verse 7, a priest is also what?
11. "I have caused you to be _____ before all the people." (vs. 9)
Why?
12. Turning from the priests to the people as a whole, Malachi raised the question of breaking faith in two areas: first with regard to the worship of false gods and then with regard to marriage vows.
 - a. What would the Lord do to those who marry (worship) foreign gods?
 - b. How did the people react when their offerings to God were not acceptable?
 - c. What had the Lord witnessed in their marriage relationships?
 - d. What is God's statement on divorce?
13. Using Proverbs 6:16-19, what other actions does the Lord hate?

DAY 3 – READ Malachi 2:17- 3:5

14. What were the people saying that wearied the Lord?
15. a. What did the Lord say He would do?
b. Who was that according to Matthew 11:7-14?
16. a. In drawing near for judgment, against whom would the Lord testify?
b. What do you learn in these Scriptures about . . .
. . . who will not inherit the kingdom of God? (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
. . . those who have repented? (1 Corinthians 6:11)

DAY 4 – READ Malachi 3:6-18

17. a. Verse 6, "I the Lord _____." Write Hebrews 13:8.
b. How is that knowledge meaningful in your life?
18. What was God's plea?

DAY 4 (Continued) – READ Malachi 3:6-18

19. a. What was the answer to the question "How have we robbed Thee?"
 - b. What was God's challenge?
 - c. How have you been blessed by responding to this challenge from God? Please share.
20. What harsh thing had the people been saying against God in Malachi 3:14?
21. a. Who was recorded in the scroll of remembrance?
 - b. Between whom would God distinguish?
 - c. (IN-DEPTH) What biblical incidences do you recall where God makes that distinction?

DAY 5 – READ Malachi 4:1-6

22. In the Day of the Lord what is the future for . . .
 - a. . . . the wicked?
 - b. . . . the righteous?
23. a. Who shall come before the Day of the Lord?
 - b. What will he do?
 - c. What did Jesus confirm about Elijah in Matthew 17:1-13?
24. As a prophet during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, Malachi denounced evil in their generation, yet promised hope. What message do you see in this book for us today?

BEGINNING AGAIN 25-4

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: