

a life of worship: **HONOR GOD**

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

We are all called to a life of worship — defined as our proper response to who God is, what He has done, what He continues to do, and what He will do in the future. How you view God directly affects how you worship.

In the book of Malachi, the people have gone back to the land of Israel, but their hearts were not yet fully restored to God. Going through this book can help realign us towards a life of worship.

believe God loves you

God told us “I have loved you with an everlasting love” (Jeremiah 31:3). Still, not all of us believe this and we are not yet fully convinced about God’s love for us.

How did God show this to His people? God’s response was: He loved Jacob, and “hated Esau” (Malachi 1:2-3). The Bible uses this language in a comparative sense (see Luke 14:26); it emphasizes contrast. If we focus our love on other things, it reduces our capacity to truly love God with all our hearts. But if we do the latter, then it increases our capacity to love others too! Even before Jacob could do anything, God already loved Jacob; proof that God’s love is unconditional, uncoerced, & undeserved.

The future of Edom (Esau’s land) was predicted in Malachi 1:3; though both Israel and Edom were sinners and deserved God’s judgment, the Israelites had the promise of restoration, while the Edomites have ceased to exist. This is teaching us that to understand God’s love for us during times of trials, we should not judge God based on circumstances, but we are to judge our circumstances based on who God is.

bring God your best

Not only were the people unaware of God’s amazing love, but also, they do not worship God with their best (Malachi 1:6-10). They choose the lame, blind, and sick animals to offer to the

Lord. God even rebukes their feelings during worship – they find serving and worshipping God as something boring or tiring (Malachi 1:13).

What does it mean to give God your best? It means to do what God wants us to do. God established some ground rules for their offering (Leviticus 1:2-4). It symbolizes the principle of substitution – that sin is so serious, and it cannot be paid for by good works. The animal sacrificial system is a foreshadowing of the coming of Jesus. The book of Hebrews tells us (Hebrews 10:4,11-14) – Jesus is the one sacrifice we all need!

Today we don’t need to offer animal sacrifices, so in response to what Jesus did, we do as Romans 12:1 tells us – to present our bodies as “living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God” – and this is our spiritual service of worship!

be consistent in your public, private, and family life

There must be no hypocrisy in our worship of God. In Malachi 2:1-2, the rebuke was spoken to the priests, and God cursed even their blessings, because they “are not taking it to heart”. Our life must be consistent – whether in public, in private, and as seen in our families.

Peter reminds us in 1 Peter 2:9 that we are also a royal priesthood, chosen as God’s own possession. The problem with these people in Malachi 2 was that they have corrupted their lives by corrupting their marriages, divorce, and choosing to give in to their union with foreign women who worship other gods. Because of God’s love for us, He does not want us to frefall into destruction, thus He set boundaries to help safeguard us.

Through the power of Jesus Christ alone, you can believe that God loves you, you can bring your best to Him, and you can be consistent in all aspects of your life. That is how you live a life of worship!

last week's memory verse

“I have loved you,” says the Lord. But you say, “How have You loved us?” “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved Jacob;

MALACHI 1:2

discuss this message

How has God expressed His love for you?
How will you respond to His love?

What is your “best” that you can bring to God as offering of praise?

How do you live a life of worship consistently in your relationships with others?

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here
for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13