

# HONOR GOD FOR WHO HE IS!

## LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Many things cause us to be disappointed: people, circumstances — and sometimes, we even get disappointed in God. But our disappointments can disappear when we know God based on who He really is and not just on our past experiences. In knowing Him, we will be encouraged and desire to serve, trust, worship, and honor Him in our lives.

In Malachi, we can learn four things about who God really is:

### GOD IS JUST (MALACHI 3:1-4)

The people during Malachi's time were discouraged because they were under a foreign government. People grumbled, lacked passion and devotion for God, and had a wrong view of Him. They asked, "Where is the God of justice?" (Malachi 2:17), but were met with a prophetic statement about God's coming messenger (fulfilled in John the Baptist) and the coming Messiah (Jesus Christ). This guarantees that the day of God's righteous judgment upon the world will be brought to fulfillment through Jesus (Acts 17:30-31)!

Just like them, we may think that life is unfair and blame our past or present circumstances. But we need to remember: God uses our problems and difficulties to refine our character — He will even sacrifice our comfort to sanctify us, and He disciplines us for our good towards righteousness and holiness (Hebrews 12:10-11). Our circumstances are temporary, but His promises are eternal. What we need to do is repent, focus on God, trust Him completely, and do what He asks of us. He is perfect, just, faithful, righteous, and upright (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)!

### GOD IS IMMUTABLE (MALACHI 3:5-7)

Sorcery, adultery, oppression, greed, lying, and the like were just some of the sins prevalent during the days of Malachi (vv. 5-6). The people disobeyed and rebelled against God; yet God — in His unchanging character, righteousness, holiness, and love — desired for them to return and repent (v. 7) and withheld His judgment upon them. In the same way, God calls us to repent of our sins and draw near to Him instead of running away from Him (James 4:8).

### GOD OWNS EVERYTHING (MALACHI 3:8-9)

Jesus tells us that "where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also" (Matthew 6:21). When the people

asked, "How shall we return?" (v.7), God told them that they were robbing Him in their tithes and contributions (vv. 8-9). Tithe means ten percent, and the Mosaic Law mentions that the "tithe of the land" belongs to God (Leviticus 27:30). But prior to this, Abraham and Jacob already understood this principle and gave their tenths to God (Genesis 14:19-20, 28:22). Jesus said that He came not to abolish this Law but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17-19), and even the scribes and Pharisees of His day tithed (Matthew 23:23). In keeping with this principle, we give the first ten percent of our earnings to the Lord and use the rest faithfully.

Paul also mentioned proportionate or "grace giving" (1 Corinthians 16:1-2), and cited examples of poor believers who gave joyfully according to their means because they loved the Lord (2 Corinthians 1-5). Everything in the world belongs to God (Psalm 50:10-12) and we honor Him by knowing so, but we rob Him when we are greedy and covetous. The antidote to greed and covetousness is giving, and we can test our spirituality when we look at how we deal with our possessions.

### GOD IS A REWARDER (MALACHI 3:10-18)

Finally, God presented a challenge to His people: to "bring the whole tithe into the storehouse (temple)" for Him to "pour out blessings until it overflows" (v. 10). We can never outgive God (Luke 6:38)! He is a rewarder of those who seek Him (Hebrews 11:6), and if we trust in Him, He will provide and fight for us (vv. 11-12). He even corrects our wrong view of Him and helps us discern between righteous and evil men (vv. 14-18).

If we don't truly know God and put our hope in His amazing promises, His Word will not impact our lives and we will not be able to honor Him. Let us draw near to Him, learn to trust Him completely, and do everything for His glory!

## last week's memory verse

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test 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 a blessing until it overflows.

MALACHI 3:10

## discuss this message

What do you appreciate about the justice of God?

If God owns everything, why do you think we struggle with giving our tithes and offerings to Him?  
How do we change that?

Why should we believe that God is a rewarder?

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# Who is Jesus to you?

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

#### THE SIGNIFICANT WOMAN


SESSION 4: ACTIVATE YOUR MISSION (PART 1)

with Atid Ocaya

June 6, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

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### MASTERPIECE:

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

June 22, Saturday

9:00 AM, Main Auditorium

TICKETS: PHP300

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Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

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#### GLC LEVEL 1

**Book 1: One by One** (10:30 AM)

**Book 3: The Holy Spirit** (1:30 PM)

ONSITE: June 2, Sunday, Room 2A

ZOOM: June 5, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Enroll now: [bit.ly/GLCTrainings2024](https://bit.ly/GLCTrainings2024)

#### GLC LEVEL 2

**Book 7: Family Life**

ONSITE: June 2, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: June 6, Thursday, 7:30 PM

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## JOIN AND PARTICIPATE

Learn, grow, or recharge with the community!

### YOUTH SPORTS CAMP

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 10-18 YEARS OLD

June 21 to 23 - for 16 to 18-year-olds

June 28 to 30 - for 13 to 15-year-olds

July 12 to 14 - for 10 to 12-year-olds

Mt. Makiling Re-Creational Center

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Register at [ccfsports.org/register](https://ccfsports.org/register)

### START-UP IGNITE:

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June 28, Friday, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

LAI Building 2/F Multi-Purpose Hall

Register at [events-web.ccf.org.ph/ignite-2024/register](https://events-web.ccf.org.ph/ignite-2024/register)

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

## ccf SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER



### SATURDAY NIGHTS

5:00 PM

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9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,  
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