

# MALACHI - 2:1-10

## *God's Curse for Priests*

### 1. Malachi 2:1-4

- a. *"Cursed be the deceiver"* - because he gave it, but the priest helped - Heb 13:17
- b. 2:1 - Notice the audience: priests; not you. Exo 19:6, Num 1:47-50, 18:1-5, 1 Pet 2:9
- c. *"give glory unto my name"* - This is the gospel of his name in the OT - John 20:31
- d. God is just to require honor just as a parent to children, or master to their servant
- e. The curse is to the priests *according to the law* - 2 Chron 29:1-8, Deu 10:12, 28:15
- f. *"curse your blessings"* - The things they bless he makes a curse - Deu 28:16-20
- g. *"I have cursed them already"* - Malachi is during the 5<sup>th</sup> course of the curses - Lev 26
- h. The dung was burnt up outside the camp = Exo 29:14, Lev 16:27-28 (also Phil 3:8)
- i. No one despises self-righteous religionists more than the God of truth.

### 2. Malachi 2:5-8

- a. Levi's fear of God shown by obedience - Exo 32:19-29, and Num 25:1-9
- b. God made an everlasting covenant to the priests - Num 25:10-13, Psa 106:30-31
- c. Levi was to teach the law - Deu 33:8-11, to judge Deu 17:8-11, to record Deu 17:18
- d. A good example was Ezra, who was a scribe seeking to do the law - Ezra 7:10
- e. The law would convert people from sin - Psa 19:7-11; Psa 119:97-105; James 5:20
- f. They caused many to stumble through vain religious teaching - Jer 23:11-17

### 3. Malachi 2:9-10

- a. *"made you contemptible"* - just like men hated the offering in 1 Sam 2:17, Pro 22:1
- b. They were not receiving the blessings they were promised - see Mal 3:14
- c. *"partial in the law"* - not keeping the whole law - Mat 5:19, Mat 23:23, Jam 2:1-12
- d. *"one father...one God created us"* - The priests were evil - John 8:41-45