

MALACHI - 2:10-17

Marriage Treachery Against God

1. Malachi 2:10-12

- a. Partiality developed where people were given privilege: Israel, Levites, priests
- b. *"We are Moses' disciples"* - John 7:1, 13,22-26, 37-43, 48-52; John 9:28-33
- c. Who was the neighbour? Not the priest, nor the Levite... Luke 10:29-36
- d. *"profaned the holiness"* - the covenant with Israel - Jer 2:2-3, Exo 28:36, Zech 14:21
- e. *"married the daughter of a strange god"* - forbidden by the law - Deu 7:3-6
- f. Solomon broke the law the same way as these priests - 1 Kings 11:1-4
- g. Similar problems described by Nehemiah 13:23-30 around the time of Malachi
- h. *"cut off the man"* - from his covenant, from his people, his promises - Mal 2:5
- i. *"the master and the scholar..."* whatever person, whatever tribe, whatever position

2. Malachi 2:13-14

- a. *"covering the altar...with tears"* crying for justice - Num 25:6, Rev 6:10, Luk 18:1-8
- b. *"he regardeth not offering any more"* - because of treachery - Hos 4:6-9, 5:1-4, 6:6-7
- c. *"the wife of thy youth"* - this can be literal, or figurative about God and Israel
- d. The covenant marriage of God and Israel - Jer 2:2, 3:14, Isa 54:5-10, Eze 16:58-63
- e. The same issues were the topic of Jesus' ministry to Israel - Rom 15:8, Matt 19:3-6

3. Malachi 2:15-16

- a. *"did not he make one?"* - one man, one woman, one nation of Israel
- b. God remains faithful, and hates putting away - the husbandly duty - Eph 5:26-27
- c. They should remain faithful to their wives according to the covenant

4. Malachi 2:17

- a. *"Ye have wearied the LORD"* - because of their iniquities - Isa 43:20-24
- b. God will not always strive with man - Gen 6:3, Jer 6:11, Jer 15:6, Jer 20:9
- c. Unrighteous judgment is the product of a defiled mind - Titus 1:15, 1 Cor 2:15
- d. *"Doeth evil is good"* like the wicked priests - Prov 17:15, Isa 5:20-23, Mat 3:10-12
- e. Remember, Pilate did not want innocent blood on his hands - Mat 27:24-25
- f. Jesus said the same as John the Baptist, Isaiah, and Malachi - Matt 23:27-33
- g. *"Where is the God of judgment?"* - As a mockery - Psalm 94:1-7; Mal 3:15
- h. He delays for salvation sake, because he is longsuffering - 2 Pet 3:1-8
- i. Behold... the messenger of the Lord comes in Mal 3:1