

The Heart of Worship Malachi Sermon Series

Malachi calls us to rekindle the heart of worship in 3 ways;

The Wonder of God

Malachi 2:5 NLT – “The purpose of my covenant with the Levites was to bring life and peace, and that is what I gave them. This required reverence from them, and they greatly revered me and stood in awe of my name.”

Psalms 8: 2-3 – “Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,”

Ephesians 3:17-19 – “so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

“What you think about God is the single most important thing about you” A.W. Tozer

The Word of God

My covenant with Levi was to give life and peace. I kept my covenant with him, and he honored me. He stood in reverent awe before me. He taught the truth and did not lie. He walked with me in peace and uprightness. He kept many out of the ditch, kept them on the road. Malachi 2:6 (The Message)

Joshua 1:8 – “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

“I think a new world will arise out of the religious mists, when we approach our Bible with the idea that it is not only a book which was once spoken but a book which is now speaking.” A.W. Tozer

_____ of 55 verses are Yahweh speaking directly!

Malachi 2:2b The Message – “If you do not listen, and if you do not resolve to honor my name,” says the LORD Almighty, “I will send a curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not resolved to honor me.”

The Witness of God

Malachi 2:7-8 ESV – “For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts,”

“We witness for God not because we have such passion for lost souls but because we have such passion for God who paid such a price” (John Piper)

I Peter 2:9-10 The Message – “But you are a chosen group of people. You are the King’s religious leaders. You are a holy nation. You belong to God. He has done this for you so you can tell others how God has called you out of darkness into His great light. At one time you were a people of no use. Now you are the people of God. At one time you did not have loving-kindness. Now you have God’s loving-kindness.”

The Heart of Worship is;

The valuing of God above all that is valuable!

A loving of God above all that is lovely!

A savoring of God above all that is sweet!

A fearing of God above all that is fearful!

A Prizing of God above all that is precious!