TEACHING GUIDE

WHEN GOD ASKS THE

QUESTIONS

THE BOOK OF MALACHI



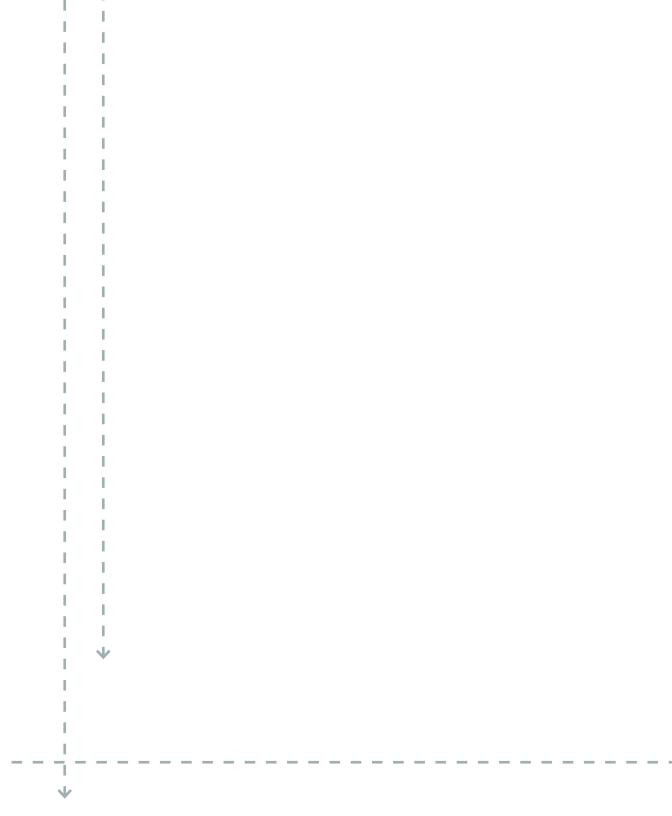


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Dear Fellowship Family.

If you are here for the first time, we hope you leave here today having been stirred and challenged to move forward in your relationship with Jesus. We would love to connect to you further, so make sure you stop by and see us at the Welcome Center.

This Teaching Guide has two purposes. First, it is designed to help you journal some thoughts during our lesson today and for the rest of our series. We hope during this series that you will learn more about God and His character and that you will also consider some key takeaways that you can apply to your life this week. Second, this guide is meant to take you more deeply into the passage when the service is over. We encourage you to look up the Scriptures in the "Read More" section, to think more deeply you the "Study More" notes, and to write out a necessary personal change in the "Do More" section.

We are here for you and your family. Our hope is that you will be strengthened so that you can change your world for Christ.

If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

PASTOR Phil

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Malachi 1:1-5

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

The first portion of Malachi is directed at the priests. The priests are specifically accused of "despising [God's] name." They do this by offering unacceptable sacrifices...they were offering sick, crippled, or otherwise impure animals. Likewise, their attitude is bitter and lazy. These are both an insult to God. God's response to this is a rejection of Israel's worship. In fact, God says He would rather the priests offer no sacrifices at all, rather than improper ones. The sin of bringing God apathetic, selfish, or profane worship is worse than offering no worship at all. (BibleRef.com)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V1: Isaiah 13:1; Zechariah 12:1

V3: Luke 14:26; Ezekiel 36:14-15; Obadiah 1:18-21

V4: Job 9:4; Matthew 12:30; Jeremiah 31:17; Lamentations 4:21-22

Do More:



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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

The priests had to hold and spread God's word [and] they had to do it with knowledge. Leaders should be knowledgeable messengers of God's word. The priests should have held the word of God in knowledge, reverence, and obedience. Instead, they departed from the way and therefore caused many to stumble at the law. Because the priests of Malachi's day fell so far short of God's ideal for them, the people held them in contempt. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V6 (Ch.1): Deuteronomy 5:16; 1 Peter 2:17-19; Jeremiah 2:21-22

V10: Job 1:9-11; Philippians 2:21; Jeremiah 8:10; 1 Corinthians 9:13

V1 (Ch. 2): Joshua 7:11-12; Revelation 21:8; Mark 12:41-44;

V5: Numbers 3:45; Psalms 106:30-31; Exodus 32:26-29

Do More:



Malachi 2:10-3:15

Title _____ Date____

Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

At the end of Malachi 2, Israel complained that God seemed to reward the wicked and did not exercise His justice in the world. God responds to their complaint by saying, "I will set things right with My Messiah, and before Him will come My messenger." This prophesied messenger is none other than John the Baptist. Matthew 11:10, Mark 1:2, and Luke 7:27 each show this promise was fulfilled in John the Baptist. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V10 (Ch. 2): Isaiah 51:2; John 8:41; Micah 7:2-6; Ezra 10:2-3

V14: Proverbs 30:20; 1 Samuel 12:5; Ecclesiastes 9:9; Proverbs 2:17

V4 (Ch. 3): Isaiah 1:26-27; Ezekiel 20:40-41; 1 Chronicles 21:26

V9: Joshua 7:12-13; Haggai 2:14-17; Deuteronomy 28:15-19

Do More:



Malachi 3:16-4:6

Title _____ Date____

Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

Here, at the end of Malachi, comes a warning about judgment. This one, however, will not spare any people who reject Him. This particular depiction of the end times separates the experience of the wicked and the righteous using two separate metaphors. The furnace, or "oven," where the wicked will be judged is symbolic of powerful, controlled, purposeful flames. On the other hand, those who honor God will experience healing, as if from sunlight, and freedom, like baby animals released from a pen. One last promise made in this book is the appearance of Elijah, in order to bring some of the people back to repentance. (BibleRef.com)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V16: Genesis 22:12; Acts 10:2; Hebrews 3:13; Esther 6:1; Hebrews 4:12-13

V2 (Ch. 4): Luke 1:50; Acts 13:47; Matthew 11:5; Ruth 2:12

V4: Galatians 5:13-14; John 5:39-47; Romans 13:1-10; Leviticus 1:1-7

V6: Luke 1:16-17; Zechariah 11:6; Zechariah 14:12; Hebrews 10:26-31

Do More:

Extra Notes:		

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We have created an environment for widows to come together with others. Here, we fellowship, laugh, and dive into God's Word.

The Widows Ministry meet the first Wednesday of the month at in the foyer and have additional fun events planned each month.



To register for the monthly luncheon or special events, scan the code or visit the Church Center app.

Take Jour Next Step

Our Next Steps process is designed to help you get into the flow and ministries of Fellowship Bible Church more quickly.

If you are new, we'd love to see you at Lunch With Our Leaders. Our website can tell you when the next one is, and you can register there!

Stop by the Welcome Center or go to our website for more information!

