

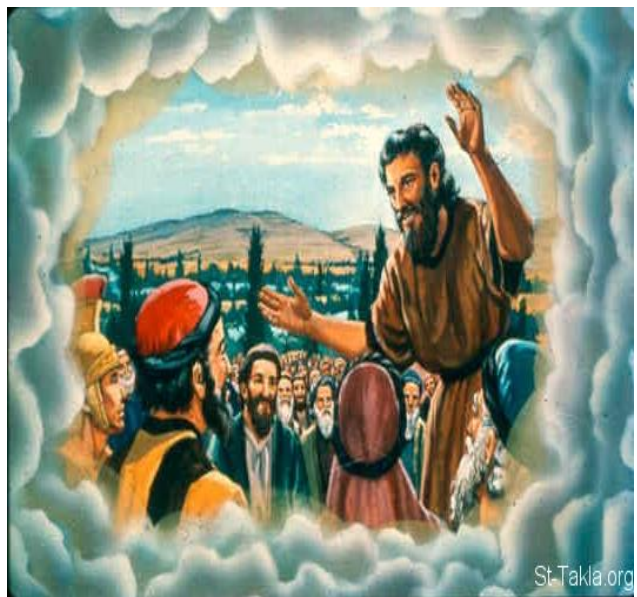
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Malachi is asking is "Will man rob God..?"

Scripture reading: Malachi

Malachi is the last book in the Old Testament that we are meditating today. The name Malachi means "my messenger". So God sends HIS messenger to remind the HIS people that they are chosen for a cause they have to live accordingly. The Holy and consecrated life that is pleasing God is supposed to be the life of the people of Judah. But in Judah there was full of abominations, perversion and worship distractions in not only people but also among the leaders. The priests who supposed to preach and teach the commandments were most disobedient. So God asked them

"Isn't it true that a son honours his father and a worker his master? So if I'm your Father, where's the honour? If I'm your Master, where's the respect?" God -of-the-Angel-Armies is calling you on the carpet: "You priests despise me! "You say, 'Not so! How do we despise you?' "By your shoddy, sloppy, defiling worship. "You ask, 'What do you mean, "Defiling"? What's defiling about it?' "When you say, 'The altar of God is not important anymore; worship of God is no longer a priority,' that's defiling. And when you offer worthless animals for sacrifices in worship, animals that you're trying to get rid of—blind and sick and crippled animals—isn't that defiling? Try a trick like that with your banker or your senator—how far do you think it will get you?" "Begin by being honest. Do honest people rob God? But you rob me day after day. "You ask, 'How have we robbed you?' "The tithe and the offering—that's how!



Hello there, are you alright...? Before we go to meditation, I want to ask you something. Tell me when you do mistake how does your school principal or class teacher ask you..? Will they come ask you indirectly what you would do if you go through this kind of situation...? Never. They will come and punish you directly, isn't it...? But you see here, the Almighty Sovereign God is coming to an ordinary human and trying to explain how he had hurt HIM. And then ask him to repent and come back to HIM to receive his blessings. Who will get such a great God?

Shall we take a decision today? I would respect my Lord in all area of my life, my family, my church and in my city. If you want to decide to live like this come on pray with me.

The Lord of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: "A son honours his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honour and respect I deserve? Malachi 1:6

Prayer

Loving heavenly Father, YOU are almighty God to the whole universe but for me YOU are my living DAD. Full my heart with love, respect and honour. In Jesus mighty name I pray. Amen.

