MALACHI 1:6-14

- We treat God as worthless by giving Him our <u>LEFTOVERS</u>. 1:6-8
- When we are guilty treating God as worthless, we must seek His gracious FORGIVENESS. 1:9-11

• We treat God as worthless when we are just going through the <u>MOTIONS</u>. 1:12-13

 If we don't repent of treating God as worthless, we will be <u>CURSED</u>—but God's greatness will be upheld.

1:14

FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

- 1. How would you define "worship?" What are some things that people worship today without realizing it?
- 2. Read Malachi 1:6-8. How would you explain God's problem with His people in your own words? What's a modern equivalent or example that explains the problem God has with His people?
- In this entire passage (Malachi 1:6-14), how is God's name mentioned and upheld? Why does God put such an emphasis on His name? What other passages about God's name come to mind?
- 4. Read 2 Samuel 24:24 and Romans 12:1. What does being a living sacrifice look like in your life?
- 5. Read Malachi 1:9-11. In this section, what is the command, and what is the warning? Is the command genuine, or is it sarcasm? How do you think Israel should have responded to God?
- 6. In Malachi 1:12-14, how is our hearts attitude brought in? What do you see as the main problem God is calling out in these verses? Have you ever found yourself just going through motions? How did you handle this?
- 7. How do we see the seriousness of God's call to repentance in these passages: Acts 5:1-10; Revelation 2:3-5; Revelation 3:15-17?
- 8. Thinking about your own relationship with the Lord, how is He challenging you to grow this week?



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