

**THE GREAT KING
DESERVES
OUR BEST!!**

MALACHI 1:6-14

God Expects And Deserves Our Best Offering

Leviticus 22:17-25

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering;

19 Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.

20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.

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Leviticus 22:17-25 - continued

21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

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Leviticus 22:17-25 - continued

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offering thereof in your land.

25 Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

Malachi 1:6-14

6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 1:6-14 - continued

9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 1:6-14 - continued

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

I. The Priests Despised the Name of God (v 6)

A. By forsaking the covenant relationship

Deuteronomy 32:6

Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

Exodus 4:22

And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

Romans 8:15

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

I. The Priests Despised the Name of God (v 6)

B. By forsaking the responsibility

Luke 6:46

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

1. God is our Master

2. We are His bondservant

1 Corinthians 6:20

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Psalms 100:2

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

I. The Priests Despised the Name of God (v 6)

C. By forsaking our reason

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

II. The Priests Defiled the Provisions of God (vv 7-11)

**A. Their offering was a picture their spiritual condition
(v 7)**

“No polluted man can offer pure bread on God’s altar.”

– G. Campbell Morgan

- 1. The priests were giving God their worst**
- 2. They were keeping the best for themselves**

B. God brings an accusation against the people (v 8)

- 1. They were offering God less than what man
required**
- 2. They revered man more than God**

II. The Priests Defiled the Provisions of God (vv 7-11)

C. God gives them a recommendation (v 9)

1. He calls them to put off hypocrisy

Luke 11:42

But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

2. He calls them to lock the temple doors

II. The Priests Defiled the Provisions of God (vv 7-11)

D. God gives them a picture of sacrificial worship (v 10)

1. We are to bring our bodies to God

Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

II. The Priests Defiled the Provisions of God (vv 7-11)

**D. God gives them a picture of sacrificial worship (v 10) -
continued**

2. We are to bring our offerings

Philippians 4:18

**But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of
Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an
odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing
to God.**

II. The Priests Defiled the Provisions of God (vv 7-11)

**D. God gives them a picture of sacrificial worship (v 10) -
continued**

3. We are to bring our praise

Hebrews 13:15

**By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God
continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to
his name.**

4. We are to bring our works for others

Hebrews 13:16

**But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with
such sacrifices God is well pleased.**

II. The Priests Defiled the Provisions of God (vv 7-11)

E. God will get the best that He deserves

Psalm 29:2

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Psalm 96:8

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

III. The Priests Degenerated God's Prominence And Preciousness (vv 12-14)

A. They promoted an attitude of weariness (vv 12-13)

- 1. Weariness in giving**
- 2. Weariness in service**
- 3. Weariness in worship**

They misrepresented the Lord in their sacrifices

III. The Priests Degenerated God's Prominence And Preciousness (vv 12-14)

**B. They provoked the people to try and deceive God
(v14a)**

1. They promised God their best

2. They gave God less than their best

**C. They forgot that He is a Great King worthy of our best
(v 14b)**

ARE WE GIVING
GOD OUR BEST?