

*How Shall We
Deal With Each
Other?*

Malachi 2:10-16

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10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

Malachi 2:10-16 - continued

14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

I. God's Word Concerning Personal Relationships

(v 10)

A. There was a failure to realize the bond of God's family
Ephesians 4:3-6

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1. We have to work at this bond (4:3)

2. We put our hope in this bond (4:4)

3. As believers we have four things that bond us (4:5-6)

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B. There was a failure to recognize that we have one Creator

1. Leads to double standards

2. Leads to hypocrisy in the fellowship

C. There was a failure to recognize a covenant relationship

II. God's Word Concerning Marriage To Unbelievers (vv 11-12)

A. Marrying outside the faith is an affront to God

- 1. It is an insult to the holiness of God**
- 2. It is an assault on the worship of God**
- 3. It is in direct disobedience to God's word**

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II. God's Word Concerning Marriage To Unbelievers (vv 11-12)

B. Marrying outside the faith is inviting God's judgment (v 12a)

- 1. Due to the profaning of God's holiness**
- 2. Due to willfully disobeying God**
- 3. Due to the hypocrisy of unrepentant worship**

II. God's Word Concerning Marriage To Unbelievers (vv 11-12)

C. If you married outside the faith the Bible does not teach that:

1. The unbelieving spouse cannot be converted

1 Peter 3:1-5

1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

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1 Peter 3:1-5 - continued

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

II. God's Word Concerning Marriage To Unbelievers (vv 11-12)

C. If you married outside the faith the Bible does not teach that:

2. The believing spouse should end the marriage

1 Corinthians 7:12-13

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

III. God's Word Concerning Their Marriage Relationships (vv 13-16)

A. Stop the hypocrisy (v 13)

B. Shoulder the responsibility (v 14)

C. Stand to God's standard (vv 15-16)

1. For the next generation

2. For the favor of God

Proverbs 18:22

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

***Honor God
In Our
Relationships***