

02 Malachi 1:6-2:9 – Hallowed be thy name

Do we treat God with contempt?

Problem # 2

verse 6 ... They show contempt for him.

... they understand how they are to supposed to treat those in authority

... but they refuse to respect YHWH.

... how it is they fail to honour God - verse 7.

- **Mal 1:13 ... think the sacrificial system is a burden.**
- **Mal 1:14 ... at home, in their flocks they have acceptable sacrifices that they had vowed to God already**

Who is responsible?

... the people of God who made vows to YHWH and then brought defiled animals?

Mal 1:6 ... “It is you priests who show contempt for my name”

Mal 2:1 ... “And now you priests this is a warning for you.”

Mal 2:7 ... why the priests are primarily responsible.

God’s offer

Mal 1:9... to plead with God to be gracious to them

Mal 2:2 ... urges the priests to listen and resolve to honour his name properly.

Why offer sacrifices?

i) Atonement sacrifices (Leviticus 4:1-5:13)

ii) Other sacrifices (Leviticus 2-3)

iii) “Self sacrifice offerings” .

For us today

i) To those who should know

ii) The danger of us showing contempt to God

... when we offer second rate or defiled sacrifices to him

The sacrifice of Jesus

- **If we despise this work Jesus has done then we show contempt for God**

Sacrifices we offer

- as we OBEY God's will in our lives.

Romans 12:1-2. *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Qu: What priority in your life do your sacrifices to God take in this area?

Heb 13:15-16. *"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. 16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

Qu: What priority do you give to doing good (in God's eyes) and sharing with others?

Phil 4:18, *"I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God."*

The sacrifice of ourselves.

Eph 4:31-5:2 – *"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 5 1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."*

Godly behaviour ... our "praise and thanksgiving" sacrifice to God

Rom 15:7, *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."*

1 John 13:16-17 *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"*