



## **SERMON NOTES**

May 19, 2019

Scripture: Malachi 1:6-14 (NAS)

“Worship That Fails To Worship God”

- 6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?" says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Your name?'
- 7 "You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled You?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be despised.'
- 8 "But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.
- 9 "But now will you not entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.
- 10 "Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of hosts, "nor will I accept an offering from you.
- 11 "For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.
- 12 "But you are profaning it, in that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.'
- 13 "You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the LORD of hosts, "and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?" says the LORD.
- 14 "But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is feared among the nations."

### **I. A CARELESS APPROACH TO WORSHIP**

#### **A. Israel's Failure To See The Greatness Of God**

1. in God's electing love
2. in God as Father
3. in God as Master

#### **B. Are We Careless In Our Approach To Worship?**

1. Are we aware of the gracious nature of God's electing love?
2. Do we approach God reverently as our heavenly Father?
3. Do we approach God reverently as our Master?

### **II. GOD'S DISTAIN FOR THEIR WORSHIP**

A. He Desires To Bar Them From His Temple vs. 10

B. He Has Observed Their Boredom In Worship vs. 13

C. They Fail To Recognize The Lord Of Hosts

### **III. MAN'S RESPONSE IN EMPTY WORSHIP**

A. They Bring Worthless Offerings

B. They Hoard What Is Of Value To Them

### **IV. GOD'S RESPONSE TO EMPTY WORSHIP**

A. Close The Doors

B. Weary With Their Vain Sacrifices *II Samuel 24:18, 22, 24*

### **V. WHAT IS ESSENTIAL TO WORSHIP?**

A. It Must Express A Sense Of Awe, Reverence, Of Greatness Of God

1. Our dress
2. Our posture
3. Our prayers
4. Our attitude
5. Our response to preaching
6. Our praises

B. Things Not Leading To Worship

1. Cold formal professionalism
2. Emotionalism used to manipulate man's feelings

C. Worship Must Be Spirit Led Through The Word Of God Which Reveals The Awesome Character Of God