



## **SERMON NOTES**

May 26, 2019

Scripture: Malachi 2:1-9 (NAS)

“The Priestly Office Perfected”

- 1 "And now this commandment is for you, O priests.
- 2 "If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the LORD of hosts, "then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart.
- 3 "Behold, I am going to rebuke your offspring, and I will spread refuse on your faces, the refuse of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it.
- 4 "Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant may continue with Levi," says the LORD of hosts.
- 5 "My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him as an object of reverence; so he revered Me and stood in awe of My name.
- 6 "True instruction was in his mouth and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many back from iniquity.
- 7 "For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.
- 8 "But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by the instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says the LORD of hosts.
- 9 "So I also have made you despised and abased before all the people, just as you are not keeping My ways but are showing partiality in the instruction.

### **I. PASSAGE IS DIRECTED TO THE PRIESTS**

- A. The New Testament Church Does Not Recognize A Priestly Office
- B. Jesus Is Our Priest
  1. Succession of priests not needed as Jesus lives forever *Heb. 7:23-25*
  2. Priests' sacrifices completed with Jesus' perfect sacrifice *Heb. 9:11-12*
  3. Churches promoting the office of priest minimize Christ's work
- C. The Only Continuing Use Of Priest in NT Is The Priesthood Of All Believers *1 Peter 2:5, 9*

### **II. DUTY OF THE PRIEST WHICH CONTINUES**

- A. Instruct From God *vs 7*

- B. The Elder Is Given That Responsibility *1 Timothy 3:2; 5:17*

### **III. SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PASSAGE TO YOU**

- A. Need To Pray For Your Leaders
  1. Knowledge of elders duties make your prayers specific and practical
  2. Knowledge of the dangers helps you know how to pray
- B. You Need To Hold Teachers Accountable To Biblical Accuracy *Acts 17:10-11*
- C. Knowledge Of These Duties Is Necessary In Choosing Elders
- D. We Hear Much Of Failure Of Church Leaders
  1. Moral failure
  2. Doctrinal failure

### **IV. GREAT DANGER OF NEGLECTING GOD'S WORD *Amos 8:11***

- A. People Search For New Ideas *Ecclesiastes 1:9*
- B. False Teachers Propagate False Doctrine *Revelation 22:19*