

## **SECOND-RATE SACRIFICES**

### **Malachi 1:6-14**

**Malachi shows us that God is under no obligation to accept second-rate sacrifices from second-rate sacrificers.**

#### **I. THE CONDITIONS (6)**

##### **A. THEIR CRIME**

- Dishonorable disrespect

##### **B. THE CRIMINALS**

- The priests and the people

#### **II. THE CASE (7-13)**

- God's answer to their query, "How have we despised Your name?" (6b)

##### **A. WRONG OFFERINGS (7)**

- Giving defiled "food"

##### **B. WRONG ACTIONS (8)**

- Incredulous and inappropriate conduct

##### **C. WRONG IMPLICATIONS (9)**

- This is no way to impress God!

##### **D. WRONG PRIORITIES (10)**

- Going through the motions is offensive to God

##### **E. WRONG ATTITUDE (12-13)**

- They hold God in contempt.

### III. THE CURSE (14)

#### A. INSINCERITY IS SERIOUS

- You can't play games with God

#### B. GOD IS SERIOUS

- He takes vows seriously - Ecc. 5:4-5

When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for *He takes* no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

### IV. THE CURE (11)

- God will not forever leave Himself without faithful followers

#### A. GOD'S FUTURE GLORY

- His name will be great

#### B. GOD'S COMING WORSHIP

- Some from all nations will one day worship Him
- See Zech. 14:9, 16

### V. SOME QUESTIONS

- Are our sacrifices second-rate?

#### A. WHAT ABOUT OUR PRIORITIES? - Matthew 6:33

#### B. WHAT ABOUT OUR ENERGY? - Luke 10:26-27

#### C. WHAT ABOUT SOME PARTICULARS?

1. Are we surrendered to God? - Rom. 12:1-2
2. Are we behaving properly? - Rom. 13:11-14
3. Are we working tirelessly? - I Cor. 16:15

### CONCLUSION:

#### **Who is this Lord to whom we sacrifice?**

- If He is not Lord of all; He is not Lord at all!
- "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? - Luke 6:46

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