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“Malachi: 3 Invitations for Advent” by Pastor Steve Durand



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Malachi 1:1-11

¹ A prophecy: The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi. ² “I have loved you,” says the Lord.

“But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’

“Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the Lord.

Malachi 1:1-11

“Yet I have loved Jacob, ³ but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

Malachi 1:1-11

⁴ Edom may say, “Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins.” But this is what the Lord Almighty says: “They may build, but I will demolish.

Malachi 1:1-11

They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the Lord. ⁵ You will see it with your own eyes and say, ‘Great is the Lord— even beyond the borders of Israel!’

Malachi 1:1-11

⁶ “A son honors his father, and a slave his master.
If I am a father, where is the honor due me?
If I am a master, where is the respect due me?”
says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 1:1-11

“It is you priests who show contempt for my name.

“But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’”

Malachi 1:1-11

⁷ “By offering defiled food on my altar.

“But you ask, ‘How have we defiled you?’

“By saying that the Lord’s table is contemptible.

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⁸ When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong?

Malachi 1:1-11

Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 1:1-11

⁹ “Now plead with God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?” —says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 1:1-11

¹⁰ “Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar!

Malachi 1:1-11

I am not pleased with you,” says the Lord Almighty,
“and I will accept no offering from your hands.

¹¹ My name will be great among the nations,
from where the sun rises to where it sets.

Malachi 1:1-11

In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 2:17-3:1

¹⁷ You have wearied the Lord with your words.
“How have we wearied him?” you ask.

Malachi 2:17-3:1

By saying, “All who do evil are good in the eyes of the Lord, and he is pleased with them” or
“Where is the God of justice?”

Malachi 2:17-3:1

3:1 “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple;

Malachi 2:17-3:1

the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire,
will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 4:1-3

¹ “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 4:1-3

“Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

Malachi 4:1-3

³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty.



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1. Invitation to **look back** (1:2-5)



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Malachi 4:2

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.



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