



# Malachi 1:11-14: His Name Among the Nations

## The Answer to Apathy Bible Study

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What does it mean to take God's name in vain?

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 20:7** You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>NIV</sup> **Exodus 20:7** You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

What was the first disputation in Malachi (1:2-5)?

What is the second disputation (1:6-2:9)?

What did the Lord desire for someone to do with the door of the temple?

Why is there so much disregard for God's commands in our world?

### Malachi 1:11

Where do we hear such words in our liturgy?

**Psalm 113:3-4** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

What are "the nations"?

### Malachi 1:12

What do the people profane?

**Proverbs 30:8-9** Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

What do the people despise?

**Malachi 1:7** By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, 'How have we polluted you?' By saying that the LORD's table may be despised.

### **Malachi 1:13**

Of what had the people become weary? How do they communicate their contempt?

How does the Lord respond to their offering?

**Mark 12:43-44** And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

### **Malachi 1:14**

What curse does God pronounce on His people?

**Jeremiah 48:10** Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD with slackness.

What does the Lord confess regarding Himself?

**Revelation 15:4** Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

**Psalms 47:1-2** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Against what specific group does God direct this disputation? What does this mean for the worshipping community?