



Malachi 1:6-10: Where is My Honor?

The Answer to Apathy Bible Study

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The Second Disputation: Malachi 1:6-2:9

Malachi 1:6

What question does the Lord of Hosts ask of the Israelites?

Are there other places in the Old Testament where God is called *Father*?

Exodus 4:22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son.'

Psalms 89:26 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

What response from Israel is expected based on the Fatherhood of God?

Who is Malachi addressing in this disputation? What have they done?

Are they able to recognize their wrongdoing?

Malachi 1:7

What was wrong with the priest's sacrifices?

What is a New Testament parallel for this sin?

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Malachi 1:8

What was wrong with their sacrifices?

Deuteronomy 15:21 But if it has any blemish, if it is lame or blind or has any serious blemish whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

Why couldn't blemished or unclean sacrifices be offered?

1 Peter 1:18-19 You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Would the Israelites dishonor their governor in this way?

Malachi 1:9

What does God want from His people?

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

What has their worship communicated to God?

1 Peter 1:17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.

Malachi 1:10

What other kind of offering does God not accept from them?

What does God wish for the Israelites at this point?

Amos 5:21-24 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.