



Losing touch
with the *Living God*

Malachi



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Malachi - Losing Touch with the Living God

This 7 week study is designed to give:

- * confidence in understanding a book of the Old Testament
- * insights as to its relevance for us today.

Each study is divided into 3 parts:

PART A BIBLE SEARCH contains 4 simple questions to be done at home.

PART B DISCUSSION QUESTIONS issues and concepts that arise from the passage. Further Bible passages are examined to assist learning. (Encourage honesty and commitment by your attitude.)

PART C MY REFLECTIONS – these are intended to be done after the meeting to:

- Apply what has been learnt; and
- enhance our relationship "With the Living God".

The study is not an academic exercise, but seeks to bring about growth and change.

Some comments from Chuck Swindoll – [Book of Malachi Overview - Insight for Living Ministries](#)

Who wrote the book?

The final book of the Old Testament, Malachi received its name from its author ([Malachi 1:1](#)). In Hebrew, the name comes from a word meaning “messenger,” which points to Malachi’s role as a prophet of the Lord, delivering God’s message to God’s people.¹ Malachi offered no other identifying information about himself, leaving out markers typical of other prophets such as his father’s name or the current leader of Israel.

However, based on the content of the book, it becomes clear that Malachi delivered his message of judgment to a Judean audience familiar with worshipping at the temple in Jerusalem (2:11). The people of Judah had turned away from the true worship of the Lord, leaving themselves under judgment and in need of salvation.

Where are we?

Malachi certainly wrote to the people of Judah ([Malachi 1:1](#); [2:11](#)), but the historical setting becomes clearer in [Malachi 1:8](#). Here the prophet used the Persian word for governor, indicating a time period between 538–333 BC, when the Persian Empire ruled the Promised Land. Malachi also wrote about the corruption of the temple sacrifices, meaning that he likely delivered his message many years after the Israelites rebuilt the temple in 515 BC. The

prophet's concerns mirror those of Nehemiah's, suggesting that Malachi prophesied to the people while Nehemiah left the city for several years, beginning in 432 BC ([Nehemiah 13:6](#)).

Why is Malachi so important?

Malachi's unique position as the final book of the Old Testament offers a glimpse into the hearts of Israelite men and women, members of a nation that had been specially chosen by God, descendants of Abraham, and inheritors of the rich tradition of the Jewish people. Their history told of glories like the exodus from Egypt and the faithfulness of God to King David. But they had also experienced the judgment of wandering in the desert and the shame of exile from the Promised Land.

At the time of Malachi, well over a thousand years after Abraham's era, the Israelites had the advantage and weight of history on their side; they could see the shining rewards of faithfulness and the punishments associated with judgment, even to the point of being uprooted from their land. But even then, with all that perspective, the book of Malachi teaches us that they still strayed from the Lord's path. They needed God's intervention as much as ever, so this book, as a final statement of judgment in the Old Testament, anticipates God's saving work through the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

What's the big idea?

The people of Judah began to be exiled from the Promised Land in 605 BC, returning from Babylon seventy years later. By the time of Malachi, they had been back in the land for more than a hundred years and were looking for the blessings they expected to receive when they returned. Though the temple had been rebuilt, the fervor of those early returning Israelites gave way to a thorough apathy for the things of God. This led to rampant corruption among the priesthood and a spiritual lethargy among the people.

Malachi came along at a time when the people were struggling to believe that God loved them ([Malachi 1:2](#)). The people focused on their unfortunate circumstances and refused to account for their own sinful deeds. So God pointed the finger back at them, and through Malachi, God told the people where they had fallen short of their covenant with Him. If they hoped to see changes, they needed to take responsibility for their own actions and serve God faithfully according to the promise their fathers had made to God on Mount Sinai all those years before.

How do I apply this?

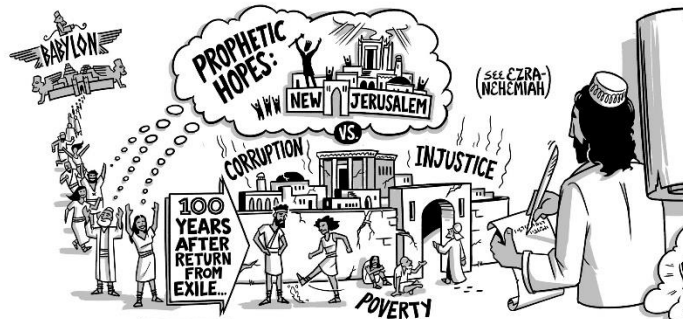
Throughout Israel's history, the nation failed and God called His people back to Himself. Each time, Israel would fail again, prompting the cycle to begin again. God's final word of the Old Testament concerns judgment for sin and testifies to our inability to love Him without the help of His grace.

Do you struggle to follow God consistently? Malachi's call prompts us to live faithfully before God and offers hope that God is not yet through with extending mercy to His people ([Malachi 3:1](#); [4:2](#), [5-6](#)).

MALACHI



	Love	Rebuke		Hope
	<u>Unconditional</u> <u>Almighty</u> <u>Sovereign</u>	Against the Priests <u>Irreverence</u> <u>Disobedience</u> <u>Cynicism</u> <u>Hypocrisy</u> <u>Offense</u>	Against the People <u>Intermarriage with pagans</u> <u>Indifference</u> <u>Robbing God / no tithes</u> <u>Blasphemy</u>	<u>Fire</u> <u>Healing</u> <u>“Elijah”</u> <u>Family</u>
	<i>CHAPTER</i> 1:1–5	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:6–2:9	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 2:10–3:15	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 3:16–4:6
Content	Theological	Historical		Prophetical
Direction	Looking up	Looking in		Looking ahead
Theme	God cites the priest and the people with failure to keep His covenant but offers the hope of the Messiah, the messenger of the covenant who will bring justice and salvation.			
Key Verse	3:1			
Christ in Malachi	Malachi anticipates the first and second advents of Christ, who will fulfill God’s covenant with the Jews (3:1), judge sinners (3:2–5), and bring healing to those who fear the Lord (4:2).			



MALACHI

A SERIES OF DISPUTES

CLAIM DISAGREEMENT RESPONSE

4:4-6 CONCLUDING APPENDIX TO THE TORAH & PROPHETS

TORAH and PROPHETS

"REMEMBER THE TORAH OF MY SERVANT MOSES."
 "I WILL SEND THE PROPHET ELIJAH BEFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD, WHO WILL RESTORE THE HEARTS OF GOD'S PEOPLE."

- SUMMARIZES THE TORAH & PROPHETS AS A UNIFIED STORY THAT POINTS TO THE FUTURE...
- ...WHEN GOD WILL SEND A NEW MOSES & ELIJAH TO RESTORE GOD'S PEOPLE & HEAL THEIR HEARTS. (REMEMBER DEUTERONOMY 30, JEREMIAH 31, EZEKIEL 36) ♥♥♥

1-2 EXPOSING ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION

DISPUTE #1 (1:2-5)

I STILL LOVE YOU. (1:2)

HOW HAVE YOU SHOWN US LOVE?

I CHOSE JACOB'S FAMILY TO CARRY MY COVENANT PROMISES... BUT NOT ESAU'S FAMILY.

JACOB & ISRAEL ESAU & EDM

(SEE GENESIS 25-27 & OBADIAH)

3 CONFRONTING ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION & THE DAY OF THE LORD

DISPUTE #4 (2:17-25)

YOU'VE NEGLECTED US! WHERE IS THE GOD OF JUSTICE? (2:17)

I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER TO PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE ME... AND I WILL COME TO BRING JUSTICE. (3:2-5)

PURIFYING FIRE

FAITHFUL REMNANT

4:1-3 CONCLUSION

THE FUTURE OF THE REMNANT!

"FOR THOSE WHO REVERE MY NAME, THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL RISE, WITH HEALING IN ITS WINGS." (4:2)

DISPUTE #2 (1:6-2:9)

YOU DESPISE ME & DEFILE MY TEMPLE. (1:6-7)

HOW ARE WE DESPIISING YOU?

IT'S... GOOD CHUCK! NO PROBLEM! IT'S FINE!

DISPUTE #5 (3:6-12)

TURN BACK TO ME. (3:7)

HOW?!

START OFFERING THE TITHE AGAIN. (3:10)

(SEE NEHEMIAH 13:10-11)

10% OF ANNUAL INCOME, DONATED IN SUPPORT OF THE TEMPLE. (SEE LEVITICUS 27:30)

DISPUTE #3 (2:10-16)

YOU'VE TURNED AGAINST ME & YOUR WIVES. (2:10)

WHAT?! HOW?!

IDOLATRY & DIVORCE (SEE NEHEMIAH 13)

MARRY ME & WORSHIP MY GODS! YES, MY MAN!

DISPUTE #6 (3:13-18)

IT'S POINTLESS TO SERVE GOD! WICKED PEOPLE SUCCEED & GOD DOES NOTHING! (3:13)

GOD'S RESPONSE: A SHORT STORY

THE FAITHFUL REMNANT

SCROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

- THE FAITHFUL READ THE SCROLL TO REMEMBER GOD'S CHARACTER & PROMISES
- THE DIVINE GIFT OF SCRIPTURES: THEY POINT US TO THE PAST TO INSPIRE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

STUDY 1 HOW CAN I BE SURE GOD LOVES ME?



A. BIBLE SEARCH Malachi 1:1-5

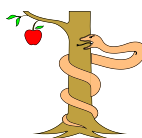
1. Message to the _____ given by _____ through the messenger _____ . v1

2. What reaction do the people have to God's love? v2

3. God gives the Israelites proof of his love by reminding them of his covenant relationship with them.

FILL IN THIS CHART WITH THE NAMES OF THE COVENANT PEOPLE

CREATION



The Fall

Noah and the Flood

Tower of Babel

about C18th B.C

Covenant with _____ Genesis 12:1-3

about C13th B.C

Covenant with _____ at _____ Ex 19:3-6

Joshua

Judges

Samuel

Saul

about 1000 B.C

Covenant with _____ 2 Samuel 7:9-16

Solomon

KINGDOM DIVIDES 925 B.C.

Kingdom of Judah
Southern Kingdom
Capital Jerusalem

Kingdom of Israel
Northern Kingdom
Capital Samaria

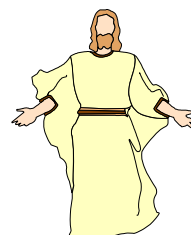
Exiles Babylon
597-538 Persia

Exiles Assyria 722 B. C.

Return from exile, rebuilding

temple

Malachi about 440 B.C.



New Testament Period

4. When Israel stops doubting God's love they will say...? (v5b)

B. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Events like the death of someone close to us, various problems and difficulties we face sometimes make us question God's love.

a) Is this wrong?

b) How can we help someone doubting God's love?

c) Share how God helped you remember his love during a difficult time in your life.

2. What hinders spiritual growth in our churches and society?

3. *"God's love for both the Israelites and us is totally undeserved"*.

How would you explain this to someone who believes a Christian is someone who does good?

4. If we took the same attitude as Malachi, Jesus (Matthew 23:37) or Paul (Acts 17:16), how would this affect our attitude to our families, church and society?

5. Read Psalm 139. What in this prayer helps you to know God is there?

C. MY REFLECTIONS

(To be done at home after your meeting)

1. Tick which is applicable or write your own.
 - a. Have become indifferent to God.
 - b. My relationship to God has become formal and lifeless.
 - c. Am questioning God's love for me.
 - d. Need to refocus on my relationship with God.
 - e. Am enjoying God's goodness and love for me.

2. Choose one or more of these Psalms to read.
Psalm 13,22,77,88,102,130,137.

3. Take time to write your story. When have you felt lonely, abandoned, depressed, confused or questioned what God was doing?
Write down your feelings, cries and prayers.

4. *To Think About.*
 - a. God accused the Israelites of spiritual decline. Could he level the same accusation at me?

 - b. In what ways will my life be different if I'm consciously reminding myself of God's love and care?

 - c. Am I like Malachi, sharing God's message which people may not like but nevertheless need to hear?

God does not love us because we are valuable.

We are valuable because God loves us.

Fulton Sheen

STUDY 2 **IS MY WORSHIP BARREN?**

A. BIBLE SEARCH Malachi 1:6-14

1. Malachi gains the Israelites attention by making a statement about fathers and masters, illustrate that they were not honouring God.

A son _____ and a servant

_____ v6.

2. The worship life of God's people can easily deteriorate to second rate and hypocritical. What was contributing to Israel's declining spiritual life?

3. Using the following headings, describe what irreverent worship entails

painless worship v7,8

thoughtless worship v8,9

contemptuous worship v12,13

hypocritical worship v14

4. *The Israelites had forgotten the greatness of God.* What do we learn about God from verse 14b and Exodus 15:11?



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B. BIBLE DISCUSSION

1. The offering of animal sacrifices is no longer necessary.
(See Hebrews 9:13-15)
Discuss how Christ's substitution made the sacrificial system obsolete.

2. How do people and churches fall into the barren religion so graphically described by Malachi?

3. Define "sacrifice".
 - a) Discuss the type of sacrifices God expects from us.
(See Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 51:16,17. Hebrews 13:15,16)

 - b) What pressures/influences stop us giving God the devotion he deserves?

4. Having seen something of the symptoms of Israel's spiritual decline, how does contemporary society and the church reflect this pattern?



C. MY REFLECTIONS

*To obey is better than sacrifice-
I want more than Sundays and Wednesday nights.
'Cause if you can't come to me every day,
Then don't bother coming at all. Keith Green*

1. TICK which applies to you.
 - a) I have given up something I genuinely value in order to express my devotion to God.



- b) My worship is acceptable to God.
- c) I criticise leaders and blame them for my lack of spiritual maturity.
- d) So long as I keep going through the Sunday ritual it will be all right.
- e) I get weary of doing the Lord's work.

2. People can only come to God through a knowledge of the truth. Rewrite 1 Peter 2:9 putting your name in the appropriate places.

3. I believe my Christian faith would enable me to meet the challenge of:

(Y) or (N)

___ personal tragedy

___ loss of health

___ a Christian leader renouncing his faith

___ persecution

___ be willing to go anywhere, anytime to anyone with a message from the Lord

4. This week be conscious that Satan wants you to forget God's greatness. Thank God for the privilege you have in being called to worship the great king, the Lord Almighty.

5. Use Colossians 2:6,7 to encourage you in your Christian life.

WORSHIP is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of the conscience by his holiness, the nourishment of the mind with his truth, the purifying of the imagination by his beauty, the opening of the heart to his love, the surrender of the will to his purpose - and all this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM TEMPLE

STUDY 3 HOW CAN I LOSE TOUCH WITH GOD?**A. BIBLE SEARCH Malachi 2:1-12**

1. Malachi directs the Lord's warning and rebuke to the verse 1. Why?

2. Compare the lives of the Levitical priests with that of the priests during the time of Malachi.

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PRIESTS

3. Using the qualities the Levis possessed, design an advertisement recommending your church.

4. What are the 3 simple rhetorical questions that Malachi asks in verse 10?

1.

2.

3.

B. BIBLE DISCUSSION

1. What did the Levites do which influenced the nation to walk in fellowship with God?

How important are these principles for us today?

2. Malachi establishes the principle that people lose contact with God when they are harbouring sinful attitudes towards other Christians. Are there any practical ways we can encourage and support fellowship and unity amongst church members?

3. a) Discuss: While still remaining our Father (we are eternally secure) God will not forgive us if we do not have a forgiving spirit towards others. (see Matthew 6:14,15)

b) Look at Jesus in Luke 23:34. If you were in the same situation would you do as he did?

c) From Colossians 3:12-15 *discuss* which of the characteristics are needed as we forgive each other.

4. Explain what "God's covenant of life and peace" is. Share what it means in your life.

C. MY REFLECTIONS

1. Come before God and reflect in prayer upon these issues:

a. Is there any area of my life causing me to lose touch with God?

b. Is the influence I exercise upon others helping them to come to know God?

c. Am I responding to God when I hear his voice convicting me about my sinful attitudes or behaviour?

d. Do I display a spirit of love and humility to other people?

e. Have I a sinful attitude or action that I have taken against a brother or sister in Christ which needs to be confessed?

2. Share with a member of the group something that you plan to do this week to help you keep in closer contact with the living God. At the end of the week account to them for your progress.

You may like to share with the leader ideas of how your group could help you in your relationship with God and with each other.

3. To think about:

"You forgive somebody and you begin to dance instead of wallow. You begin to walk with God. You set a prisoner free and you discover the prisoner you set free was you." (Lewis Smedes)

4. Read Colossians 1:13-14, 1 John 1:9, Psalm 103:1-5
Find a way of expressing thanks for this great gift.

*Share this message with someone.

*Say prayers of thanks.

*Sing "Amazing Grace".

*Write a letter to God expressing your reasons for your gratitude.

*Meditate in silence.



STUDY 4 **LIFE AINT WHAT IT SHOULD BE!**

A. BIBLE SEARCH **Malachi 2:13-17**

1. Describe their response to the absence of God's blessings.
2. Why didn't God answer their prayers?
3. What suggests that their marriages had gone wrong?
4. In verse 17 we learn they wearied the Lord. What do you think this might mean? See Isaiah 43:22-24.

B. BIBLE DISCUSSION

1. a) DEFINE marriage.

b) What is the purpose of marriage?

c) How might a Christian perspective on marriage differ from our society's approach to marriage?
2. a) DISCUSS what this passage teaches about marriage.

b) Malachi teaches "God hates divorce".
* Why does He?

* How do we deal with this statement when there are so many divorcees in our society and churches?
3. a) The people in Malachi's day "wearied the Lord". Make a list, from chapters 1 & 2, how they wearied God.

b) DISCUSS which of their sins or attitudes are prevalent in our society or churches?

c) What can we do i) as individuals ii) as a group:
to deal with these problems in our church?

C. MY REFLECTIONS

1. To think about:

a. Has my disobedience, attitudes, actions or sins "wearied" the Lord?

b. Is there something/someone in my life separating me from the Lord?

c. If I am married, are my actions, attitudes or speech towards my partner causing me to lose contact with God?

d. Is the Lord displeased or grieved with my worship?

2. Rewrite verse 16b in your own words.

3. Jesus deals with us according to where we have reached in our spiritual maturity. He is always ready to lead us deeper into the truth if we want to know more. Take this to heart and learn to treat other people as Jesus treats us.

Reflect on what this might actually mean in your life.

Spend time in prayer confessing your shortcomings and asking for his guidance.

4. Suppose Jesus were to invite himself to your house.
Bob Munger, in his book "My Heart - Christ's Home" describes the areas of life as the rooms of a house. Take an inventory of your life, then give yourself a grade on each room as follows:

A = Excellent
B = Good
C = Pass, but needs dusting
D = a bare pass, needs a lot of cleaning.

LIBRARY: This room is your mind - what you allow to go into it and come out of it. It is the "control room" of the entire house.

DINING ROOM: Appetites, desires, those things that your mind and spirit feed on for nourishment.

DRAWING ROOM: Where you draw close to God, seek time with him daily, not just in times of distress or need.

WORKSHOP: Where your gifts, talents and skills are put to work for God.....by the power of the Spirit.

RUMPUS ROOM: The social area of your life - the things you do to amuse yourself and others.

HALL CLOSET: The one secret place that no one knows about, but is a real stumbling block in your walk in the Spirit.

STUDY 5 WHAT'S GOD GOING TO DO?

A. BIBLE SEARCH Malachi 3:1-5

- 1. How is God spoken of in the following verses?
Exodus 15:18, Isaiah 43:15, Zechariah 14:9.

- 2. What aspects of God's coming are picked up in Isaiah 9:6-7?

- 3. Look at Malachi 3:1-5. will come to deliver and
.....

- 4. List the "charges" Paul gives to Timothy from 2 Tim
4:1-2

FILM REVIEW CHECKSHEET

 ** To be completed during our meeting in pairs.
 The passage we will be working on is Malachi 3:1-5.

STORYLINE:

ACTORS:

SCRIPT:

MAIN POINTS TO HIGHLIGHT:

MOOD:

CAMERA DETAILS:

B. MY REFLECTIONS

1. Let your thoughts dwell on the power and love of God that brought life out of death....

Think about the reversal of the effects of the Fall (Gen 3).

The Fall brought death, fear of death, separation from God and separation from each other.

The resurrection of Jesus brings release from death, fear and sin, and takes us straight into the presence of God (now as we pray and eventually, face to face.)

Allow your reflections to lead you into a time of praise to God.

2. Rewrite 1 John 2:28-3:3 in your own words using your own name where appropriate.

3. In a refining plant, the foundry supervisor pours cold impure metal into a furnace, and watches over it until all the impurities are gone. He can tell the metal is pure by waiting until his own image is reflected in the surface of the metal. This is a good illustration of the work of Christ in our lives - purifying and removing the things that are wrong until we are made more and more into His image and likeness.

Read Isaiah 64:8, 2 Corinthians 7:1, 2 Peter 3:10-14

4. Think about what it means personally to you that God renews, transforms and purifies you. You may like to think of some examples in your life where God has been changing you or where His Spirit has been convicting you about your need to change.

O Holy Spirit of God, Come into my heart and fill me ...

Fill me so that I may live the life of the Spirit,

The life of truth and goodness: the life of beauty and love,

The life of wisdom and strength.

And guide me today in all things;

Guide me to the people I should meet or help:

To the circumstances in which I can best serve God,

Whether by my action or by my sufferings.

But above all, make Christ to be formed in me,

That I may dethrone self in my heart,

And make him King.

(Part of a prayer by Bishop Carey)

STUDY 6 DO I ROB GOD?**A. BIBLE SEARCH Malachi 3:6-18**

1. Make a list of the characteristics of God that are revealed from this passage.

Refer also to Hebrews 13:8

* To think about: Do I praise God for them?

2. What did God want the descendants of Jacob to do?

* To think about

Is this still applicable today?

3. List the charges God makes against them.

* To think about

Am I guilty of any of these?

4. God promises that blessings will flow from whole hearted obedience. Describe how God's promises will benefit them, using the following headings:

a) abundance V 10

b) protection V. 11

c) reputation V. 12

d) certainty V. 10,16,17.

* To think about: How has God blessed me?

B. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do Christians rob God?
(Don't restrict your answer to money)

2. What attitude should a Christian have to tithing?
See Matt 23:23

Is tithing still valid or necessary today?
(See Genesis 14:20, 28:22. Leviticus 27:30)

3. Is the promise of an overflowing blessing (V.10) still valid today?
(See also Phil. 4:19) You may like to share your experiences.

4. How would you answer someone who says, as in verses 13-15, "What's the good of being a Christian? Everything always seems to go wrong! Why does God let the wicked prosper?"

C. MY REFLECTIONS

Time for Reflection:

1.a) Think about the ways I rob God... every day.

b) What have I learned from this study about God's attitude to my lifestyle and commitment?

c) What changes do I need to make?

2. God is always there to bring us back - no matter how far we feel we have fallen.

Read James 4:7,8.

Write a short prayer expressing my feelings about robbing God of:

- * my time;
- * sincerity;
- * money
- * any other area of my life.

4. Rewrite verses 17,18 as a personal promise to you from God. Make it personal by using your name in the appropriate phrases.

5. Be aware of God's goodness and blessings towards us. Share with at least one person during the week how good God has been to you.

Our greatest claim to nobility is our created capacity to know God, to be in personal relationship with him, to love him and to worship him. Indeed, we are most truly human when we are on our knees before our Creator.

John Stott

STUDY 7

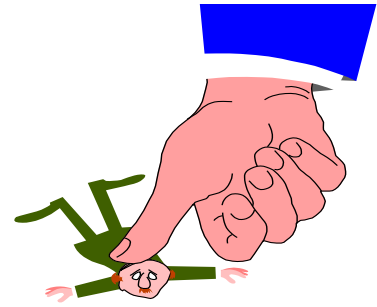
AM I PREPARED?**A. BIBLE SEARCH Malachi 4:1-6**

1. Who do these represent?

sun v2 _____

stubble v1 _____

calves v2 _____



2. Malachi reminds us that when the Day of the Lord comes he will bring about two very different effects. Make a list contrasting what happens to the two groups.

righteouswicked

3. What did God do to prepare the Jews for that day?
(See verse 4,5)

4. What do we learn about God's character from this passage?

B. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As the last word from God for 400 years, what would reverberate in the minds of the Israelites down through the centuries?

2. How can we distinguish between the righteous and the wicked in the world today? (See John 3:18-21)

How can we prepare our: workmates, friends, family, neighbours, and other acquaintances, for the Day of the Lord?

3. List the truths about God mentioned in Malachi. If Malachi were dropped from the Bible would any truths about God or principles for Christian worship or service be lost?

4. Share with the group:

* Something that Malachi has taught you or reinforced.

* Something which has challenged you to change.

* How can group members help you to apply what you have learnt. (either improving your relationship with the living God or working through an area where you have been challenged.)

C. MY REFLECTIONS

1. Meditate upon the fact that our Almighty God desires a personal relationship with his people.

a) What does this mean to you?

b) What can you do to enhance it?

c) Is anything causing you to lose contact with the living God?

2. Complete these sentences about your study of Malachi.

a) I have learnt _____

b) I enjoyed hearing about _____

c) I could relate to _____

d) I found difficulty in understanding

e) Discussing and sharing in the group was _____

f) Because of this study I feel I should

3. As a result of this study are there areas of your life that you would like to see changed?

What specifically can you do to make these changes?
Pray asking God to help you make them.

4. Malachi reveals much of the character of God to us. Spend time praising and thanking him for them.