
MALACHI- LESSON # 9

THE FEVER

- A fever is just a symptom- but it indicates that there is an infection in the body.
- In Malachi: the spiritual thermometer is revealing a fever:
- **Family:**
 - o **Malachi 2:10-13:** Worldly influence/marrying out of the faith
 - o **Malachi 2:14-16:** Concerns about marriage/unfaithfulness
 - o **Malachi 2:15:** Raising Godly children
- **Tithing/Offering**
 - o **Malachi 3:6-12**
- **God's Character** (and the misrepresentation of it)
 - o **Malachi 3:13-15**
- Malachi has to deal with these symptoms; and try to get to the infection that is causing it.

Mal 2:10 "Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?"

Who are we talking to here? All statements need to hold true (not referring to mankind, but to the Jewish people here specifically)

- "we"- Malachi includes himself
- "brother" refers to someone of like-minded faith
- "Profaning the covenant of our fathers"- wouldn't apply to gentiles
- God created them, in the sense that he established them
 - o **(Isaiah 43:7, Deut. 32:6)**

Dealing Treacherously each against his brother

- Who is affected by their sin/compromise?
- My relationship with God is also tied to my relationship to you
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- Treacherously: deceitfully, covertly, unfaithfully
 - o Notice it is each against his brother

Notice who is effected

- Tendency to think: what I do, is my business; what you do is your business
- God set this up- where His people are absolutely connected
- Because I am connected to you, and you to me:
 - o We are accountable to one another

Mal 2:11 "Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which He loves and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

Judah has dealt treacherously-

- they have been unfaithful in a general sense

An abomination has been committed-

- This is referring to something specific that has offended God

Profaned the sanctuary of the Lord (Leviticus 10:10, Leviticus 22:32)

- Not referring to a place; they profaned the "holiness of God" by not being holy themselves. **Romans 12:1, 1 Peter 1:15-16, Hebrews 12:14**

Loves and has married the daughter of a foreign god

- Why marrying with foreign nations is not going to work:
 - **Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 7:1-4**

2 Corinthians 6:14-Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

"Bound Together"/Unequally Yoked- compound word

- **Zugos= yoke-** heavy piece of wood put on shoulders of oxen
 - o Then attached to wagon/plow- animals yoked together to pull
- **Heteros-** "another of a different kind"- or pulling in a different direction
- When two oxen are yoked together: allows one animal to control the other
 - o Danger: Christian could be controlled/pulled along by an unbeliever

Deuteronomy 22:9-11"Another of a different Kind"

- o Two Kinds of seeds- not to be planted together
- o Two kinds of animals- not to plow together
- o Two kinds of yarn- not to be woven together
- Not about things being equal/unequal
 - o About joining together two DIFFERENT things/incompatible
 - o Distinction between: Holy/Profane- Don't mix the clean/unclean
 - o Ox=Clean, Donkey= Unclean- don't put them in the same yoke

2Co 6:15- 18: The distinction between light/darkness is as great as believers/unbelievers

Come out of her midst: be separate

- **SEPARATE HOW? In Mindset: Romans 12:2, Romans 8:5-6**