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Remaining Faithful to the Covenant of Marriage - Malachi 2:10-16



¹⁰Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?



¹¹Judah has been faithless, and 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.



¹²May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob any descendant of the man who does this, who brings an offering to the LORD of hosts!



¹³And this second thing you do. You cover the LORD's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand.



¹⁴But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.



¹⁵Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.



16"For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."



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We must remain faithful to <u>one another</u> Malachi 2:10



⁹"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.



¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.



¹¹"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.



¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.



¹³"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.



¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.



¹⁵"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.



¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.



17"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.



¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.



³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"



³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.



³⁸This is the great and first commandment.



³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.



⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."



You must remain faithful to <u>your spouse</u> Malachi 2:11-16



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