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**Giving God Our Best**  
**Malachi 1:6 - 2:9**

## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>6</sup>“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. But if I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is your fear of me? says the LORD of Armies to you priests, who despise my name.”  
Yet you ask, “How have we despised your name?”

## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>7</sup>“By presenting defiled food on my altar.”

“How have we defiled you?” you ask.

When you say, “The LORD’s table is contemptible.”

## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>8</sup>“When you present a blind animal for sacrifice, is it not wrong? And when you present a lame or sick animal, is it not wrong? Bring it to your governor! Would he be pleased with you or show you favor?” asks the LORD of Armies.

## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>9</sup>“And now plead for God’s favor. Will he be gracious to us? Since this has come from your hands, will he show any of you favor?” asks the LORD of Armies.

## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>10</sup>“I wish one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would no longer kindle a useless fire on my altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the LORD of Armies, “and I will accept no offering from your hands.



## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>11</sup>“My name will be great among the nations, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Incense and pure offerings will be presented in my name in every place because my name will be great among the nations,” says the LORD of Armies.

## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>12</sup>“But you are profaning it when you say, ‘The Lord’s table is defiled, and its product, its food, is contemptible.’

## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>13</sup>You also say, ‘Look, what a nuisance!’ And you scorn it,” says the LORD of Armies. “You bring stolen, lame, or sick animals. You bring this as an offering! Am I to accept that from your hands?” asks the LORD.

## Malachi 1:6-14 (CSB)

<sup>14</sup>“The deceiver is cursed who has an acceptable male in his flock and makes a vow but sacrifices a defective animal to the Lord. For I am a great King,” says the LORD of Armies, “and my name will be feared among the nations.

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1: We Need to Give God Our **Best Worship**  
(Malachi 1:6-14)

## Hebrews 7:26-27 (CSB)

<sup>26</sup>For this is the kind of high priest we need: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

## Hebrews 7:26-27 (CSB)

<sup>27</sup>He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day, as high priests do – first for their own sins, then for those of the people. He did this once for all time when he offered himself.



## Hebrews 9:12 (CSB)

<sup>12</sup>he entered the most holy place once for all time, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

## 1 Peter 2:4-5 (CSB)

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone – rejected by people but chosen and honored by God –

## 1 Peter 2:4-5 (CSB)

<sup>5</sup>you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

## 1 Peter 2:9 (CSB)

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

## Romans 12:1-2 (CSB)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.

## Romans 12:1-2 (CSB)

<sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

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## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>1</sup>“Therefore, this decree is for you priests:



## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>2</sup>If you don't listen, and if you don't take it to heart to honor my name," says the LORD of Armies, "I will send a curse among you, and I will curse your blessings. In fact, I have already begun to curse them because you are not taking it to heart.

## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>3</sup>“Look, I am going to rebuke your descendants, and I will spread animal waste over your faces, the waste from your festival sacrifices, and you will be taken away with it.

## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>4</sup>Then you will know that I sent you this decree, so that my covenant with Levi may continue,” says the LORD of Armies.

## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>5</sup>“My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave these to him; it called for reverence, and he revered me and stood in awe of my name.

## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>6</sup>True instruction was in his mouth, and nothing wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and integrity and turned many from iniquity.

## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>7</sup>For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should desire instruction from his mouth, because he is the messenger of the LORD of Armies.

## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>8</sup>“You, on the other hand, have turned from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have violated the covenant of Levi,” says the LORD of Armies.

## Malachi 2:1-9 (CSB)

<sup>9</sup>“So I in turn have made you despised and humiliated before all the people because you are not keeping my ways but are showing partiality in your instruction.”



2: We Need to Give God Our **Best Teaching**  
(Malachi 2:1-9)

## 1 Timothy 4:16 (CSB)

<sup>16</sup>Pay close attention to your life and your teaching; persevere in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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