

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 36

Malachi 1

Memory Verse: Malachi 1:11 (NASB95): 11 “For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord of hosts.

Talking points:

Verse 1-2

-After reading verse 1-2. How did God prove his love for the nation of Israel?

-Was Israel in a rebellious state at the time of Malachi’s prophecy?

-Does God’s love always feel good?

-Does our perception change His Love toward us?

Verse 3-5

-What does Esau and Jacob represent in Malachi?

-How do we apply it to our lives in this present age?

-How critical is the blessing or the favor of the Lord over your life?

-Does God bless things outside of his will or covenant?

-What are some ways we can know that we are in the will of God?

-Are there situations in this present day where you see Gods blessing and curses?
If so, give examples.

Verse 6-14

-How do you pay honor to God?

- Honor starts as a condition of our inner man and then manifest itself in outward showings. How do we cultivate honor in our lives?

-How do we miss showing God honor? Is it intentional or is it through familiarity?

-How did God's children miss it in Malachi's time? Is this a danger for us as well?

-What kind of sacrifices do we offer in this present day that God may consider sick or lame?

-After reading verse 10. Is it better to offer a second-hand offering or none at all?
How does that change your offerings and times with and to the Lord?

-Is lack of Honor to God a sign of inner problems or strongholds in the believer?

Verse 10 says that just because an offering is given doesn't mean it is received.

-What steps can we take to make sure that the offering we give is received as such.

-Is it the offering or the intention of the heart?

-What do our offerings speak of us?

-Can our offerings bless or curse us? Who is the judge?

-Other than financial what are some offerings we give unto the Lord?

-How does God feel about empty promises towards him? What does he call them? What is the fruit of that?

-After reading Malachi 1. We're some of your viewpoints on giving and offerings changed or challenged? How so?