

05 – Malachi – They Exchanged Truth For Lies

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Malachi is not referring to God being the Father of all mankind (although He is), but he is referring to God being the Father of the Jewish nation by making a covenant with their fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. There would be no Jewish nation if God had not made a covenant with Abraham.

Malachi 2:11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

THIS IS THE VERY SIN THAT SOLOMON COMMITTED THAT STARTED ISRAEL AND JUDAH ON THE PATH OF BEING TOTALLY DESTROYED.

1 Kings 11:1-8 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; (2) Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. **(3)** And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. **(4)** For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father. **(5)** For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. **(6)** And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father. **(7)** Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. (8) And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

But it gets even worse. Not only were the men marrying the daughters of strange gods, but they were also divorcing their Jewish wives in order to do it. In plain language, they were divorcing their Jewish wives and marrying these younger, pagan women.

Malachi 2:12-14 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob [EXCOMMUNICATE], and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts. (13) And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand. (14) Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. [They have broken the marriage covenant, and the covenant with God by breaking His commandment not to marry pagan women.]

These men were in complete disobedience to God by treating their wives this way, by marrying pagan women, and by bringing weak, sick, broken lambs for offerings to God. Then they would pray at the altar, covering it with tears wondering ... *"Why won't God answer my prayers?"* They had no respect for God and God would not respect their offerings or answer their prayers. Is this a type and shadow for us today?

1 John 3:21-22 Beloved, IF our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. (22) And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

You can't live in constant disobedience to God and expect Him to answer your prayers. Are you living to honor Him and bring glory to His name?

Malachi 2:15-16 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. (16) For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

In Malachi chapter two we find God's plan for mankind, as he refers all the way back to Adam and Eve in the Garden. **God made them male and female.** Husband and wife. God designed the building block for civilization ... the family unit.

The Family Unit

1. God has no difficulty defining what a woman is.
2. Jesus made reference to this in **Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.**
3. God made no mention of "bi" or "trans" or any other of the LGBTQ+
4. Marriage is God's plan for mankind. God instituted marriage.
5. God designed marriage to be a male and a female. A husband and a wife. Notice He did not make multiple wives for Adam.
6. Monogamy forever. Death was never in the original plan.
 - a. Marriage - we are together ... until death do we part.
7. A father, a mother, and children. **The Family Unit is the building block of civilization.**
 - a. That is why the devil is working so hard to destroy it.
8. Why did God make male and female in such a way that they are able to join together as one flesh? God wants godly children.
9. There is no purpose of God for male and male to be married. There is no purpose of God for female and female to be married.
 - a. **Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.**
 - b. God has no plan for sex of any kind outside of the marriage between one man and one woman.
10. He wants children ... godly children.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

If you have children and you are not having regular bible reading as a family unit, please consider doing so. Even if you don't feel qualified to teach God's word, just read the Bible to your children. God's words are seeds of life.

John 6:63 ... the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

11. God made them male and female. You are not God. You cannot change the gender you were born with. For those who try to change their sex, even after all the surgeries and the hormone injections ... you are still XX or XY chromosome in EVERY CELL of your body.
- a. Transgender people think they are in the body of the opposite sex.
 - b. Some even think they are a cat or some other animal in a human body.
 - c. The most extreme case I have heard of is the person who thought his left arm belonged to someone else. He just did not "feel" like his left arm belonged to him. He actually sought out a surgeon trying to find one who would amputate his left arm because it just wasn't "his." This person needs therapy or deliverance, not surgery.
 - d. This is mental illness or demonic influence, or both. We need to have compassion for people who have such conditions. They need compassion, prayer and therapy, not surgery or hormone blockers.

Divorce is covenant breaking. God hates divorce. Divorce is not the unpardonable sin. There is New Testament justification for divorce.

1. Adultery
2. Physical Violence
3. Unbelieving spouse wants to leave (doesn't want to raise children in a godly home.)

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Satan is the father of lies. His method has not changed since the Garden of Eden, "Hath God said?"

IF YOU REJECT THE TRUTH, YOU WILL BELIEVE A LIE

Romans 1:21-22 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (22) PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS,

Romans 1:25-28 WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (26) FOR THIS CAUSE God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is

against nature: (27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust [LUST – NOT LOVE] one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. (28) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; KJV

"God gave them up" and "God gave them over" are two of the most scary statements in the Bible. Many people are afraid they have committed the unpardonable sin. If they are afraid they have ... then they haven't. God will work with you through your conscience a long time. He will give you much "space to repent." But if you eventually prove to Him that you love sin more than Him, He will give you over to a reprobate mind. At that point, nothing in you cares anymore what God thinks. It's not that He wouldn't take you back. There is simply nothing in you that wants to come back to Him.

These people that reject God think they are so wise. But by refusing to honor God, and to glorify God as God, they turn TRUTH into a LIE. At that point, they don't know what truth is anymore. Elites today cannot define what a woman is. Women don't know how to be women. Men don't know how to be men. Some humans actually think they are animals in a human body.

When people reject the truth ... there are no limits to the lies they will believe. Professing themselves to be wise, they become fools. Here is the Bible definition of a fool:

Psalms 14:1 ... The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.*

Malachi 2:17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

They saw themselves as righteous and other people as being wicked. They were blind to their own disobedience. (Religion will do that to you.) If He judges others, He will judge you. They should be really glad that God has not pronounced judgement on other people because He is no respecter of persons. We are only in chapter two, yet we have seen many things they could be judged for.

Matthew 7:1-3 Judge not, that ye be not judged. (2) For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. (3) And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

They see other people seemingly "getting away" with things, yet they are totally blind to the fact that they are just as guilty as the ones they want judged. Be careful what you ask for. If you ask God to judge "them," know that "you" will be judged with the same measure. Do you really want that? I never want to be found guilty of wearying the Lord with my words.

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

They were actually indicting God with their words. "*Why don't you judge them God?*" They saw the wickedness of others but could not see their own sins. They wanted others to be judged but most certainly they did not want to be judged themselves.

Then it dawned on me. Their disrespect for bringing the best lamb, their pattern of covenant breaking and their twisting the word of God had made them blind to the truth about the God of Judgment ... Who would have mercy on them all by pronouncing judgment upon His only begotten Son instead of them.

Romans 11:32-36 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. (33) O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! (34) For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? (35) Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? (36) For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:9-14 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and

the works that are therein shall be burned up. (11) Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, (12) Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (13) Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (14) Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The God Of Judgment