

Bible Study 1 – Renewing my worship – Malachi 1:1-9, 13b-14

A village in Greece learned that the king would pay them a visit. How honored the village officials were! They decided to hold a feast so that every villager could offer the king something. Everyone was asked to bring a pitcher of the finest wine and pour it into a vat from which the king would be served. The king arrived. The moment came for him to taste the rich wine from the vat. However, when one of the officials turned the spigot, out came water. How embarrassing! Each villager assumed that all of the other villagers would pour in their best and one pitcher of water would not make any difference. The result was dishonoring for the king.

The context	Malachi was probably the last prophet of the OT era. He followed the ministries of Haggai and Zechariah. He wrote to Jews living in Judah after the exile in Babylon. Although they had rebuilt the temple, their worship had degenerated into a lifeless formality and they no longer took the law seriously. And there were mixed marriages with pagans, unjust financial practices, withholding of tithes, and spiritual apathy.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words - Malachi 1:1-9, 14

Doubting God’s love (Mal. 1:1-5)	
Blemished sacrifices (Mal. 1:6-8)	
Call to repent (Mal. 1:9)	
Cheating God (Mal. 1:13b-14)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

- 1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?**

- 2. What does it teach about people?**

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passages caught your attention?

6. How can we honor and respect God through personal and corporate acts of worship (v.6)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let’s honor and respect God through personal and corporate acts of worship, rather than acting as though it’s not important.

Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.
One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.
Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?