

“VOICES – THE MINOR PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT”
MALACHI – PART II **08.11.19**

“‘I have always loved you,’ says the LORD.” Mal. 1:2a

Malachi was written...

- To assure the people of God that He still _____ them
- That in spite of their disobedience, He would keep His _____ with them

God demonstrates His love...

1. By calling out _____ (2:10-17; 3:6-15)
 - a. **PROBLEM:** Men _____ unbelievers (2:10-14)
“The men of Judah have defiled the LORD’S beloved sanctuary by marrying women who worship idols.” (2:11)
SOLUTION: Honor God by _____ God
“Do not let your daughters and sons marry their [pagan] sons and daughters, for they will lead your children away from me to worship other gods.” (Deuteronomy 7:3-4)
“Don’t team up [“unequally yoked together” - NKJV] with those who are unbelievers.” (2 Corinthians 6:14)
 - b. **PROBLEM:** Husbands _____ their wives (2:10-16)
“The LORD witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her... To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty...” (2:14-16)
SOLUTION: Honor God by honoring _____
“...Guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. ‘For I hate divorce!’ says the LORD.” (2:15-16)
 - c. **PROBLEM:** Rampant _____ (3:5)
“‘I will put you on trial... I will speak against those who cheat employees of their wages, who oppress widows and orphans, or who deprive the foreigners living among you of justice, for these people do not fear me,’ says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” (3:5)

[All Scripture references from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted]

SOLUTION: Honor God by _____ for others

“The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

- d. **PROBLEM:** _____ giving (3:6-12)
“You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.” (3:8)
SOLUTION: Honor God by _____ giving
“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse... If you do, says the LORD, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!” (3:10-12)
[Jesus] *“You should tithe, yes...” (Luke 11:42)*
- e. **PROBLEM:** Speaking _____ about God (3:13-15)
“You have said, ‘What’s the use of serving God? What have we gained by obeying his commands or by trying to show the LORD of Heaven’s Armies that we are sorry for our sins? From now on we will call the arrogant blessed. For those who do evil get rich, and those who dare God to punish them suffer no harm.” (3:14-15)
SOLUTION: Honor God in _____ and _____
“Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you,’ says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” (3:6-7)

2. By promising a _____ (3:1-5)
3. By inviting _____ (3:16-18; 4:1-6)

The PROMISE of the Minor Prophets

1. _____ = turn from sin
2. _____ = turn to God
3. _____ = experience God’s grace