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NEW FORMAT

MALACHI CHAPTER 1

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse

King James Version

(KJV)

Verse 1: The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

Notice here straightway; that is not about simply using the internet to study Scripture. Not at all. It is about being very careful unto that which is being taught because it is the eternal state of the Soul that is on the line. No one can proclaim they know all Scripture it is a burden to be careful. The burden of effort is the measure not knowledge because the burden is of the LORD to purify the heart and knowledge is in the burden. Whereas, knowledge, can be used as an elitist portrayal of Scripture. Contrary, the Fear of the LORD is the beginning of Knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 9:10) for if heaven is not accepted like a child no one will enter (Matthew 18:3-5). Hence, Acts 17:10-14 as Strategic Partners is most appropriate.

Notice what this verse indicates, “**The burden of the word of the LORD...**” It does not say the “Simplicity of the Internet...”

This Ministry Website Owner carries the burden of the Word of the LORD. Out from this came the calling of God upon my Soul in matters of This Ministry Website.

Malachi here carried the burden of the Word of the LORD. This is the picture to be grabbed immediately in this chapter. Let us not take the Word of the LORD for granted, but rather seek out those who are very serious about what they teach when it comes to matters of Scripture. There are novices and there are those who are very serious. Then there are Scholars, Full Time Ministry, and Lay Workers so you must balance them all since God’s truth is taught more thoroughly in relation to the audience. Maturing for each of us is daily and lifelong.

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Verse 2: I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

Having established the burden of the LORD in verse (1) it means I take on the calling of God for the glory of God. Therefore, this Ministry Website is carried out in by the Grace of God.

Why? Look here in verse (2), “I have loved you, saith the LORD...”.

NOTICE: The response here in verse (2) as has been mine written out clearly on this Ministry Website as I ask Why this Ministry Website cup? LORD here is all capitals meaning – You (self) are not carrying out the Ministry rather I (God) am.

Here in this verse (2), God is reminding us that God’s grace enables us and shows us a pattern in history where we do question God. And, so, LORD is capitalized in a LOVE / REBUKE manner.

Verse 3: And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

Notice what God did with Esau’s Mountains = Laid them to waste.

I acknowledge that it was those in a War Zone who uplifted this Ministry Website. The Afghanistan people and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s made this so. In Revelation Chapter 12:14, this Ministry Website was covered by the Grace of God as a United States citizen and Scripture was nourished as a Testament to God almighty. This occurred in 2017-2018.

The lesson is that the Mountains are God’s. By showing us history in verse (2), God is showing us God is real and God’s callings are real.

God connected history for us in a way that we cannot refute.

Revelation Chapter 12 Verse 14 “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is (nourished) for a time, and times, and half a time, (from the face of the serpent)” (King James Version).

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Verse 4: Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

This verse is clear, do not mess with God. Edom's cup became waste because there was a trampling of God's Work. Notice the waste is everlasting. Edom has not and never will be rebuilt EVER. Rebirthing has been discussed many times as an individual and a Nation.

Verse 5: And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.

We do answer for our sin, but the LORDS work is the LORDS work and God will be magnified and in this verse from the border of Israel. The lesson here is DO NOT Mess with God's work as the consequences very well may be eternal...that is up to God.

Verse 6: A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

God say's Do Not despise His name and the callings thereof because consequences will be delivered.

Therefore, God calls the cloud of witnesses in heaven "GREAT" where God's ministry is being nourished. The term Great does not come from any Nation or any Man. The term Great comes from God alone; it is then imparted.

Reference: Hebrews 12:1, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so (great) a (cloud of witnesses), let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (King James Version).

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Verse 7: Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

The offering upon God's alter in this verse is polluted. More so than being polluted there was no remorse or any action that would indicate they were taking serious measures to be reconciled before God and man.

Therefore, the offering was polluted. Notice, the hardened heart having no recognition of their sin in their life, no repentance of the damage done to others, and they even then sin more and justify the sin saying in a perverse way in their heart that they deserve justification.

God is a forgiving God when there is remorse and serious display of reconciliation before God and man.

This verse is indicating that the people do not display remorse instead they display more sin that self-justifies and self-determines that I paid my dues so I can justify my wayward behavior. Polluted admittance of sin is not remorse. Polluted admittance of sin does shift the sin away from a particular sin to another form of sin with self-justification from which there is none. In this case, God does not forgive the sin since there is no serious remorse or reconciliation.

Verse 8: And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

Notice how sin builds upon sin from verse (7) to verse (8). Saying I will offer upon God's alter with the worst of my offering by taking that which cannot be sold nor eaten and with no remorse or serious reconciliation before God and man faking a love offering in exchange for no offering at all but empty words and an empty heart.

From having no remorse or serious reconciliation before God and man in verse (7) to shifted sin and self-determined justification from which there is none in verse (7) to offering a tainted offering that has no real value in verse (8).

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Verse 9: And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

God being God as only God can do calls us unto real repentance, real remorse, and serious turning from sin “Praying” that we be humble of our sin.

God asks us to realize that God will not forgive sin unless this occurs and then if it does not will land upon the person.

God is indicating that the serious repentance of sin is (raced) after by the sinner to cease not only the sin but also to not shift the sin from one sin to another and self-justify.

Verse 10: Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

Notice the God who knocks on the door will slam it shut with no seams of forgiveness not even a peak of daylight. Notice the terminology from God of God “...neither do ye kindle fire on (mine altar) for nought...”.

Verse 11: For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

From God of God (my name) shall be (great) in (ALL) places (my name) is offered. Therefore, there is a (great) cloud of witnesses in Hebrews 12:1 as laid out in verse (6) in this chapter study and here in verse (11).

Verse 12: But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

After affirming God’s name of God from God, God then comes back to the polluted offering. Forgiveness is real when it is without pollution.

Verse 13: Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

God will not accept this offering from anyone’s hand.

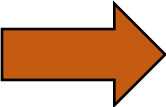
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Verse 14: But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

Building off verses (6) through (13), God once again distinguishes Himself... (“I am a great King”).

Notice this: God distinguishes Himself from man, stating He is Greater than Man.

 **Reference Job 33:12: “Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man” (King James Version).**