

Malachi 2

King James Version (KJV)

2 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.

²If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. (Judgment begins at the pulpit. They lead people into spiritual death with false teaching. God will punish them for it)

³Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. (The corrupt priests who offered their worst animals as sacrifice instead of their best; will become as the dung of those animals in the eyes of the Lord. He will throw that dung back in their faces -> better translation)

(Today, God feels the same way about corrupt preachers who teach false doctrine and the traditions of men, instead of the Word of God. Their offerings are just as pathetic as the preachers in verse 3)

⁴And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. (God made a covenant with the family of Levi to be priests; not these money grubbing fakes. HE will see to it that these phony preachers fail)

⁵My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. (feared= revered -> it's the same word in Hebrew) (afraid before my name = he loved God and was humble before Him -> better translation)

⁶The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. (This is what a priest should do. Teach God's Word truthfully and help people turn away from sin, back to God)

⁷For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. (Teach God's Word - unchanged. To modify, embellish or change God's Word is a grave sin. It leads people to a spiritual death)

⁸ But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. (They teach from their own imaginations, instead of the Word of God. They worry that God's Word will conflict with political correctness, so they water God's Word down; so as not to offend some sinners)

(Example – life begins at conception <Luke-1>, but they don't preach against abortion. They teach rapture, instead of warning the people that they will have to stand against antichrist)

⁹ Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law. (They only followed the laws that they liked – NOTE: Look at our government today. These priests are just as corrupt. All 10 commandments apply, not just the ones that you agree with)

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? (We are all God's children; there is only one God; yet we mistreat each other)

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. Ezra-9:10-12 (Tamar had to trick Judah into mating within the people of Israel. He kept going after heathen women and married one of them. God disapproved)

¹² The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts. (Idolaters who make offerings to God on His altar)

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. (They put away their wives and took heathen women into their houses. Their wives weep on God's Altar because of it, and HE is not happy with Israel)

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. (Yet you say – why are we not blessed? It's because your heathen

women brought in idolatry and false doctrines, while the Israelite women were left to languish in despair)

(Spiritually: you left the covenant you made with God, and brought in idolatry and heathen deities into God's house to worship)

¹⁵ 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. (God wanted that seed line kept pure, because Jesus was to come from the house of Judah and the house of Levi <The priest and the king line>. See Mary's genealogy in Luke-3)

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. (putting away= divorce) Ezekiel-16 (God wed Jerusalem, spiritually. HIS kingdom will be there in the eternity) Jeremiah-3:8 (God divorced Israel because of her idolatry, her harlotry and her infidelity)

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 teach lies and lead people to a spiritual death. They teach Easter worship instead of Passover. They teach rapture doctrine instead of Revelation. God holds them accountable for every soul that they deceive)