

MALACHI

# Proven Faithfulness

MAJOR LESSONS

FROM THE MINOR

PROPHETS

## **MALACHI 1:1**

**<sup>1</sup> A prophecy: The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi.**

## A LOOK AHEAD...

After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us see  
his going out is as the snow,  
he will come to us as the shower,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my  
mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt  
offerings.

But like Adam they transgressed the covenant,  
there they dealt faithlessly with me.

Gilead is a city of evildoers,  
tracked with blood.

As robbers lie in wait for a man,  
so the priests band together;  
they murder on the way to Shechem,  
they commit villainy.

but they will not find him,  
he has withdrawn from them.

They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD,  
for they have borne alien children.  
Now the new moon shall devour them with  
their fields.

Blow the horn in Gibeon,  
the trumpet in Ramah,  
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,  
we follow you, O Benjamin!

among the tribes of Israel,  
I make known what is sure.

The princes of Judah have become  
like those who move the landmark;  
upon them I will pour out  
my wrath like water.

Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,  
because he was determined to go after filth.

But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king,  
But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.

For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,  
and like a young lion to the house of Judah;  
I, even I, will tear and go away;  
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;  
Ephraim is a cake not turned.

Strangers devour his strength,  
and he knows it not;  
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,  
and he knows it not.

The pride of Israel testifies to his face,  
yet they do not return to the LORD their God,  
nor seek him, for all this.

Ephraim is like a dove,  
silly and without sense,  
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.

As they go, I will spread over them my net;  
I will bring them down like birds of the  
heavens.

I will discipline them according to the reproof  
made to their congregation.

Woe to them; for they have strayed from me!  
Destruction to them; for they have rebelled  
against me!

I would redeem them,  
but they speak lies against me.

They do not cry to me from the heart,  
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for grain and wine they gash themselves,  
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Although I trained and strengthened their  
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They return, but not upward;  
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their princes shall fall by the sword.

## **MALACHI 3:1**

**<sup>1</sup>“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.**

**MALACHI 4:2 NASB**

<sup>2</sup> “But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

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 on the third day he will raise us up,  
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 9 Gilad is a city of evildoers,  
 tracked with blood.  
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**IN THE MEANTIME...**

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 he has withdrawn from them.  
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 Now the new moon shall devour them with  
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 9 I make known what is sure  
 among the tribes of Israel.  
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 like those who move the landmark,  
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 my wrath like water.  
 11 Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,  
 because he was determined to go after filth.  
 12 But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
 and like dry rot to the house of Judah.  
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 and Judah his wound,  
 then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
 and sent to the great king,  
 But he is not able to cure you  
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 14 For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,  
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 I, even I, will tear and go away;  
 I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

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 11 The LORD of Israel testifies to his face,  
 do not return to the LORD their God,  
 nor seek him, for all this.  
 12 Ephraim is like a dove,  
 silly and without sense,  
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 13 As they go, I will spread over them my net;  
 I will bring them down like birds of the  
 heavens;  
 I will discipline them according to the reproof  
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 14 Woe to them; for they have strayed from me!  
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 16 Although I trained and strengthened their  
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 yet they devise evil against me.  
 17 They return, but not upward;  
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## **MALACHI 3:6,7**

<sup>6</sup> “I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. <sup>7</sup> Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’”

## **MALACHI 3:8–11**

**8 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.**

**“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’**

**“In tithes and offerings.**



**MALACHI 3:8–11**

<sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—your whole nation—  
because you are robbing me.

## MALACHI 3:8–11

<sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this,**” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

**MALACHI 3:8–11**

**<sup>11</sup> I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty.**

W I T H H O L D I N G

T H E T I T H E . . .

# Hurts the work of God

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I have sworn wrath against them,  
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12 But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
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When Ephraim is sick,  
and Judah is bound,  
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But he is not able to cure you  
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## **MALACHI 3:10B**

<sup>10</sup> ...see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

## **PROVERBS 3:9,10**

**<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.**



## **LUKE 6:38**

**<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”**

W I T H H O L D I N G

T H E T I T H E . . .

Gives license to  
the devourer

**MALACHI 3:11 NASB**

**<sup>11</sup> Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts.**

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says the LORD Almighty.**

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## **MALACHI 3:16**

**<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.**