

THE FATHER HEART OF GOD

(The Book of Malachi)

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“Listen to Him” Malachi 2:1-9

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John 8:47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LISTEN TO GOD? v1

v7 A Priest is a messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Heb 4:14 Jesus is the true and better High Priest.

1Pet2:9a But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession...

- Listen to God. Matt4:4
God speaks to us through the Word of God (2Tim3:16-17), Spirit of God (1Cor6:19; John16:13-14), People of God (Pro15:22), Providence of God (Ps19:1; Rom8:28) and Wisdom of God (Pro1:7). God never says anything to our hearts that's contrary to what is already revealed in the Bible!
- Take it to Heart. Matt6:21; Pro4:23 “Heart” 900xs in the Bible
- Honor His Name. 1Pet2:9b; Matt5:16; 1Cor10:31

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DON'T? vv2b-3, 8-9

- If God is the source of all love, life and liberty than to not listen to Him will naturally bring a curse. vv2b, 8a; Gen3; Ps1
- Even our blessings are cursed because they can never give to us what only God can give us. vv2b, 8c; Book of Ecclesiastes; Rom8:20-21
- We can't give what we don't have and therefore we can't take people beyond where we are. vv3, 9; Luke6:40

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DO? Vv4-7

- Return to your Covenant with God. v4; Deut7:6-9
- You will experience life, peace and fear of the LORD. v5; John17:3; 14:27; Pro2:1-5
- True instruction will be in your mouth and turn many from iniquity. v6a; 1Tim4:16
- You will walk with God in peace and uprightness. v6b; Rom5:1; Isa1:17

Growing Notes

- 1) The God of the Galaxies invites us into a relationship with Him that involves a true dialogue. A mutual giving and receiving of love and truth (John 8:47; 10:27). What are your thoughts and feelings about this statement and verses? Read Malachi 2:1-9.
- 2) What does it mean to listen to God (v1)? What does it mean to take what God says to heart? If you listen to God and take it to heart you will inevitably live to honor God. What does it mean to live for God's honor (glory)?
- 3) What happens when we don't listen to God (vv2b-3, 9-9)? How does spiritual alienation from God cause psychological, sociological and physical (disease/suffering/death) alienation, in that order? How can blessings become a curse? You can't take people beyond where you are. Explain.
- 4) What happens when we do listen to God (vv4-7)? What is a covenant relationship with God (Deut7:6-9)? How does it bring life, peace and fear of the LORD? What does it mean that true instruction will be in your mouth? Why is there nothing better than walking with God in peace and uprightness (Justice)? Pray.