



**Series:** Malachi – God’s Response to Fake Religion  
**Passage** Malachi 1:11-2:7  
**Title** Created to Glorify God  
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## Discussion Starter

How would you describe what it means to be created to glorify God?

### God Purpose for Israel (Malachi 1:11-14)

- What is the underlying message that God is revealing to the nation of Israel in Malachi 1:11, when He states “My name shall be great among the Gentiles”? Read Isaiah 49:6. What does this verse tell us about the God’s purpose and plan for the nation of Israel?
- Read Matthew 5:13-16 and Luke 8:16-18. Just as God entrusted the nation of Israel to be a beacon of light to the rest of the world, we as Christians have been entrusted with the same calling on our lives today. Discuss the insights and truths gained from both these verses and what parallels you see to what is taking place in Malachi 1:11-14?
- Why do you think Israel gave God lame offerings? What was their own core character problem that they could not see? How would you describe what a lame offering looks like in the church today? Read Psalm 103:8-13. What do we see being revealed about God’s character in these verses and how might this relate to thinking we can give God our lame offerings?
- What do you believe caused Israel to think they had little need for Divine forgiveness? In what way might this also apply to Christians in the church today? Read John 10:27-28 and Romans 6:23. What additional insights are gained from reading these verses?
- Read Romans 6:7-14, 7:14-25. As Christians today, how are we to identify ourselves to others as it relates to sin and Christ in our lives? How should we truly see ourselves and why?

### God Purpose for Israel’s Priests (Malachi 2:1-7)

- Read Malachi 2:1-4. What do you see God doing in these verses as it pertains to the priests of Israel?
- What was the symbolism of God saying He would spread refuse on the priest’s faces? Read Exodus 29:14. What additional insights does this verse give us on the symbolism of refuse?
- What are some of the things the pastors of today’s church are doing that might invoke the same reaction from God? Read Matthew 7:21-23 and 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. What are some of the warnings we see here in these verses?
- Read Malachi 2:5-7. What are the four rewards revealed for having a real relationship with God?
- How does God want to use your life to bring Him glory?