

Discussion Starter

In what way has this message caused you to look at some areas in your Christian walk, in which you may not be honoring or giving your best to the LORD?

Fruits and Results of Dishonoring God (Malachi 1:6-10)

- What do you think God was trying to point out to the Israelites in verse 6, when He asked them "Where is My reverence?" What does it mean to have reverence for God? How can we be deceived today in thinking we have reverence for God when we don't? Read Mathew 15:8-9. Discuss what insights you see revealed in these verses.
- What are some practical examples of what God looks for from us today that show our reverence and honor for Him? How does this apply to our worship? Read Genesis 4:3-7. Discuss the insights these verses give us on topic of how we worship God?
- What does the "Table of the LORD "represent? Why did God claim that the people said that the Table of the LORD was Contemptable? Give some practical example of how this claim of God might apply to the churches of today?
- What problem did God have with the offerings being made by the people? What was God's purpose for establishing this offering? What did the offering point to? What was the offering supposed to reveal about us? Describe what this word "offering" means to you as a Christian today?
- What was the core problem with the Israelites thinking they could entreat God's favor? In what way has this same core problem manifested itself into the church today? Read Matthew 7:21-23. Describe what you see being revealed about the churches in these verses?
- To whom is God speaking to in Malachi 1:10, when He asks for someone to shut the doors of the temple? Why did He want the doors shut? What message do you see God conveying here? How does this metaphor of shutting the doors apply to us as Christians today?
- Describe in your own words the things that touch God's heart and bring Him honor from the people, in His Church. What things would need to change in your heart for this to happen?