

Scripture Text of the Followers of IESO

The Book of MALACHI

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I have loved you.

Aleim's love for a rebellious Isrhael.

Aleim declares His love for Isrhael through the prophet Malachi.

Chapter 1.

1. The burden of the word of IEUE to Isrhael by Malachi.

Their first question: How has Aleim demonstrated His love to Isrhael?

2. I have loved you, saith IEUE. Yet you say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Iakob's brother? saith IEUE: yet I loved Iakob,

3. And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

4. Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith IEUE of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom IEUE hath indignation forever.

5. And your eyes shall see, and you shall say, IEUE will be magnified from the border of Isrhael.

Sacrifices dishonouring to Aleim are exposed and condemned.

6. A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a Father, where is Mine honour? and if I be a Master, where is My fear? saith IEUE of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise My name. And you say, Wherein have we despised Thy name?

7. You offer polluted bread upon Mine altar; and you say, Wherein have we polluted Thee? In that you say, The table of IEUE is contemptible.

8. And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith IEUE of hosts.

Aleim will be glorified but will it be by His present people?

9. And now, I pray you, beseech Aleim that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith IEUE of hosts.

10. Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do you kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith IEUE of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11. For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My name shall be great among the Nations; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My name, and a pure offering: for My name shall be great among the heathen, saith IEUE of hosts.

Aleim promises to curse shallow, selfish, false worship.

12. But you have profaned it, in that you say, The table of IEUE is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13. You said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and you have snuffed at it, saith IEUE of hosts; and you brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus you brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith IEUE.

14. But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Master a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith IEUE of hosts, and My name is dreadful among the heathen.

Unfaithful, Priest and Broken Marriages.

Aleim Exposés and condemns the unfaithful priesthood of Isrhael.

Aleim threatens to severely rebuke a wicked priesthood.

Chapter 2.

1. And now, O you priests, this commandment is for you.

2. If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My name, saith IEUE of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart.

3. Behold, 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.

4. And you shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that My covenant might be with Leui, saith IEUE of hosts.

What a priest should be - the example of Leui.

5. My 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.

6. The 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.

7. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of IEUE of hosts.

Contrast between the ideal and the real.

8. But you are departed out of the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law; you have corrupted the covenant of Leui, saith IEUE of hosts.

9. Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as you have not kept My ways, but have been partial in the law.

Aleim exposes and condemns their treachery, especially in their marriages.

Aleim rebukes the priest of Isrhael for their treacherous dealing.

10. Have we not all one father? hath not one Aleim created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

The first offence of the priest: marrying foreign wives.

11. Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Isrhael and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of IEUE which He loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

12. IEUE will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Iakob, and him that offereth an offering unto IEUE of hosts.

The second offence of the priest: a low regard of marriage.

13. And this have you done again, covering the altar of IEUE with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering anymore, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

14. Yet you say, Wherefore? Because IEUE 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.

15. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a divine seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16. For IEUE, the Aleim of Isrhael, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith IEUE of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that you deal not treacherously.

The fourth question: where is the Aleim of justice in this unjust world?

17. You have wearied IEUE with your words. Yet you say, Wherein have we wearied him? When you say, Everyone that doeth evil is good in the sight of IEUE, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the Aleim of judgment?

The Messenger of the Covenant.

The coming of the two messengers

The two messengers are introduced.

Chapter 3.

1. Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and IEUE, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, He shall come, saith IEUE of hosts.

2. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3. And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Leui, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto IEUE an offering in righteousness.

4. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto IEUE, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith IEUE of hosts.

6. For I am IEUE, I change not; therefore you sons of Iakob are not consumed.

7. Even from the days of your fathers you are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith IEUE of hosts. But you said, Wherein shall we return?

8. Will a man rob Aleim? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9. You are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

10. Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith IEUE of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith IEUE of hosts.

12. And all nations shall call you blessed: for you shall be a delightsome land, saith IEUE of hosts.

13. Your words have been stout against Me, saith IEUE. Yet you say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

14. You have said, It is vain to serve Aleim: and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before IEUE of hosts?

15. And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt Aleim are even delivered.

16. Then they that feared IEUE spake often one to another: and IEUE hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared IEUE, and that thought upon His name.

17. And they shall be mine, saith IEUE of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18. Then shall you return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth Aleim and him that serveth Him not.

The Sun of Righteousness.

The Final resolution.

Resolution of the wicked.

Chapter 4.

1. For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith IEUE of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Resolution of the righteous.

2. But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

3. And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith IEUE of hosts.

The concluding words of the Old Testament.

Remember the Law of MoUse.

4. Remember you the law of MoUse My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Isrhael, with the statutes and judgments.

Elia will come.

5. Behold, I will send you Elia the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of IEUE:

6. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.