

## The Sinful Priests - Malachi 1:1-2:9

**Topics:** Anger, Covenant, Disobedience, God, Honor, Humiliation, Law, Leadership, Love, Name, People, Prophecy, Punishment, Respect, Sacrifice, Teaching, Truth

### Open It

1. What unique relationship do you treasure?
2. When you are displeased about something, how do you express yourself?
- \* 3. When have you felt taken for granted or treated with disrespect?

### Explore It

4. To whom was the word of the Lord given? (1:1)
5. What did God claim for Israel? (1:2)
6. What was the judgment of Edom? (1:3-5)
- \* 7. What was God's complaint against Israel? (1:6-14)
8. How were the priests implicated in contemptible worship practices? (1:8-10)
9. What worship would honor the Lord Almighty? (1:11)
10. What was the attitude of the priests in Malachi's day? (1:12-13)
11. How were the people cheating the Lord? (1:14)
- \* 12. What was the warning to the priests? (2:1-4)
13. What covenant were the priests expected to keep? (2:5-9)
- \* 14. How had the priests failed in keeping and applying the law? (2:5-9)

### Get It

15. What is unique about your relationship with the Lord?
16. When have you doubted God's love for you?
- \* 17. Israel was guilty of giving God leftovers. In what way do we sometimes give God leftovers in our worship? in our finances? in our time?
- \* 18. How does God deal with you when you give Him less than your best?
19. How are your church leaders like or unlike the priests in Malachi's day?
20. In your view, what areas might be temptations for your church to be unfaithful to God?
21. When have you been misled by false teaching?
22. When, if ever, do you feel you have passed along inaccurate biblical teaching?
23. What does it mean to follow in the Lord's ways?

### Apply It

24. What attitudes or actions can you change to show honor to the Lord?
- \* 25. What would it take for you to start giving God your best in your worship, your finances, and your time?