

The Sinful People - Malachi 2:10-3:15

Topics: Blessing, Covenant, Divorce, Evil, Faithfulness, God, Judgment, Justice, Listening, Marriage, Name, Oppressed, People, Prayer, Prophecy, Sin, Tithing, Unfaithfulness, Words

Open It

- * 1. How would your closest friend describe the kind of friend you are?
- 2. In conversations do you tend to be a talker or a listener?
- 3. When do you feel most thankful for your blessings?

Explore It

- * 4. How had God's people broken faith with Him? (2:10-12)
- 5. What was the consequence of Israel's sin? (2:12)
- * 6. What was additional evidence of a broken covenant? (2:13-16)
- 7. What was God's view of divorce? (2:16)
- 8. What charge did God give His people? (2:16)
- 9. How had Israel wearied God? (2:17)
- 10. How were the people oblivious to their sin? (2:17)
- 11. What warning did God give? (3:1-5)
- 12. What was the basis for hope in God? (3:6)
- * 13. What did God require of Israel? (3:7-12)
- 14. How had Israel sinned against God in the past? (3:7)
- 15. What was the nature of the curse on the nation? (3:9)
- 16. What did God promise? (3:10-12)
- 17. How had Israel challenged God? (3:13-15)

Get It

- * 18. What is the extent of the price we pay, and possibly cause others to pay, when we knowingly disobey God?
- 19. Why is it wrong for a Christian to marry an unbeliever?
- 20. When have you clearly sensed that your fellowship with God was disrupted because of your sin?
- 21. How would the prophet speak to the issue of divorce among Christians in our culture today?
- * 22. In what ways do we try to rationalize our sins?
- 23. How have you been guilty of robbing God?
- 24. For what blessings from God are you most thankful?

Apply It

- 25. What personal unconfessed sin or negative attitude toward the Lord or others would you be willing to confront with a responsible Christian friend or small group?
- * 26. Starting this week, when can you set aside a few minutes in prayer with another believer, asking the Lord to help you become more faithful, obedient, and trustworthy in each of your relationships?