

Majoring on the Minors
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Malachi: Healing Love
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Introduction

Cliff Notes (Malachi 3:7)



I. The Charges Against Israel

- A. Self-Seeking (1:13)
 - 1. Their worship was half-hearted
 - 2. They gave God the leftovers
 - 3. 2 Sam 24:24 "I will not give unto the Lord that which cost me nothing."
- B. Self-Centered (2:13-16)
 - 1. The way you raise your children
 - 2. The way you take your marriage vows lightly
 - 3. God hates divorce
- C. Unbelieving (2:17, 3:13-15)
 - 1. God do you really love us?
 - 2. It's ok to question God but persistent failure to trust God wearies Him
 - 3. J.C. Ryle said, "**In the light of the cross**, the greatest insult you can give God is to doubt his love for you."
- D. Untrusting (Specifically With Money) 3:8-10
 - 1. The first 10% of all that God gives you, you give back
 - 2. If you haven't begun to tithe, you haven't yet to really begin to walk in faith
 - 3. Everybody tithes to something

II. The Problem of Persistent Unfaithfulness

- A. Israel repeats the cycle (Nehemiah 10:35-36)
- B. We live under the curse of sin

III. God's Solution: The Sun of Righteousness (4:1-2)

- A. The Furnace
- B. The Sun of Righteousness

Conclusion:

You will be destroyed by your sin or purified by Christ.