

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Malachi 1**

¹ The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

² "I have loved you," says the LORD. "Yet you claim, 'How have you loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's brother," says the LORD, "yet I loved Jacob,

³ but I hated Esau, and made his mountains a wasteland, and gave his heritage to jackals of the desert."

⁴ Though Edom says, "We are beaten down, but we will return and rebuild the ruins." This is what the LORD of hosts says, "They will rebuild, but I will tear it down. They will be called 'The territory of wickedness,' and 'The people against whom the LORD is angry forever.'

⁵ Your own eyes will see it, and you will confess, 'The LORD is great even beyond the borders of Israel.'"

⁶ "A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? If I am a master, where is my respect?" says the LORD of hosts to you, "O priests, who despise my name yet you claim, 'How have we despised your name?'

⁷ You offer defiled bread on my altar. Yet you claim, 'How have we defiled it?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is despicable.'

⁸ When you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? When you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Try giving that to your governor; will he be pleased with you or show you favor?" says the LORD of hosts.

⁹ Now, plead for God's favor, that he may be gracious to us. "With this kind of offering, will he be favorable to you?" says the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰ "Oh that there would be someone among you who would shut the temple doors, that you might not kindle a worthless fire on my altar! I have no pleasure in you," says the LORD of hosts, "neither will I accept an offering from your hands.

¹¹ For from the rising of the sun even to its going down my name will be great among the nations. In every place incense and a pure offering will be offered to my name, for my name will be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.

¹² "But you profane it, when you say, 'The table of the LORD is defiled, and its fruit, even its food, is detestable.'

¹³ You say, 'Look, what a weariness this is!' and you turn up your noses at it," says the LORD of hosts. "You have brought that which was stolen by force, the lame, and the sick. This is what you bring as an offering. Should I accept this at your hand?" says the LORD.

¹⁴ "But cursed be the liar who has a male in his flock, who makes a vow, then sacrifices to the Lord a blemished animal. For I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, "and my name will be feared among the nations."

DASV: Malachi 2

¹ "Now, O priests, this commandment is for you.

² If you will not listen, and if you will not commit your heart to honor my name," says the LORD of hosts, "then I will send the curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. I have cursed them already, because you did not take it to heart.

³ I will rebuke your descendants, and will spread excrement on your faces, even the excrement of your feasts; you will be hauled away with it.

⁴ Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that my covenant may continue to be with Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

⁵ "My covenant was with him for life and peace; and I gave it to him so that he might fear me; he did fear me and stood in awe of my name.

⁶ The true instruction was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many away from sin.

⁷ For the priest's lips should preserve knowledge, and the people should seek the law from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

⁸ But you have turned away from the way. You have caused many to stumble over the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

⁹ "Therefore I have also made you despicable and demeaned before all the people, in so far that you have not kept my ways, but have shown favoritism in your instruction.

¹⁰ Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we betray each other, violating the covenant of our forefathers?

¹¹ Judah has been unfaithful, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

¹² May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob anyone who does this along with him who offers a defiled offering to the LORD of hosts.

¹³ Here's another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, weeping, and sighing, because he no longer responds to the offering, nor does he accept it with favor from your hand.

¹⁴ Yet you complain, "Why not?" For the LORD has become a witness against you and for the wife of your youth whom you have betrayed, even though she is your companion, and the wife of your marriage covenant.

¹⁵ Did he not make them one? Both flesh and spirit are his. What was the one God wanting? Godly offspring. So guard your spirit, and let no one be unfaithful to the wife of his youth.

¹⁶ "For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and one who covers his garment with violence," says the LORD of hosts. So guard your spirit, and do not be unfaithful.

¹⁷ You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you ask, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them;" or "Where is the God of justice?"

DASV: Malachi 3

¹ "Look, I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you long for will come," says the LORD of hosts.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who will be able to stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like launderer's soap.

³ He will sit like a refiner and purifier of silver; and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them like gold and silver, until they will offer to the LORD offerings in righteousness.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to witness against the sorcerers, adulterers, and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the worker of his wages, the widow, and orphan, and those who deprive the resident foreigner of justice, and do not fear me," says the LORD of hosts.

⁶ "For I, the LORD, do not change. Therefore, O sons of Jacob, you are not consumed.

⁷ Even from the days of your forefathers you have turned away from my statutes, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'

⁸ Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you claim, 'How have we robbed you?' In tithes and offerings.

⁹ You are cursed with the curse; for you, the entire nation, are robbing me.

¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me with it," says the LORD of hosts, "and see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you, and pour out on you such a blessing that there will not be enough room to take it in.

¹¹ Then I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he will not destroy the produce of your ground; neither will your vine drop its fruit before the harvest time in the field," says the LORD of hosts.

¹² "Then all nations will call you happy; for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

¹³ "Your words have been critical against me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'How have we spoken against you?'

¹⁴ You have said, 'It is useless to serve God. What benefit has there been that we have kept his commands, and that we have walked in penitential mourning before the LORD of hosts?'

¹⁵ So now we count the arrogant happy. Those who work wickedness prosper; yes, they test God and then escape."

¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke to each other; and the LORD took notice and listened, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for those who feared the LORD, and that thought about his name.

¹⁷ They will be mine," says the LORD of hosts, "my own special possession, on the day when I act. I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him.

¹⁸ Then you will return and distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between the one who serves God and the one who does not serve him."

DASV: Malachi 4

¹ "For, look, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the proud and all who do wickedness will be stubble. The coming day will burn them up," says the LORD of hosts. "It will not leave them so much as a root or branch.

² But to you that revere my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. You will go out and frolic like calves from the stall.

³ You will tread down the wicked; for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I take action," says the LORD of hosts.

⁴ "Remember the law of Moses my servant, the rules and regulations that I commanded him on Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ Look, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.

⁶ He will turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; so that I will not come and strike the earth with a curse."