

40-Day National Prayer Altar

WALKING in the FEAR of the LORD

The Importance of Repentance

6.30am – 8.00am Thursday, 7 August 2025

Treat Him Seriously vs Treat Him with Contempt

Treating God with Contempt is to ...
Show deep disrespect, disregard or disdain towards God

- Willful Disobedience
- Mocking God's laws or character
- Presuming upon His grace without repentance
- · Profaning holy things & what Christ has gained for us



David's sin with Bathsheba

2 Samuel 12:9-14

⁹ Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.

¹⁴ But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the son born to you will die."

David's sin is not just moral failure but a contempt of God's laws



What does contempt for God look like? NOT TREATING GOD WITH HONOR AS WE WORSHIP HIM

Malachi 1 (MSG)

of God is no longer a priority, that's defiling. 12-13 You profane me when you say, 'Worship is not important, and what we bring to worship is of no account,' and when you say, 'I'm bored—this doesn't do anything for me.'



What does contempt for God look like? IGNORING THE HOLINESS OF GOD'S COVENANT

Malachi 2 (MSG)

4-6 My covenant with Levi was to give life and peace. I kept my covenant with him, and he honored me. He stood in reverent awe before me. He taught the truth and did not lie ...

7-9 "It's the job of priests to teach the truth. People are supposed to look to them for guidance. But you priests have abandoned the way of priests. Your teaching has messed up many lives. You have corrupted the covenant of priest Levi you don't live the way I told you to live, and you don't teach my revelation truly and impartially."



What does contempt for God look like? MALIGNING THE GRACE OF GOD

Malachi 2 (MSG)

17 You make GOD tired with all your talk. "How do we tire him out?" you ask. By saying, "GOD loves sinners and sin alike. GOD loves all." And also by saying, "Judgment? GOD's too nice to judge."



What does contempt for God look like?

Malachi 3 (MSG)

¹³ GOD says, "You have spoken hard, rude words to me. "You ask, 'When did we ever do that?' ¹⁴⁻¹⁵ "When you said, 'It doesn't pay to serve God. What do we ever get out of it? When we did what he said and went around with long faces, serious about GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, what difference did it make? Those who take life into their own hands are the lucky ones. They break all the rules and get ahead anyway. They push God to the limit and get by with it."



The Seriousness of Rebellion

Rebellion gives the enemy legal ground for curses and witchcraft to operate in our lives, families and churches.

Repentance closes the door & gives God legal ground to REVERSE CURSES and bring blessings and transformation to our lives and our communities.



Malachi 2:13-15

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Our faithfulness to God is displayed in our faithfulness to one another.

"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."

1 John 4:20

Malachi 2:13-15

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Our faithfulness to one another is crucial for godliness to be passed down to the next generation

Prayer Points

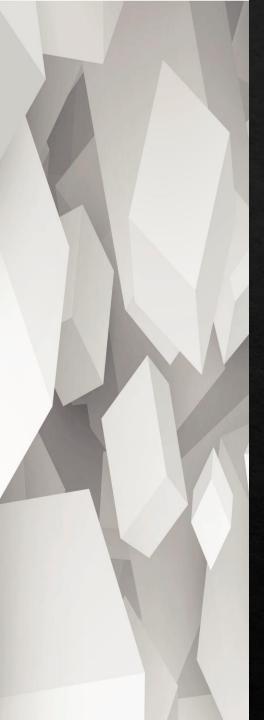
- **Repent** of unfaithfulness in our relationships to one another.
- Pray for **Restored Relationships** in Families and the Body of Christ.
- Pray our faithfulness will bring forth "godly offspring" who will walk in the fear of the Lord.

The prophecy of Malachi is built around seven questions the people asked God.

- In what way have You loved us? (Mal 1:2)
- In what way have we despised Your name? (Mal 1:6)
- In what way have we defiled You? (Mal 1:7)
- In what way have we wearied Him? (Mal 2:17)
- In what way shall we return? (Mal 3:7)
- In what way have we robbed You? (Mal 3:8)
- In what way have we spoken against You? (Mal 3:13)

These questions revealed their spiritual BLINDNESS.

Deceived, doubting, sinful hearts. No longer SEE!! It's me!



40- Day Fast & Prayer

"Break The Curse of Adam's Hiding & Cover-up!"

- Gen 3:7, Instead of **COVERING In God's GLORY** of His holiness, purity, truth, innocence, NO SIN,.....
- Through sin, spiritual blindness, deception, selfjustification, falsehood, fear, shame,...in Adam & Eve
- The decay, corruption of Priesthood in Malachi were under the <u>covering of religious spirit of deceit</u>

40-DAY FAST & PRAYER

KEY: <u>Take OWNERSHIP</u> of sin I have committed, ADMIT, ACKNOWLEDGE and Confess my sin!

Restoring the FEAR of GOD,
.....Wave upon wave of His GLORY
will flood the Church & nation,.......