



OLD TESTAMENT · MINOR PROPHETS

Malachi

Wholehearted worship and covenant faithfulness

AUTHORSHIP · Malachi; name means my messenger

DATE & CONTEXT · Commonly dated to the fifth century BC

The big picture

Through a series of disputes, Malachi confronts careless worship, unfaithful relationships, injustice, and skepticism about God's concern. Priests and people are called to take the covenant seriously. The promise of a coming messenger points forward, while the closing appeal turns readers back to the law and toward reconciliation. The book asks whether familiar religion has become detached from faithful love.

Words to carry

"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

Malachi 3:6 · KJV

Live it

01 Give your best attention to worship rather than what remains after everything else.

02 Honor a commitment that has become easy to neglect.

03 Make a concrete move toward reconciliation where it is wise and safe.

Pause & reflect

Where has familiarity made me careless with what matters to God?

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