

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_. 1:2-5
  - a. Claim: "I have \_\_\_\_\_ you." 1:2a
  - b. Complaint: "How have You \_\_\_\_\_ us?" 1:2b
  - c. Refute: I loved \_\_\_\_\_ but I \_\_\_\_\_ Esau. 1:2c-4
  - d. Hope: YAHWEH will be \_\_\_\_\_ beyond Israel. 1:5
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_. 1:6-2:9
  - a. Claim: "Where is My \_\_\_\_\_?" priests who \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_. 1:6a
  - b. Complaint: "How have we \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_?" 1:6b
  - c. Refute: You say, "The \_\_\_\_\_ [table] of YAHWEH is to be \_\_\_\_\_." 1:7-2:9
  - d. Hope: My \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_! 1:11
3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_. 2:10-16
  - a. Claim: You \_\_\_\_\_ the alter with \_\_\_\_\_. 2:13
  - b. Complaint: "Why do You reject our \_\_\_\_\_?" 2:14a
  - c. Refute: You have dealt \_\_\_\_\_ with your wife. 2:10-12, 14b-16
4. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_. 2:17-3:6
  - a. Claim: Your \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ YAHWEH. 2:17a
  - b. Complaint: "How have we \_\_\_\_\_ Him?" 2:17b
  - c. Refute: You say, "Everyone who does \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_." 2:17c
  - d. Hope: Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is coming! 3:1-6
5. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_. 3:7-12
  - a. Claim: "You are \_\_\_\_\_ Me!" 3:7a, 8a
  - b. Complaint: "How have we \_\_\_\_\_ You?" 3:7b, 8b
  - c. Refute: In \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. 3:8c-10a
  - d. Hope: All the \_\_\_\_\_ will call you \_\_\_\_\_. 3:10b-12
6. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_. 3:13-4:6
  - a. Claim: "Your \_\_\_\_\_ have been arrogant against Me". 3:13a
  - b. Complaint: "What have we \_\_\_\_\_ against You?" 3:13b.
  - c. Refute: You have said, "It is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God. 3:14-15
  - d. Hope: Those who \_\_\_\_\_ YAHWEH will be \_\_\_\_\_. 3:16-4:6

1. Have you ever asked God the question, “How have you loved me(us)?” In what ways did the circumstances of life draw you away from the truth of God’s word? How has God shown his love for you? Read Romans 8:1, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Galatians 2:20. Discuss the hope God’s love provides for mankind.
2. Compared with the condemned worship in Malachi, discuss the requirements of true worship in the nation of Israel. (Leviticus) How concerned was God with the manner in which he was worshipped? Why does God get to make the rules for acceptable worship? In what way might our worship fall short of God’s standard? In what ways is our worship a “fragrant offering, acceptable to the Lord?”
3. Why does God compare idolatry to adultery? How did the divorcing Israelites women to marry foreign wives violate God’s covenant? What is God’s view on divorce, according to Malachi 2:16? How does the world’s view of divorce weaken our thinking on the issue? How can we uphold marriage according to God’s word? Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 6:14–18 in light of Malachi.
4. Looking at Malachi 2:1, how may our words have questioned the holiness of God? What makes us have this same feeling that the tables have turned so that good is evil and evil is good? What are some verses that help correct our flawed thinking and turn our hope back to a holy and just God!
5. How does our stewardship of God’s resources affect and reflect our worship of Him?
6. Discuss the attitude of service to the Lord and how it should be expressed by those who fear God.