

INTRO REMARKS:

**Malachi**

a. Outline

1. God’s Pronouncement against Israel (1-3:15)
2. God’s Promise to Israel (3:16-4)

Intro.	Six Disputations						Append
Prophet 1:1	Yahweh Loves Jacob 1:2	Corrupt Sacrifices 1:6	Divorce De- nounce d 2:10	Divine Justice Affirm- ed 2:17	Robbin g God 3:6	The Godly Vindi- cated 3:13	Elijah Is Coming 4:4

b. Major Themes

- 1) The Sins of Israel (1:6; 2:10, 17; 3:7, 13)

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<sup>1</sup> Notes prepared with help of The Master’s Seminary BI 501 Bible Survey syllabus.

1:6 “ ‘A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?’ says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’

1:8 “But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?” says the LORD of hosts.

1:13 “You also say, ‘My, how tiresome it is!’ And you disdainfully sniff at it,” says the LORD of hosts, “and you bring what was taken by robbery and *what is* lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?” says the LORD.

1:14 “But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King,” says the LORD of hosts, “and My name is feared among the nations.”

## 2) The Future Judgment and Blessing of Israel (3:1-5; 3:17-4:3)

4:1-2 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” <sup>2</sup> “But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

3:6 “For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

1:2-3 “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob <sup>3</sup> but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.”

c. Purpose: Israel was called to repentance and covenant faithfulness.

d. Bibliography:

- 1) Walter Kaiser, *God’s Unchanging Love*
- 2) John MacArthur, *Zechariah, Haggai, and Malachi: A Call to Rebuild*
- 3) Iain Duguid & Matthew Harmon, *Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi (Reformed Expository Commentary)*

e. Selected Interpretive Problem [SKIP ENTRUST]

- 1) Elijah (4:5) [MSB, 1360, 1367]
  - a) John the Baptist (cf. Luke 1:17; John 1:21) [Verhoef; Wolf; MMP EBC]
  - b) A Future Elijah-like Prophet [BKC]
  - c) A Future Coming of the Literal Elijah (cf. Matt. 11:14; 17:9-13) [Wolf; FMP]

f. Preaching/Teaching Malachi