

MALACHI

SERMON NOTES

PART III: DON'T DROP THE WEIGHT

MALACHI 2:1-9 ESV

KEY TRUTH: GOD'S HOLINESS DOES NOT CHANGE, BUT CARELESS HANDS STILL DISTORT ITS WITNESS.

I THE CONDITION

Malachi 2:1-2

TAKE HOME TRUTH

The if/then clause God issues is an expression of God's grace and mercy. It is an open interruption that tells the priest they still have time to repent and recover reverence for God. If they don't God will initiate consequences. In other words, God tells the priests to stop playing church while they still have time.

II THE CONSEQUENCE

Malachi 2:3

TAKE HOME TRUTH

What is mishandled in spiritual leadership does not end with the leader, it eventually becomes the framework through which the next generation learns what to value, what to tolerate, and what to call 'normal' in their walk with God.

III THE COVENANT

Malachi 2:4-9

Even when every generation before us has failed to fully carry the weight of God's holiness, Jesus steps in as the perfect High Priest who restores what was lost, reestablishes what was corrupted, and now entrusts us with the responsibility to carry what He has perfectly fulfilled without lowering its standard.

Sermon Reflection Question

What am I teaching others by my life (not just my words) about the weight and worth of God?