

# MALACHI

## RETURN TO ME



### ABOUT THE BOOK OF MALACHI

#### Where It Fits

The book of Malachi is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the OT.  
The prophet Malachi is the \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to God's people prior to the arrival of John the Baptist and Jesus some 400 years later.

#### Outline

Malachi 1 *Your worship is \_\_\_\_\_.*  
Malachi 2 *Your marriages are a \_\_\_\_\_.*  
Malachi 3 *You are \_\_\_\_\_ God.*  
Malachi 4 *My messenger is \_\_\_\_\_.*

#### Theme

God's message through Malachi to his people was and still is \_\_\_\_\_.

### A CLOSER LOOK AT MALACHI 1

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|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.1    | The _____ of the book is introduced.  |
| 1.2-5  | The Lord has _____ to love Israel.    |
| 1.6-14 | The people's _____ dishonor the Lord. |



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- Ask Jesus what are the areas where you are \_\_\_\_\_ from him.
- Identify these signs of spiritual drift.
  - *I hesitate to describe myself as a \_\_\_\_\_ follower of Jesus.*
  - *I'm not making \_\_\_\_\_ where changes are needed.*
  - *I'm not meeting with \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - *I'm not meeting with \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - *I don't feel an \_\_\_\_\_ to know and obey God's will.*
  - *I lack \_\_\_\_\_ for others and concern for lost people.*
- Grab on to this promise: \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and he will \_\_\_\_\_ to you.  
James 4.8.

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These questions are meant to be done by yourself or together with a family member or friend, then discussed at your small group during the week.

**1.** Reread Malachi 1. For each paragraph of the chapter write down something the paragraph says about the LORD.

.1

.2-5

.6-14

**2.** What is something else you see in this chapter that seems important?

**3.** Reviewing the signs of spiritual drift on your study handout. Which of these signs do you find personally convicting?

**4.** Write out the first part of Malachi 3.7 in the space below.

**5.** Now write out the promise of James 4.8.

As a group, spend time in prayer asking Jesus to show you what are the areas where you are moving away from him.