

3. The _____ of the Current Priests
8-9

a. The Dishonoring Priests 8
1. Turned Away from God -

2. They caused others to stumble -

Ezekiel 44:12 , Ezekiel 3:20 ,Hosea 4:5-6

3. Corrupted the covenant-

b. The Discredited Priests 9

Divine Consequences..

1. How God discredited them

2. Why God discredited them

Conclusion

Warning; Indifference Makes a Difference

Malachi 2:1-9

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Introduction:

II. The Second Disputation: *The Lord Denounces Priest & People for their Failure to Honor & Respect His Name through Disregard of their Levitical Offerings.*

A. The Affirmation 6a- *You Have Despised My Name.*

B. The Interrogation- *The People question How they have dishonored the LORD.*

C. The Refutation: *The Lord Validates how they have dishonored Him 7b-14*

D. The Admonition: *The LORD Warns the Spiritual Leadership to Listen or Else. 2:1-9*

Priestly Job Description

Offering of sacrifices after determining their acceptability on behalf of the people.

They blessed the people Nu.6:22-26

They determined the will of God Ex.28:30

They instructed the people in the Law of God Dt. 31:9-12

They were supported by tithes & offerings Nu. 18:20-24

1. The _____ of Judgment 2:1-4

a. The _____ to repent & reform 1

Remember:

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27. As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

b. The _____ for failure to obey the call 2-3.

1. Cursed by God

"The consequence of disobedience would be God's blocking of the normal artery of blessing and His opening of the floodgates of disaster." Taylor

2. Desecrated By God
"Rebuke your offspring.."

Hosea 4:6-8

Lev. 4:11-12, Ex.29:14.

3. Removed by God=

c. The _____ 4
Jer.33:20-21; Nu.25.

2. The _____ of Previous Priestly Loyalty by Comparison 2:5-7

a. The Priests feared & honored God 5

1. Revered me-

2. They stood in awe of His name

b. The Priest were reliable expositors of the Law
6a

1. Their teaching was trustworthy
Lev. 10:9-11; Dt. 33:8-11; Jer. 18:18.
Jeremiah 18:18; 2 Chronicles 19:8-9; 2Tim.
3:16-17.

2. Their teaching was not deceptive or false

c. The Priests were devoted to God 6b

1. Walked with God in peace-

2. Walked with God in godliness

3. They turned others from sin

d. The Priests were guardians of knowledge 7a

e. The Priests were sought out for instruction 7b