

## Portrait of Malachi's Commitment

1. Malachi was a man of \_\_\_\_\_:

2. Malachi was a man of \_\_\_\_\_:

3. Malachi was a man of \_\_\_\_\_:

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### **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?

## **A Call to Commitment**

Malachi 1:1

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### **Introduction:**

Luke 12:17-20

Judges 17:6

### **BACKGROUND:**

*There was external reform that dissolved and declined because of a lack of internal reform behind it.*

INDIFFERENCE: A lack of concern, interest, or feeling; apathy. Lack of importance, meaning or worth.

1. 1:2-They were indifferent to the love of God

2. 1:7 They were indifferent of how far they had departed from the will and way of God.

3. 1:6-The were indifferent to revering God, actually they despised Him

4. They were indifferent to spiritual perception. When their deeds were pointed out they saw no wrong.

5. Their worship had become a form. **There was no sincerity, there was no purity.**

### **THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK:**

Malachi records the Burden of the Lord for Israel through a series of disputations which are designed to prompt the remnant to repentance from their spiritual indifference and to promise either blessing or judgment through the Messiah

A call to turn from spiritual indifference.

**THE NAME OF THE BOOK & AUTHOR:**

Malachi. His name means “my messenger”

1. 2:7- The Priest is called my messenger
2. 3:1- The forerunner, reference to John the Baptist.
3. 3:1- The Messiah

**THE DATE OF THE BOOK:    433-432BC**

Return 536

Temple finished 516

Return 458

Walls 444

**Nehemiah & Malachi Contemporary Concerns**

1. The Priests had backslidden, Neh.13:4-9; Mal.1:6
2. There was a neglect of the tithe, Neh.13:10-13; Mal.3:7-12
3. Intermarriage, Neh.13:23; Mal.2:10-16

**THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:**

**A. Chronologically:**

**B. It Was A Time of Post-exilic Discouragement:**

1. Isaiah 40-55.

2. Haggai & Zechariah

3. They rebuilt the temple, and they waited.

4. High taxes were being paid to the Persian war machine.

5. Disappointed the Messiah had not come.

**THE RELEVANCY OF MALACHI:**

1.They knew a great deal of truth as God’s covenant people, but they went through all the external motions **without the sincerity and purity of heart.**

2.The people of God had become indifferent... Losing Touch with the Living God.

3. The people of God had become immoral.