

## Conclusion

What is God's foremost concern?

- ◆ Is it the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nation?
  
- ◆ Is it the \_\_\_\_\_ of His church for His glory?

## God Affirms His Justice

*Malachi 2:17-3:5*

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Introduction

I. The First Disputation: *Reaffirmed the Lord's Covenant love for His people through His choice of Jacob over Esau.*

II. The Second Disputation: *Confirmed the honor of the Lord's name and the disregard of the Priests for the sanctity of the offerings.*

III. The Third Disputation: *Affirms why Israel's offerings were unacceptable to the Lord and denounces the behavior.*

**IV. The Fourth Disputation:** *God affirms His justice with the promise of the Messenger of the covenant who would refine the people of God/Israel 2:17-3:5.*

Colossians 3:10 ;Romans 5:3-5; Isaiah 1:25; Is. 48:10; Jeremiah 6:29-30 ;Ezekiel 22:17

*1 Peter 4:17*

**A. The Affirmation:** The Lord affirms they have wearied Him 17a.

**B. The Interrogation:** the people ask HOW they have wearied the Lord 17b. .

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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?

**C. The Refutation:** *"In that you say..."*17

1. The Lord explains how they wearied Him 17.

a. *Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and He delights in them*

- ◆ They are prohibited to do evil in the sight of God, Dt.4:25;9:18
- ◆ They have been charged to do right Dt.6:18;12:28

b. *Where is the God of justice?*

2. The Lord expands on His justice 3:1-5

a. I am going to send My messenger  
Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 11:10

b. Who can endure? v2

Zechariah 13:9,

2Cor 6:16-18

**Sorcerers-** A reference to witchcraft, black-magic, Ex.7:11; 22:18; Dt. 18:10

**Adulterers-** Those who had relations with the wife or fiancé of another man. Ex.20:14;Dt.5:18. Incur the death penalty- Lev. 20:10; Dt.22:22; Ezk.16:40;Jn.8:5

**Perjurers-** Someone who swore falsely in the name of God. Ex. 20:7,16; Lev 19:12; Jer.29:33; Zech 5:3-4

**Oppressors-** of the wage earner. Lev.19:13; Dt.24:14 Of the widows & orphans who were often objects of social injustices because no one took up their cause. Ex.22:22-4; Ezk.22:7; Zech 7:10 to provide for- Dt.10:18;14:29;16:11,14;26:12

**Turn aside aliens-** The foreigner was dependant on Israel's goodwill Ex.22:21;23:18

**No fear-**