

# MALACHI

THE cURTAIN Falls BEFORE A LONG INTERMISSION

1. “ \_\_\_\_\_,” SAYS THE LORD.

\_\_\_\_\_ you say,

“

\_\_\_\_\_”

Malachi 1:2

2. Take “ \_\_\_\_\_,” Says the lord of hosts.

And “ \_\_\_\_\_”

Malachi 2:2 & 2:16

3. He is \_\_\_\_\_

He is \_\_\_\_\_ 

He is \_\_\_\_\_ 

He is \_\_\_\_\_  

& we may present to the lord offerings of \_\_\_\_\_

“For I am the lord. I do not change.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ to me, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ to you.”

Malachi 3:1-3 & 3:6-7

4. \_\_\_\_\_ for you who fear [have awe & reference for]

\_\_\_\_\_ 🦅 & you'll go forward & leap [joyfully] like

\_\_\_\_\_ 🐄 [released] from the stall.

He will \_\_\_\_\_.

Malachi 4:2 & 4:6

### Questions & discussion

1. Malachi begins with God declaring his love for his people over and over again. BUT their response is sarcastic, cynical, skeptical, entitled, & arrogant, asking, "How have you loved us?" Is there anytime you have felt the same? When you have felt cynical or even doubtful of his love?
2. Whenever you may have felt your heart turned away from him, what has been the linchpin in your heart softening and turning back to him?
3. Just over 400 years later, Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:21, "for where your treasure is, there your heart is also." In Malachi, what is revealed where their treasure; therefore, heart is?
4. God tells us that his "messenger" is coming. He also tells us that he is a refining fire. A launderer's soap. A purifier. Do you have any revelations or personal testimony of his refining & purifying fire or launderer's soap?
5. Because of "the messenger," our offerings will change, no longer will we be making sacrifices of pure animals, but we will present to him offerings of righteousness. Is there anything that presses on your heart of this kind of offering to be made? What is that righteous offering?
6. As God, our Father, gives us all an alternative to utter annihilation with a way out through this coming messenger. He promises to those who have awe and reverence for him, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings and we will leap in full joy, like little calves let free from the stall. What of these visual images resonate with you?

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