

YOUNG TWIGS

Malachi

Year 2, lesson 25

God is not pleased with the Jews, His covenant people. You are one of God's covenant people today. Is He pleased with you? ▲

Observation: *what does it say?*

Read the book of Malachi. Mark: *God, Lord; offering, covenant, My/His name (God's name)*.

1. List a theme for each of the four chapters. Write them in the spaces provided in your Inductive Study Bible.
2. The book is almost entirely from the viewpoint of one speaker. Who is the speaker?
3. God asks many questions in this book. List 3–5 of the questions in asks in Malachi 1, 2, and 3.
4. Malachi 4 mentions the “great and terrible day of the Lord.” What will happen on this day? Record your response on p. 2076 of your Inductive Study Bible (or here, if you do not have an inductive study Bible).
5. Whom will God spare from the day that “burns like a furnace? (See Mal 3:17–18 and 4:2)

Interpretation: *what does the author mean?*

6. In Malachi 1, 2, and 3, God is rebuking the people. What have they done to deserve His rebuke?

7. After Malachi writes this “book of remembrance” (Col 3:16), God is silent for 400 years—the time between the events in Malachi and the event that take place in the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Compare these verses and see what you find out when God speaks again to His people:
- Malachi 3:1 compared to Matthew 11:7-11 and Luke 1:76-77
 - Malachi 4:5 compared to Matthew 11:13-14, Matthew 17:9-13 and Mark 9:11-13
 - Malachi 4:6 compared to Luke 1:13-17
 - Malachi 4:1 compared to 2 Peter 3:7

Application: *therefore, what shall I do?*

8. Consider the things that God rebukes them about. Have you done any of these things?
- Presented the “blind, lame, or sick animal” as a sacrifice to God?” (1:8+)
 - Dealt treacherously with against your brother? (2:10+)
 - Robbed God? (2:10+)
9. In the Old Testament, people from the tribe of Levi were the “priests.” Today, Christians are now the “priesthood of believers” (1 Peter 2:9). What do you learn about the priest Levi in Mal 3:4-9? What should you be doing as “priest?”