

Lessons from Malachi

*"I am sending a messenger before I myself come.
He will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap." Malachi 3:2*

Sanitize in – "God, here's my heart – speak what is true."

Sanitize out – "Lord, help me to do what you tell me."

Three Areas of Spiritual Apathy

1. Your _____ of God

*A son honors his father, and a slave his master.
If I am a father, where is the honor due me?
Instead you show contempt for my name." "*
But how have we shown contempt for your name?" they ask. Mal. 1:6

*"When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong?
Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" Mal. 1:8*

What animal sacrifice was back then, time is today

2. Your _____

*"Another thing you do: You flood the Lord's altar with tears.
You weep and wail because God no longer looks with favor on your offerings. You ask, "Why?"
It is because I, the Lord, was the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to
her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant." Mal.2:12-14*

*"Wasn't it me, the Lord, that made you one?
Wasn't it me that gave you a portion of my spirit to help you in your union?" Mal. 2:15*

3. Your _____

*"Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?'
"Stop robbing me!" "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'
"By withholding your **tithes and offerings.**" (Tithe = 10%)
Mal.3: 7-9*

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says
the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much
blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the
vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call
you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty Mal. 3:10-12*