

Malachi: Is This Your Best?

- ↪ **Malachi 1;** This book closes the curtain on the Old Testament. Malachi is a very interesting person even though we know very little about him. He's not mentioned elsewhere in the Old Testament, and he gives us no genealogy as many of the other prophets do.
 - ↪ His name is actually quite straight forward; it just means "My messenger." The same as is otherwise translated "Angel" in other places in the Old Testament. A messenger could be either human or supernatural. He's the messenger and He refers to 3 other important messengers in his book: Levi **Malachi 2:7;** John the Baptist **Malachi 3:1;** Jesus **Malachi 3:1..**
 - ↪ Such a change from Zechariah, not ethereal and future oriented, but very practical and in your face. **Verse 1 "burden," verses 2-3;** Lots of people have lots of problems with this passage.
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1. Form without substance, verses 6-14

- ✓ Is God getting your best? Are you weary of serving Him? If everyone had commitment and faithfulness like yours, would the church doors stay open?
- ✓ I think that sometimes we believe that God is satisfied with anything we give; where did we get that?, **Mark 12:30; Romans 12:1.** God demanded their best offerings, the first of their animals, the first of their crops. BECAUSE HE'S WORTHY OF IT. Second rate offerings result in second rate blessings.
- ✓ No worship is better than half-hearted worship, **verse 10.**

2. Best is first, verses 8-9. Your best is your first. **Deuteronomy 15:19; Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:33.**

Is He getting your first? Then He's not getting your best!
