

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

Malachi came along after the temple had been rebuilt. But the religious life of the people was still not as God wanted it to be. They had married foreign women, failed to give God what He wanted and they even turned their back on Him.

However those who feared God had nothing to worry about since they would enjoy God's salvation forever.

THE BOOK OF MALACHI - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What does the Lord say about Jacob and Esau? _____ . Verse _____
2. What kind of animals were the people bringing to be sacrificed? _____ . Verse _____
3. How long will the Lord accept offerings from their hands? _____ . Verse _____
4. What kind of offerings will be bought by the nations? _____ . Verse _____
5. What kind of a King does the Lord say that He is? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The Lord has treated the descendants of Jacob different than those of Esau.
7. _____ When people see how Esau's descendants are treated they will glorify God.
8. _____ The people were not giving honor and respect to God.
9. _____ To offer a blind animal as a sacrifice is all right even if you have a perfect one back home.
10. _____ The people saw the sacrifices as a burden.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Will the people of Esau always be under the wrath of God?
12. _____ Was God treated as a father and a master?
13. _____ If their governor would not be pleased with their offerings should the Lord be pleased?
14. _____ If an animal is injured is it all right to make it a sacrifice?
15. _____ Does God say it is fine if you cheat Him?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

THE BOOK OF MALACHI - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why did the Lord curse the priests? _____ . Verse _____
2. With whom did God make a covenant of life and peace? _____ . Verse _____
3. How did Judah desecrate the sanctuary? _____ . Verse _____
4. Why did the Lord make them one? _____ . Verse _____
5. How did the people weary God? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Not only will the priest be rebuked but so will their children.
7. _____ The priests are the messengers of the Lord Almighty.
8. _____ Bringing offerings to the Lord will make amends for many faults.
9. _____ God no longer paid any attention to their offerings.
10. _____ God hates divorce.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Will God turn the blessings of the priests into a curse?
12. _____ Is it the priest from whom people should get instructions?
13. _____ Is showing partiality in matters of the law good in God's sight?
14. _____ Did God create all people?
15. _____ Can violence become a covering for a man?

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THE BOOK OF MALACHI - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who is going to come into the temple of the Lord? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. How were they robbing God? _____ . Verse _____
3. What would happen if they brought ALL the tithe into the storehouse? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What would happen if those who feared the Lord talked with each other? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What distinction will the people then see? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The Lord is going to come again into his temple.
7. _____ Even though the Lord is coming for judgment some are told not to fear.
8. _____ The Lord expected the WHOLE tithe to be brought into the temple
9. _____ The arrogant will be called blessed.
10. _____ There would be a scroll written with the names of all the wicked on it.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Will the Levites be involved when the Lord comes into his temple?
12. _____ Will those who do not pay wages earned be condemned?
13. _____ Is it true that evil doers prosper?
14. _____ Was the entire nation under a curse because of money?
15. _____ Will they be able to see the difference between those who serve God and those who don't?

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THE BOOK OF MALACHI - Chapter 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What will the day coming be like? _____. Verse _____
2. What will happen to those who revere the name of God when he comes? _____. Verse _____
3. What will the wicked be under your feet? _____. Verse _____
4. Who is God going to send before that day comes? _____. Verse _____
5. What would happen if God did not send that messenger? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Fire is a symbol of judgment.
7. _____ The arrogant and the evildoer are lumped together.
8. _____ There will be no descendants left.
9. _____ Was the law important to God?
10. _____ The prophet Elijah will bring families together.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Will there be those in that last day that will be happy?
12. _____ Will God use the righteous in bringing punishment to the evildoer?
13. _____ Are the Ten Commandments and the law of Moses the same thing?
14. _____ Can a day be great and dreadful at the same time?
15. _____ Fathers and children always agree?

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