



MALACHI

Our Father's Name Is Great (1:1-2:10)

How have you loved us?

(1:1-5) God had given Israel blessings unseen by any other nations, even their closest relatives and neighbors. Describe the blessings highlighted by Malachi. State any additional blessings which could be added to this list.



Yes, from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, my name will be great among the nations!

Explain how these opening verses are ultimately fulfilled with Christ.

Relate the things the Lord has done to bless his Church as unique and with blessings found nowhere else.



MALACHI STUDY OUTLINE

"How Great the Father's Love!"

Our Father's Name Is Great (1:1-2:10)

- How have you loved us?
- How have we shown contempt for your name?
- How have we defiled you?

Our Father Is Faithful (2:10-3:12)

- How have we wearied him?
- How are we to return?
- How are we robbing you?

Our Father Spares Us from Destruction (3:13-4:6)

- What have we said against you?

How have we shown contempt for your name?

(1:6-8) Describe the ways which Israel and its spiritual leaders showed contempt for the Lord's name.

How have we defiled you?

(1:9-14) Rate God's anger over Israel's contempt for his name.

Annoyance

Severe Wrath



Appraise the way people have treated the Lord's name throughout history. How might we slip into the same sins?

(2:1-10) Gauge the severity of despising God's name and his gifts. What might these verses have to say to a pastor or church which adopts liberal false theology? What warnings does it have for your own life?

How great the Father's love for us!

List some of the end goals the Lord desired as the priests honored him.



Identify at least four blessings that come when the Church honors the Lord's name. Explain why these blessings are only gifts of God's undeserved love.

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

Explain what is meant by "the Lord's name" and how we are to honor it today.

"NOW ASK FOR GOD'S FAVOR"

(1:9) Israel still expected to receive God's favor even as they displayed contempt for the Lord and defiled his altar. Share other examples of this type of attitude.

My covenant with him was life and peace, which I gave to him. It was a covenant of reverence, and he revered me. He respected my name.
-Mal 2:5.

- For further study -
Scan through Paul's letter to Titus to find what God desires from those who instruct others with his Word.
Note the end goal.