



# MALACHI

## Our Father is Faithful (2:10-3:12)

### How have we wearied him?

(2:10-11) In what sense is God the Father of all? Explain how the Lord is the Father of all, but there are still “daughters of foreign gods.” בַּת־אֱלֹהֵי נֹכַר [Note the NIV 2011 translates this phrase differently from most other translations].

(2:11-17) Describe Judah’s unfaithfulness and how the Lord responded.

Do we not all have one Father? Did not one God create us?

Rate God’s disgust over Israel’s unfaithfulness



### 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?

Discuss the typical priorities people have when looking for a future spouse. What advice would you give to a Christian dating a person who does not worship the Lord?

2:17) Summarize the way people like to talk about sin today. Evaluate the ways your words might end up making the God of justice weary.

(3:1-5) Describe what it will be like when the Lord comes and what he will accomplish. Explain how this is fulfilled in Christ.

## How are we to return?

(3:6-7) God is faithful. His people were not. Explain what Judah's history teaches us about human nature and our condition without the gospel.

## How are we robbing you?

(3:8-12) God challenges the people of Judah to test his goodness. So, he attaches a promise of blessing for those who honor him. Some people today wrongly treat this as a get-rich plan. Explain why that would be an abuse of Scripture.

## How great the Father's love for us!

Share some of the blessings which believers in the New Testament Church are promised by God's rich grace when we honor him.

Find the gospel mentioned in these verses and share why it gives you comfort.

Explain what is meant by "marrying the daughter of a foreign god," and explain why the NIV 2011 chose to translate this phrase as "marrying women who worship a foreign god"

Agree / Disagree:  
God is against diversity.

I the Lord do not change.  
So you, the descendants  
of Jacob, are not  
destroyed.  
-Mal 3:6

- For further study –  
Scan the following to see what blessings you are promised as a disciple of Christ:

-Matthew 5:1-10

-Matthew 10:34-39

-Philippians 4:6-7

-2 Cor 1:7

-Eph 1:3

-James 1:12

-Rev 2:10