

**McWorship: Authentic Worship in A Fast Food Culture
Malachi 1:6-14...SERVICE**

A. The RELATIONSHIP of God toward Israel (v6-7)

1. The ROLES involved (v6a)

a. Two facts are stated in regard to relationships

- 1) A **son** honors his father
- 2) A **servant** honors his master

b. God has taken on both of these roles for Israel

- 1) God is Israel's **father**...but where is His honor?
- 2) God is Israel's **master**...but where is His respect?

2. The RESPECT involved (v6b-7)

- a. Fact: By not giving God the honor and **respect** He deserves, they have in essence despised His name
- b. Question: "**How** have we despised Your name?"
- c. Proof: They have presented defiled **food** on the altar
- d. Question: "How have we **defiled** you?"
- e. Proof: They **say** the table of the Lord is despised

B. The REACTION of Israel toward God (v8-13)

1. The problem with their ACTIONS (v8-10)

a. It had no PLEASURE (v8)

- 1) The problem was not offering their **best**
- 2) He asks, "Would you **offer** these to your human leaders?"

b. It had no PROFIT (v9)

- 1) They believed God would be **satisfied**

- 2) These offerings were producing no **profit**

c. It had no PLEASURE (v10)

- 1) God's wish was that someone would **close** the doors of the temple
- 2) God preferred that **no** sacrifice be offered than a second-rate sacrifice (Isaiah 1:13; Amos 5:21-24; Revelation 3:15-16)

2. The problem with their AIM (v11)

- a. God looks **ahead** to a time when His name will not be despised
- b. In that day, His **name** will be great and proper sacrifices will be offered to His name

3. The problem with their ATTITUDE (v12-13)

a. The attitude of INSINCERITY (v12)

- 1) Their actions were **profaning** the table of the Lord
- 2) It was as if their **actions** were saying, "The table of the Lord is defiled"

b. The attitude of INCONVENIENCE (v13)

- 1) They verbalize how **tiresome** these rituals were
- 2) They "**sniff**" at them (sniff = to belittle)

C. The RESPONSE of God toward Israel (v14)

1. God utters a **curse** to those who offers to Him anything but their best
2. This is because He is a great **King** and His name is to be feared