## **Major issues that must be dealt withDec 1, 2024**

## **Last week we saw that God had some things against the Priests/leadership which ultimately affected the people. The Priests were supposed to do this:**


## ***Mal 2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth, And injustice was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, And turned many away from iniquity. 7 “For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.***


## **Instead, they were doing this:**

## ***Mal 2:8 But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi,” Says the LORD of hosts.***


## **This falling away from the truth of God created this scenario…**

## ***Mal 2:11 Judah has dealt treacherously, And an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, For Judah has profaned The LORD’s holy institution which He loves: He has married the daughter of a foreign god.***

## **The mosaic covenant said this: I'm**

## ***Deut 7:2 “and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.***


## ***3 “Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. 4 “For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods;***

## ***so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. 5 “But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.***


## ***6 “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.***


## ***7 “The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8 “but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.***

## ***9 “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who…***

## ***keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; 10 “and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.***

## ***11 “Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.***

## **Why follow these things?**

## **Because you can get to a point of disillusionment. (becoming near-sighted)**


## **Disobedience leads to disillusionment**


## ***Mal 3:13 “Your words have been harsh against Me,” Says the LORD, “Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken against You?’***

## ***14 You have said, ‘It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the LORD of hosts?***

## ***15 So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.’ ”***

## **Sin can make you nearsighted!**

## **The remedy…**


## ***2 Peter 1:5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.***

## ***8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.***


## **Some final things:**


## **Don’t withhold offerings to God, you can’t outgive God! God says give so we give, but there is also a principle promise here:**

## ***Mal 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive* it.**

## **Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.**

## **The two promises!**

## ***Mal 4:1 “For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch.***


## ***Nahum 1:5 The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence,* Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. 6 *Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger?***


## ***His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him.***

## ***2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.***

## ***11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness***,

## ***12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?***

## ***13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.***

## **Promise #2**

## ***Mal 3:16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them;***

## ***So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. 17 “They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him.”***


## ***18 Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.***

## ***Rev 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.***

## ***3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.***


## ***4 “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”***

## ***5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” 6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.***


## ***7 “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.***