

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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Malachi 2:1-9

1. Who is this warning for, according to 2:1? _____
2. Does this address mean that the rest of Israel is not responsible for their actions?
 - a. Yes, it isn't their fault that they were taught wrong.
 - b. No, Israel knew well what they should do because it was passed on from generation to generation...and the first thing Israel did when they returned from exile was read the book of the law in public to remind them how they should live and honor God (Nehemiah 8).
 - c. No, Malachi 1 began by addressing all the people.
 - d. No, but God has always judged teachers and leaders more strictly (see Ezekiel 3:16-27 & James 3:1-12).
3. What will be the result be, according to 2:2, if they do not listen and resolve to honor the name of God? _____
4. What does it meant that he will "curse your blessings"? _____
5. According to 2:3, do you think that God is serious about this? Yes_____ No_____ Explain.

6. What sort of consequences would God put on their descendants, according to 2:4?
 - a. They would be condemned to Hell for sins they had nothing to do with.
 - b. The covenant that God had made with Levi is in danger of being revoked.
 - c. God would take away their religious leadership/priesthood and influence among the people.
7. Has God already given up on the priests? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

8. What does God say was the appropriate response for the "covenant of life and peace" that he had made with Levi, according to 2:5-7? _____

9. What did the priests do instead, according to 2:8?
 - a. Turned form the way and gave a message that was not from God.
 - b. Caused many to stumble.
 - c. Violated the covenant that God made with them.
10. Who looks to you as a messenger of the Lord? _____
11. Is that by accident or has God given you that influence along with a covenant calling you to be a good steward of it? _____
12. Are you turning people from their sin or causing them to stumble? _____