

Malachi 2.1-9

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1. "And now this admonition is for you, O priests.
2. If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor my name," says the LORD Almighty, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor me.
3. "Because of you I will rebuke your descendants ; I will spread on your faces the offal from your festival sacrifices, and you will be carried off with it.
4. And you will know that I have sent you this admonition so that my covenant with Levi may continue," says the LORD Almighty.
5. "My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name.
6. True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin.
7. "For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, and from his mouth men should seek instruction--because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty.
8. But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi," says the LORD Almighty.
9. "So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways but have shown partiality in matters of the law."

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1. Right Relationship with God v. 5 "reverence"
2. Faithfulness to Scripture v. 6 "true instruction"
3. Godly character v. 6 "walked in peace and uprightness"
4. Reach Others v. 6 "turn from sin" / v. 7 "preserve knowledge, instruction"

16. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

17. so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3

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