

The Last Warning Malachi 1 & 2

The glory of God's faithfulness is that no sin of ours has ever made Him unfaithful.

-Charles Spurgeon

I. Contextual Questions

II. Critical Questions

Into the Bible

In our culture marriage is becoming a nice option if you want some stability in a relationship but the Bible makes it clear that it is not just a social construct. Here in Malachi God says He “hates divorce”. Why is marriage so important to God? (Mark 10:2-9)

Application

After the return from Babylon, life was not easy for the Jews who resettled Jerusalem and the surrounding area. But Malachi tells them that God is not pleased with their grumbling that questions whether God still loves them. How do we know that God loves us when life is uncomfortable or even really hard?

(1 John 4:10, Romans 8:35-39)

In the Old Testament, animal sacrifice was necessary to bring atonement for the sins of the people. The animals presented were to be flawless as they were being given to God and pointed forward to the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the cross. We are no longer required to bring this type of sacrifice (thankfully), but what sacrifices do we bring to God and are they “flawless” and “appropriate” or lacking in some way? (Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 13:15-16, James 4:13-15)

For Families

Talk with your children about how we can know that God loves us.