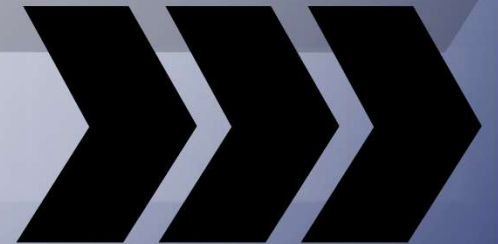


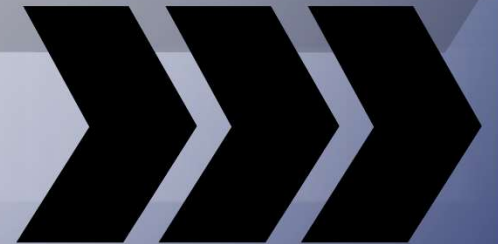
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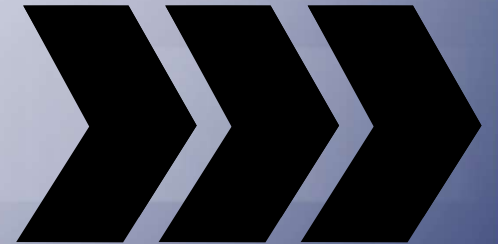
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Focus Thought

Continual reminders of God's faithfulness keep spiritual discouragement at bay.

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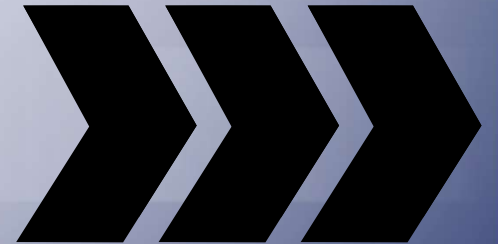


Focus Verse

Malachi 3:6

For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

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Lesson Text

Malachi 1:6–14

6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the Lord is contemptible.

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Lesson Text

Malachi 1:6–14

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the Lord of hosts.

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Lesson Text

Malachi 1:6–14

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts.

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Lesson Text

Malachi 1:6–14

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the Lord is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord.

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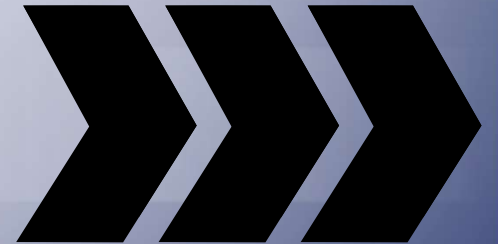


Lesson Text

Malachi 1:6–14

14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the Lord of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

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I. THE DAYS OF MALACHI

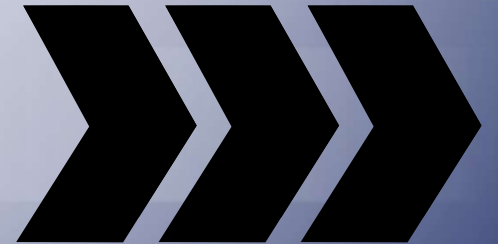
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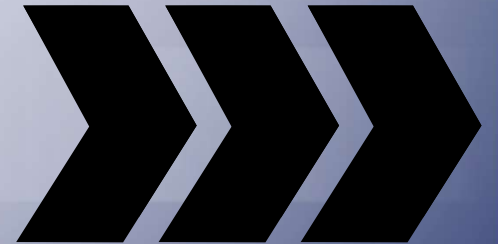
What happens when the church lacks enthusiasm and passion for the work of God? How do seasons like this affect the advancement of the kingdom of God? What can we do to counteract this during these times?

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What does it mean when you say someone has “backslid”?

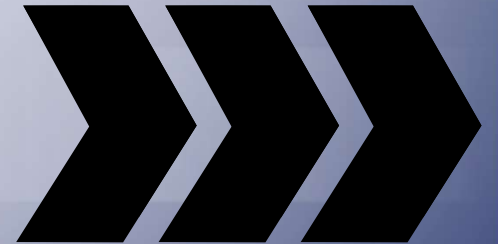
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I. THE DAYS OF MALACHI

- A. After the Rebuilding
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- C. The Danger of Discouragement

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Consider times in the past when you have felt discouraged. What were the initial signs your discouragement was beginning to slip toward depression and despair? How did your worsening discouragement impacting your spiritual life? Have you learned to recognize the signs of discouragement? What do you do to counteract them?

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II. THE MESSAGE OF MALACHI

A. Rebuking an Unfaithful People

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How does recognition and admission of rebellion and failures through true repentance contribute to helping us overcome discouragement?

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II. THE MESSAGE OF MALACHI

- A. Rebuking an Unfaithful People
- B. Recalling a Faithful God
- C. A Closing Reminder

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Why is the faithfulness of God such an important source of encouragement for us?

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