

① Malachi Chapter 2 Verses 9-11
2/14/88 ("God Hater Sin") I mentioned this today
folks, have you been able to smell
the rubber burning yet? I guarantee
you, it's on the road // God is
pulling no punches — Nor
should He be expected to — Amen

He is God // He is Holy // He cannot
blink an eye toward sin — Nor
will He — Amen —

In Verse 8 of Chapter 2 of Malachi,
God's word to the Priests was
this:

"You've Departed out of the way"

{ You've let God Down }
{ You've Gave the way of man }

"You've Caused Others to Stumble"

Did we say it or just
think it // "causing one
to stumble is particularly
sinful in the eyes of

God" "It must be because His word says
so, so often —"

"Becoming a Hindrance" is a sin
God is Abhorred at — Disgusted with

Something He "loathes" / Something He
is terribly opposed to —

And because God finds it "A Stench
to His nostrils" it would be well
for us to watch ourselves very
carefully"

The word "Stumbling Block" is seen

- as ① Anything that becomes an
obstacle" ② A Hindrance
- ③ Anything that may lead another
to sin — or give the occasion
to sin —

A Bad Spirit can be a Stumbling Block
A Gossiper can be a Stumbling Block
A Tale bearer can be a Stumbling Block
A Hypocrite (An Actor in the Greek) most
assuredly can be a Stumbling Block —

And a Preacher who is afraid of his
Job can be a stumbling block — Jf. 17
Keep him from preaching the word

2/ Folks "Of a Truth" "I don't want to be a stumbling block"

Now you be sure to take this in the right way. "I'm not afraid of my job, I feel that if ever, you tire of hearing his word preached, God will find or make a place where folks are hungry -"

"You understood what we're saying" a pulpit that has become a Pulpit, is a stumbling block"

Now, This was a charge God had levied against the priests

- ① you've stopped preaching My word
- ② The people don't know what to do
- ③ you've broken the agreement you took. when you entered the priest hood

And God said: "I don't like it"
In fact, I hate it with a passion
< Lets begin reading at v.9 >

(Read J. 9 - 13)

God Said: "Therefore" (or because of the change made) "you will be dealt with as you have dealt with others"

The word "Contemptible" in the Hebrew means: "Loss of esteem"
"Despised" "Vile in the eyes of others"

It's the same word Paul used in writing to the Corinthians, when he said: "Your words carry no weight people no longer respect you"

You see God's change included "Being a Respector of Persons"

They interpreted the Law differently for the rich than for the poor —

It was used in favor

of the rich —

In fact it got down to outright Contempt for God's Word —

31 These men / these priests had set
out to make the Law of God work
in their favor
Oh listen, it still happens today -

It was "Favor With Man" Rather than
"Favor With God" That was the
Name of the Game And God
Said:

"You've just forfeited the game"

Immediately the Word of God goes to
Another office - U-10

"No one has the right to
Wrongly interpret God's Laws"

There is one God (Our Father) one
Creator (God) And one Giver
of the Law.

U-10 deals with the Priests breaking
God's Laws "They had divorced
their Hebrew ways, and married
Gentiles who worshiped idols"

And God said: This violation of my
Law was not just an offense
Against your Wives, but was also
Against God -

What Malachi is saying is something
we need to realize - "A Sin
Against a Brother or Sister,
Is A Sin Against God"

Well! I didn't know that - now
you do - Amen

Show me in the New Testament ok.

1 Cor. 8:12 "But when ye sin
so Against the brethren, and
wound their weak consciences,
ye sin Against Christ"

It goes right back to being a
"Stumbling Block"

Malachi, or well as Paul
speak of the sin, or even
affecting those who do not
commit it -

4 "Profaning the Covenant of our Fathers" refers to marrying those
God said not to —

"Those who would bring about
a leading others to sin"

Oh Sister folk, "Marriage is sacred
to God" "Being Unlawfully Yoked
together is an Abomination to God"

Now Sister folk, we either preach it
all or none of it — Amen

"It's what God's word says
that we'll be judged on,
Not man's word" Amen

It's like to old sister who Accused
the preacher to death while he
preached against smoking. But when
he put chewing & dipping in
the same category, she stopped
saying Amen, and Accused the
preacher of meddling — Amen

When it points to others, it's ok, but
when it points to us, we scream like
a scalded dog. Let me hear an Amen

Oh listen folks, sometimes the word of God is hard to take, but it's still the word of God —

What the priest were saying was this:

"Don't do as I do // Do As I
Say Do"

And God said: No, Do As

① I Say Do —

U-11 tells us that the priests were guilty of doing the exact opposite of what God required of His people — And by using the name Judah he was saying to the people "check yourself out"

The word "Abomination" is used in Verse 11 — It means:

- ① Anything offensive to God.
- ② Anything that breaks the fellowship between God & His creation

"Sin" does it / Not A Sin, But Any Sin.

5/ Idolatry - Adultery - Changing the
Natural to unnatural - Unobeying
God's Laws alienate the Created
from the Creator —

"Hath profained the Holiness of
The Lord" (refers to this broken
fellow ship)

a Holy God had set a people apart
As A "Holy Nation"

"They were to observe His
Ordinances = His Laws,
His Covenants

We saw the Temple as Holy "yet
these priests and people had
"Profained the Holiness which
God loved"

The Priest were guilty of unlawful
managers / And unlawful Lusts

And they were saying without
saying - "I can do it, But
you people better not"

oh dear hearts, it doesn't work like that.

God's Word is to the Breacher or
well or the people — Amos

U-11 points our hearts to 1 Cor.
6:15-20 read it for yourself

Here Paul Reminds the People of
their responsibility — all Believers
being part of the Body of Christ —

Now having privileges to sin
over others —

Flee from Sin (Paul Says) God hates
it —

Then in v. 19 & ²⁰ Paul writes, what?
(or how could you not know) that your
Body is the Temple of the Holy
Ghost, which is in you, which you
have of God, and ye are not your
own, because you were bought
with a price, therefore glorify
God in your body, and in your
spirit which are God's

Oh listen folks, "We can't do
our own thing and please God"

The price He paid was His Son,
"He has every right to expect
the best of His creation"

God Said to His people "Be Ye
Holy, for I the Lord your God
is Holy" (Leviticus 20:7)

Is it too much for God to Ask?

Do You Smell the Rubber burning Now?
It's on the Road, across

Oh Dear people, "God's Word is True"
"It means what it Says, And Says
what it means"

We best not try to Amend the Word
of God — Like it or Not / Appreciate
it or not, it's still His word

The Change was Made known — The
penalty has been touched on
And the Sin will be dealt
with —

Do You Need to talk to God About Anything.
Maybe thanking Him for His word,
And for giving opportunity to
respond to it —

Maybe You would just like to tell
God you need His help / that you
want to draw nearer to Him —

dedicate your life —

How do I —

If you're lost, this message may have
stirred your heart. Perhaps the Holy
Spirit of God has shown you how
badly you need to be saved —

If He has, you can't wait
explain How —

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Open to those looking for a
place to worship — we invite you
to come and this Church will
receive you anyway then receive
members —

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