

Malachi Chapter 2 Verses 1-4

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God's Word to His Servants,

"Hear Me, And Hear Me Well"

Hearing Spoken of the Sins of the
people Against God —

And following that with
a Stern & Coarse Condemnation
of Hypocrisy & Pollution of
the worship by the priests

God told Malachi to publicly
Reprove the Priests —

He begins by expressing God's
feelings in detail / And the
way God plans to deal with
their sins.

If you'll not verses 1-4 of chapt. 2
you'll not that God's sentence
was a severe one —

God joined in verse 1 "Let's get down
to the business at hand"

Let's do it to.

Malachi 2:1-4 Read it

What do you see in Verse 2?

"The Long Suffering of God"

Here is God / who has every right
to kill the priests on the spot
offering a way of escape -

(So it is with us & our sinfulness)

"You Are Guilty" God says "You know it"
you have no reason to expect
mercy - But I offer it

"Your sin is a heinous one" worthy
of death - But I offer life

You have resulted God & yourself
encouraged others to do it too -

Because of your position, you
cause others to question God
His Power - His Piety
His Holiness - His Word

You ought to die for it - (and
we would be dumb to say that's right)

2/ But we best be careful, God
could use our changes against us —

But listen to God, "I'll only pour
out my wrath if you refuse
to hear me, and change your
ways —

Father, God leaves nothing to questions

"If you refuse" // "If you will not hear" //

If you refuse to allow my word to
burn away your sinful spirit. //

If you continue to go your
own way, God said "I'll
show you how wrong your
choice is"

God said: "If you refuse, I'll
with draw my offer" And He will

Genesis 6:3 "And the Lord said, My
spirit will not always strive with
man"

You see, God is long suffering,
But there is a limit —

we need to remember that
it still holds true

If you refuse, expect this:

- ① You'll have no satisfaction from anything you'll do —
- ② Those things you once considered a blessing will bless no more.

Oh dear hearts, when we observe the lives of many today, we have to believe it happened to them.

They find no satisfaction, these things they worked so hard for (Even to the exclusion of God) will not bring joy —

We know a man like this (Personally)
He is miserable / even tho he has more now than he ever had in his life (Materially speaking)

But he's miserable and is making everyone around him miserable
Including his wife & children

3/ Do you know what his problem is &
He's left God out of his
life, He just doesn't have
time for God. —

He finds no satisfaction in what
He has accumulated. —

Don't tell me that God doesn't
do what He promises to do. —

I'm becoming more & more concerned
every day about some folks who
are getting so busy, they are
leaving God out of their lives.
Some are the very same
ones who cried out to
God during difficult
times. —

They promised God anything.
But are not keeping their promise.

I'm concerned about them
why? Because I believe
the word of God, I believe
God will do what He promises to do.

Call it Judgmental if you
choose, (I'm already been accused
of that) all I'm doing is
showing what is so obvious -

Listen, "I'm Not the Judge, God Is"
(all I do is look at the fault)

Oh Listen, People need to get their
head out of the sand - Amen

Do you know what God's message is
to people who are so busy that
they exclude God, "You're too
Busy" And "My Spirit will not
always strive with you"

Listen, The person who says "I don't
have to go to church" is saying
"I don't believe Hebrews 10:25
should be in the Bible / somebody
put it in by mistake"

God had a man write: Forgetting Not
the Assembling of yourselves
together, in the manner of
SOME IS

- 41 Do you know who Some refers to
- ① Those who deny the word of God
 - ② Those who do not fear God's wrath
 - ③ Those who resist God by making light of His precious word.

And "Some" refers to those who say "I'm a believer" but are not —

Oh listen to me No listen to God's word
faithfully attending worship in
the house God provided please
God — It's His plan
Refusing to do so invites the wrath
of God and invites chastising —

Personally speaking, "I don't see how
a person who says they love God
you feel God staying away
from His house (that's my
opinion, based on God's word)

God said to the Priests "Your Blessings
have already become a curse
because of your sins. Right now
you are feeling the effects."

- ① You're lost influence
- ② Your words fall on deaf ears -
- ③ You no longer have a following
- ④ Your prayers fall on deaf ears.

Oh My Soul, that sounds familiar

"Dumb" in verse 3 refers to what
the people had been taught.

"You've taught them nothing
of value - Now you will
suffer because of it -

Had you given better instructions,
the people would have brought
better offerings -

Your sin will be upon
you, UNLESS you
turn back to God.

God is saying: "I have made you
blind, now you must live in it."

God is also saying: "I told you
and you won't be shocked if I won't."

In Verse 4. God says. "There
will be no doubt as to the
source of this message -
You'll not have to wonder.

"I will give you knowledge" ^{you}
must return to the laws I
gave in the beginning" They
are still in effect —

And Dear hearts they are new:

- ① We are still not to have other Gods
- ② It is still a sin to worship idols
- ③ It's still a sin to use God's name
in vain —
- ④ It's still a sin to use the
Sabbath other than God intended
- ⑤ We are still commanded to honor
Father & Mother.
- ⑥ Murder is still a sin
- ⑦ Adultery is still a sin
- ⑧ Stealing is still a sin.
- ⑨ Bearing false witness is still
against God's laws —
- ⑩ And Coveting still displeases God.

In Numbers 4 the Levites were
set apart to be God's ministers.

They were to work with the
Breasts —

7 They were to know & preserve
the Law of God — They were
to see that they were observed
They were to be supported
by the people they ministered
to —

They were to Answer to God ~~stood~~
~~now~~

U-S speaks of the terrible Responsibility
God placed on the Levites —

If they were faithful, "long
life" & "fruitful lives" would
be the reward —

"Peace of heart & mind" would come
from being faithful to God —

"Fear" speaks of the awesome
responsibility they were to
stand in awe of the trust
God placed in their hands, they
were also to "Fear" the wrath
of God if they failed in
God's purpose —

"Jeon" also speaks of knowing God
means business —

"I fear God" I stand in awe
of God, # I understand the change
He has given me as a preacher #
I'm Afraid to preach or
teach anything that's not
of God —

Someone may say: Oh but how do you
know what God's word says, you're
not been to seminary

I Ask God / And when a calm
assurance comes to my heart that
it's from God // I proceed

Oh I would like to have more education,
But I have the best teacher anyone
could have — God's Holy Spirit,

Listen to what Jesus said: "When He,
the Spirit of truth, is come, He
will guide you into ALL truth"
(John 16:13) Amen

James wrote: "If you want answers,
Ask God" (James 1:5)

Some people say, "It's wrong to
fear God" oh but His word

~~says~~: Asks:

"How does a man become
wise, And the Answer is:

"They Fear the Wrath of God"
But fools despise God's
instructions"

God always submits evidence before His
Acts

After Malachi delivred Gods
stinging Rebuke — God gave
the priests proof the message
was from Him —

Dear hearts, that some proof is given
to you and me today — we need
to hear it, and act accordingly —

Have you heard from God tonight
Has He said there is a
decision you need to make —
Would you make it Now?