# The Book of MALACHI

Offer it to your governor,
Offer it to him and see
If he will accept the offering
That you think of giving Me!
Am I not a great King?" says the Lord,
"Where is the honor that is Mine?
I have loved you, oh, how I have loved you!
Why offer Me the sick, the lame and the
defiled?"

#### MALACHI 1

<sup>1</sup>The burden of the word of the Lord, to Israel by Malachi.

**2**"I have loved you," says the Lord.

"Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?'

"Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" says the Lord, "Yet Jacob I loved.

<sup>3</sup>But Esau I hated, and laid waste his mountains and his heritage

for the donkey of the wilderness."

<sup>4</sup>Even though Edom has said, "We are made poor.

but we will return and build the desolate places,"

thus says the Lord of host,

"They may build but I will throw down.

They shall be called:

the Border of Wickedness;

the people for whom the Lord will have indignation forever.

5"Your eyes shall see, and you will say,

The Lord will be magnified beyond the border of Israel.'

**6**"A son honors his father, and a servant his master.

If then I am a Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master,

then where is My reverence?"

says the Lord of hosts to your priests who despise My name.

Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised

Your name?'

7"You offer polluted food on My altar, but say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the Lord is contemptible.'

8"When you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil?

And when you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil?

Offer it now to your governor; would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you for this?" says the Lord of hosts.

<sup>9</sup>"But now, please, entreat the favor of God

that He may be gracious to us. While this is being done by your hands;

will He regard you favorably?" says the Lord God of hosts.

10"Who is there among you who would shut the doors.

so that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain?

I have no pleasure in you at all,"

says the Lord of hosts.

"Nor will I accept an offering from your hands.

11For from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,

My name shall be great among the Gentiles; and there in every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations," says the Lord of hosts.

The table of the Lord is defiled; and its fruit, its food, is contemptible.'

13"You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!'

And you have sniffed at it,"

says the Lord of hosts.
"And you bring the torn, the sick and lame; this you bring as an offering!

Should I accept this from your hand?" says the Lord.

14"But cursed be the deceiver, who has in his flock a male and takes a vow, but sacrifices to the Lord what is corrupt; for I am a great King," says the Lord of hosts, "and My name is feared among the nations."

# **CWDS Bible Quotes**

 Let the cross settle for you every question you have about the unquestionable love of God.

You are saved by choice, not your choice, His choice; He chose you. It is ok to feel special because indeed, you are.

 If the Lord stands against your great efforts, your effort is nothing more than failure; you effortlessly fail.

 You build in futility if the Lord opposes your building; you build frustration if the Lord tears down what He allows you to construct.

 Established wickedness in any nation will attract God's indignation as an establishment against that territory

 Empty words ascribe names of honor but will not follow through with corresponding action; if you call Him Lord and Master then make Him your Lord and Master.

 Don't fool yourself; God assesses your offering to assess your heart and attitude towards Him. Your heart holds the answer to the question of contempt you arrogantly ask.

What you give to God and how you treat Him makes a more powerful statement of your true regard for His name than your words.

9. It is deceptive to say you honor the Lord when what you bring to honor the Lord is a show of contempt for Him.

10. Let your respect for your governor govern the attitude of your offering to the Lord. If your governor will not accept it then do not present it, or you lower God below your earthly governor.

11. Your verbal statement of love to God is tempered by the tangible offering you bring to Him; if God takes no pleasure in your offering He will take no pleasure in you.

12. Deception is giving half-heartedly and expecting whole-hearted reception from God.

13. God's name will be exalted among the nation by you or without you; exalt His name by your generous giving to spread the word to the nations.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, I resign all my questions to the undebatable argument of the cross. Thank You for choosing me and making me special to You. Amen.
- Father God, I want nothing more than for You to be on my side; I will build my relationship with You as the foundation of my life. Amen.
- · Let every wickedness in this nation be uprooted, in the name of Jesus.
- Righteous Lord, I will treasure my words to fulfil them so that my words can be valuable to You, to me, and to others. Amen.
- My Father in heaven, I refuse to honor any person or position above You. Amen.
- Lord I will honor You with my offering; I want You to be pleased with me; I refuse to deceive my-
- self into lowering Your great image. Amen.

   Most kind and loving God; let the hearts of Christians all over the world agree with the most precious gift You gave to man, by giving unreservedly to the spreading of the gospel. Amen.

OW would you like to have your bless-Ting cursed? Or is it already done? Would you rather have His covenant of peace and life? Then be faithful to your own wife, For God hates divorce. Never call evil good, or wrong, right! God blesses marriage union For Godly children are His delight.

#### MALACHI 2

1"And now, O priests, this commandment is for you. <sup>2</sup>If you will not hear, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to My name," says the Lord of hosts, "on you I will send a curse, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you do not take it to heart. <sup>3</sup> "Behold I will rebuke your descendants, and spread refuse on your faces, the refuse of your solemn feasts, and they will take you away with it. <sup>4</sup>Then you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant with Levi may continue,"

says the Lord of hosts.

5"My covenant was with him, as a covenant of life and peace,

and I gave them to him that he might fear Me; so he feared Me

and was reverent before My name.

<sup>6</sup>The law of truth was in his mouth, and on his lips, injustice was not found. He walked with Me in peace and equity,

and turned many away from iniquity. 7"For the lips of a priest should keep knowl-

and the people should seek the law from his mouth:

for indeed he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

<sup>8</sup>But you have departed from the way.

You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says the Lord of hosts.

9"Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base before all the people,

because you have not kept My ways, but you have shown partiality in the law."

<sup>10</sup>Do we not all have one Father? Has not one God created us?

Why do we deal treacherously with each other, by profaning the covenant of the fathers?

<sup>11</sup>Judah has dealt treacherously and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem,

for Judah has profaned the holy institution of the Lord that He loves:

and has married the daughter of a foreign god. <sup>12</sup>May the Lord cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does this, being awake and

master and scholar alike,

yet who brings an offering to the Lord of hosts! <sup>13</sup>And this is the next thing you do,

you cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping and crying;

so that He does not regard the offering any-

nor does He receive it with goodwill from your

14Yet you say, "Why, for what reason?" Because the Lord has been a witness between

you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously;

yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

15"But did He not make them one? Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why, therefore, one?

He seeks godly offspring.

Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife

of his youth. 16"For the Lord God of Israel says,

that He hates divorce,

for it covers one's garment with violence." says the Lord of hosts.

"Therefore, take heed to your spirit,

that you do not deal treacherously." <sup>17</sup>You have wearied the Lord with your words; yet you say, "In what way have we wearied

In that you say, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and in them He delights,"

or, "Where is the God of justice?"

## **CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. It is best not to be blessed than to have your blessing cursed; for you will be left with so much less without a blessing and with a curse.

If you refuse to glorify God on your assignment here; God will refuse to give you His glory, but will instead spread refuse on your face.

 God gives you His covenant to bring you near to Him, because you are dear to Him, but above all, that you will fear Him.

4. The Levitical priesthood has been upgraded to a royal priesthood and has been transferred from a tribe to an entire nation, a holy nation; we are a kingdom of priests.

We are messengers of the Lord designated to keep knowledge and to be ready always with

the word of God.

 Contempt for the word of God will make you contemptible before God and man.

7. We are commanded to be united in heart and one in spirit because we all have just one Father and one God.

 You cover your garment with violence when you tread the pathway of divorce; if pleasing God is your intention divorce is not an option; God hates divorce.

Your faith must extend to your marriage and your sacrifice to its restoration.

 Create the environment in your home of love, healing, forgiveness, obedience to God and intentional training to give God what He desires, Godly offspring.

11. The multiplication of Godly offspring is the blessings that echo down from creation throughout time; it is the charge and the challenge of every believer to wrestle the generations from the devil starting with our own.

#### PRAYER POINTS

 King of Glory, thank You for the blessings of Abraham appropriated to me by the sacrifice of Your Son; I treasure this gift with my life. I refuse to do anything to have my blessing cursed, in the name of Jesus.

 Thank You Father that You have appropriated to me royalty through Jesus Christ and You have torn the veil to give me access to the mercy seat. Thank You for breaking every barrier to reside in me. Amen.

 My tongue shall be the pen of a ready writer, I will meditate in Your word, Father, and memorize it so I may keep knowledge and be ready always with Your word. Amen.

 Let the spirit of divorce and casual marriage be fanned away from this nation by the blood of Jesus

 Let the hearts of fathers and mothers be stirred within them to live exemplary lifestyles before their children, and to be selfless in presenting them to the Lord as Godly offsprings, in the name of Jesus. Amen. **P**URGED and purified by the refiner's fire So you can offer an offering of the kind that He desires.

Bring all your tithes and offerings into His house!

Will a man rob God? Oh, say, will you be cursed?

Prove the Lord with your giving; see Him pour you out a blessing;

Windows of heaven are open; let the fire do the work!

When He makes up His jewels, do not be left out!

#### MALACHI 3

<sup>1</sup>"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek will come to His temple suddenly, even the Messenger of the covenant in whom you delight.
Behold, He shall come," says the Lord of

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**2**"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and a launderer's soan.

<sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver,

that they may offer to the Lord God an offering in righteousness.

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<sup>4</sup>"Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the Lord, as in the former days of old, as in the former years.

5"And I will come near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers,

against those who swear falsely,

against those who exploit their employees in their wages,

against those who oppress the widow and fatherless,

and against those who turn away the stranger;

because they do not fear Me," says the Lord of hosts.

**6**"For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of

Jacob.

7"Yet from the days of your fathers, you have gone away from My ordinances, and have not kept them.

Now return to Me and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts.

"But you said, In what way shall we return?"

8"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In the tithes and offerings.

**9**"You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

10"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,

that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts.

"see if I will not open for you the windows of

and pour out for you such blessing, that you will not have room enough to receive it.

11"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes.

so that he will not destroy the fruits of your ground,

nor shall the vine cast her fruit in the field before the time," says the Lord of hosts;

12"and all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,"

says the Lord of hosts.

13"Your words have been strong against Me," says the Lord,

"yet you say, What have we spoken against You?"

14You have said, It is vain to serve God. What profit is it that we have kept His ordinances.

and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?

<sup>15</sup>So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; they tempt God and go free."

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the Lord spoke one to another.

and the Lord listened and He heard; so a book of remembrance was written for a record before Him

for those who fear the Lord and also who meditate on His name. <sup>17</sup>"They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts,

"on the day that I make them My jewels, and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him.

18"Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between he who serves God and he who does not serve Him."

### **CWDS Bible Quotes**

 Believers are charged to urgently, sacrificially and selflessly announce the second coming of the Lord our delight, who is coming very soon; just as John did for His first coming.

2. The Lord is the refiner's fire that cleanses and the soap that purifies and purges us so we may

offer righteousness.

- The absence of the fear of the Lord is evidenced by adultery, sorcery, perjury and exploitation; the presence of the Lord's response will be swift and decisive.
- You are far from the Lord not because He has moved but because you have; He never changes nor moves.
- Robbing God is so nonsensical because He is allpowerful and all-knowing, yet many still blatantly do it and expect vindication.
- The tested and proven God invites you to put Him on trial and prove Him with your tithes and offering.

7. God knows the tithes and offering will often be paid from the platform of need and sacrifice, but He never excuses it, instead He excuses Himself and for the first time invites man to prove Him

Tithes and offering is an invitation yet not an option, it is like the manna from heaven; you hold onto it or hoard it and it is cursed in your hands and springs worm. Nothing excuses your submission to God and dependence on Him; nothing excuses your total obedience to the instructions of God.

 Tithes and offering is heaven's provision for the work of the kingdom on earth; if taxes are not debatable, neither is it. Arm yourself with the mind at and avoid the arms of he arms? arms.

mind-set and avoid the arrest of heaven's curse.

10. Your open hands will secure your open heavens;
your sacrificial release will plug your open holes.

 Fear the Lord and make Him your treasure and He will engrave you in His book of remembrance and make you His jewel.

 Love for the Lord and the love of the Lord distinguishes you among mankind.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, let the spirit of urgency regarding the second coming of Christ be impressed on the hearts of believers and spur the compulsion to witness. Amen.
- Holy Spirit let Your fire purify me. Lord Jesus, let Your blood wash me clean of all impurities. I want to offer righteousness only. Amen.
- Let the fear of the living God engulf this nation starting with the church, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, give me the faith to give sacrificially and to be generous to You at all times. Amen. Instruct my giving Lord and give me the wisdom and faith to obey, in the name of Jesus.

 King Jesus, I see Your hands open wide to accept my nails. I open my hands up wide to extend to You my sacrifice. Amen.

 Eternal Father, write my name in Your book of remembrance and give me the character of a jewel in Your sight. Amen.

# THE day comes, great and dreadful; Oh, what a day!

It shall burn as an oven all who do wickedly!

"I will send Elijah the prophet To turn the fathers' heart to the children!" And if you fear His name,

Like the stubble you shall not burn away. But to you the Sun of Righteousness shall rise with healing in His wings!

#### MALACHI 4

1"For behold, the day is coming, that shall burn like an oven, and all the proud, and all who do wickedly will be stubble; and the day which is coming shall burn them up," says the Lord of hosts, "it will leave them neither root nor branch.

<sup>2</sup>But to all who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise, with healing in His wings;

and you shall go out and grow fat like calves fed in a stall.

<sup>3</sup>You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet,

on the day that I do this," says the Lord of hosts.

4"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which for all Israel, I commanded him in Horeb, with the statutes and judgments. 5"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

6"And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to

the children,

and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

# **CWDS Bible Quotes**

- Judgment is attracted to wickedness; it is harder to keep the day away than to embrace its realitu.
- If you make God a liar by rejecting His word, He makes you stubble for the fire to be rejected and burnt.
- Your fear of the Lord attracts the Sun of righteousness to you; proximity brings wellness for He has healing in His wings.

 Curses are averted when the hearts of the father and children are united; strong parental relationships prevent curses; broken families; irresponsible fathers and insolent children are evidence of the curse attracting judgment.

5. Pride and wickedness make your character movable and vulnerable like stubble; the wicked will be like ashes of burnt stubble for the righteous

to trample.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, I love Your word; Your laws are just and right and I will digest them. Amen.
- I embrace You Father with all my heart; I hate pride and every wicked way.
- Sun of Righteousness arise on my behalf; spread Your healing wings over me. Amen.
- Let the power of reconciliation and selfless love that is in the blood of Jesus place ardent love in the hearts of fathers for their children and children for their fathers. Amen.
- Let every curse over this nation caused by irresponsible and uncaring fathers be broken, and let both fathers and children enter into Your love. Amen.
- I am like a green olive tree in the house of my God; I refuse to be like stubble that is burnt and trodden under foot. Amen.