

Bristol Conference 1962 - Part 7

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William MacDonald emphasizes God's love for Israel and the importance of sincere worship and offerings in the sermon on Malachi.

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Scripture: Malachi 3:1

Topics: "Conference"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the book of Malachi in the Bible. The sermon begins by highlighting the importance of fellowship with God and the need to fear and honor His name. The preacher then discusses the judgment of the wicked and the coming of the Messiah to reign in righteousness. The sermon also emphasizes the importance of obedience and the promise of Elijah's return before the coming of the Lord. Overall, the sermon encourages gratitude towards God and emphasizes the blessings of God on the remnant and the judgment of the wicked.

Transcript

The Tender Shepherd will gather every one of those into his heavenly fold, certainly thought so. Malachi chapter 1, verse 1, the burden of the word of the Lord is revealed by Malachi. I have loved you, saith the Lord, yet ye say, wherein hast thou loved us? Your eyes shall see, ye shall say, those of Israel.

The name Malachi means messenger of the Lord, and then the Lord Jesus Christ himself is spoken of, messenger, in this wonderful book. It's easy to remember that Malachi prophesied at the same time as the book of Nehemiah. In other words, the people are back in the land after their exile, and the temple has been rebuilt, and the city has been rebuilt by now, too.

And you'd think the people would be happily going on for the Lord, but sad to say that isn't the case. Now, the prophecy itself is really divided into two parts. The first part extends up to chapter 3, verse 15, and what you have in this section is that there replies judgment.

Chapter 1, verse 1, through chapter 3, verse 15, you have Israel. There replies to the Lord, mind you, they spoke pretty brazenly to him, and then he threatens judgment of them. And then the second part of the book extends from chapter 3, verse 16, to the end, and it's judgment, verse 16, through the blessing of God on the remnant, and God's judgment of the wicked.

Now, as the book opens, you hear God judges them with the sin in gratitude. That extends the Lord said, I love you. He said, look, I told you this should have been a sin, but you know, we can never be no human tongue for all that he's done to show our gratitude.

You know, somebody figured out that the 30th days of my life broke down and was willing to take my public. I'm not sure I, you know, you'll never be able to do it. That, that we can have a single in the midst of the sin.

When I think of ingratitude, I find my 19th, and I've seen the process and died for me. Then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make. That settled a lot of questions for me.

Then the next thing the Lord deals with, the priests were, and my question in other words, there are, and of course, when the prayer was ended, I just, after he had said the whole congregation, each person in that congregation of two or 3,000, and then they go, well, here the Lord is. Isn't that a shame to come and offer to the Lord God. Makes me think of what a little boy out in the church, sending their folks, their little boys, right? And enter in throughout one day, Isabel came home and her mother said, he had to wait until that mother's body was laid in the grave.

And then I think of this whole matter of offering to leave it to that. Sometimes I think, and seeing some of the pictures and did them and students like that, the single eye to the glory of the Lord Jesus. And oftentimes, unfortunately, they don't think in any particular among today.

But if you don't come to me and worship me, God is not going to be robbed. If I don't do it, I often said to young people, if you don't give your all, he'll find someone else to do it. But you'll never find him that never will.

And that's the thought I think of this next version. And then he goes on to tell them how they can imagine a thought that would go through the mind of the Lord is invisible. And in other words, if anything's good enough, give all the odds and ends to them that I say, I say, you go off of them to the governor, shut a fallen thing to your heart.

We thought the president was going to be at the worship meeting. The place could be crowded out. Somebody greater than the president is there somebody greater than the president.

The thing that is a true vision of the greatness and holiness of God. God is spoken of today in Germany. And the way you hear people speak, we've lost a vision of the greatness and the holiness of God.

And it's reflected today. But then in the verse, the first time I've been in verses 10 and these people come in goodwill. And you know, as long as I can remember, and we do it, in the country today, any audience of Christians, and I want to tell you tonight that this is one of I believe in the realm of your, and we can sing all we want about how much we love the Lord.

And then he allows us to reach him. And then in this same chapter, you'll find a piece of 17. First divorce and remarry.

We have wearied those and honestly, the tenor of our times, it was called your God is your God. Then in the first six verses, in such a sense, tithes and offerings, everybody tithes. Did you know that? You need to tithe to the, you don't feel God.

And when the misery comes, remember that if we don't, he owns his cattle, so much for his good as for our own. And here they were robbing God. And look at what they were, you know, the word offer.

And when he got to the end, he says, well, now God is looking for us to be a part of this little remnant today in our world.

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