

Worship Matters

Malachi 1:6-2:9

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Thesis: Our worship matters to God. It matters to Him in both the condition of our heart and how we go about worshiping Him.

1. God cares about your worship (1:6-14)
 - A. Worthless worship dishonors God and reveals our hearts (vs. 6-8).

 - B. No worship is better than false worship (vs. 9-11).

 - C. God will punish false worship (vs. 11-14).

 - D. New Testament Connection:

2. God cares about the worship of those who lead His people (2:1-9)
 - A. God will punish unbiblical leaders (vs. 1-3).

 - B. Leaders must teach the truth (vs. 4-6).

 - C. Leaders must know the seriousness of who they represent (vs. 7-9).

D. New Testament Connection:

3. Making the connection to my life: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A. Major doctrines:

1. Worship
2. Repentance
3. Eschatology

B. Where does my thinking need corrected?

C. Where does my behavior need reproof?

1. Am I currently living in sin?

2. Is there an area of my life where I am practicing "false worship?"

3. Am I willing to repent?

D. What is the instruction in righteousness from this passage?

1. Know the Word of God and live the Word of God.

2. Purpose to make one change in one area of your life where you are not giving your all to worship the Lord.