
Malachi: Insincerity Exposed

I. The Times

II. The Issues

III. The Message

Return to Me and I will return to you says the Lord!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of a time that you were really upset with your circumstances because of what someone else did, only later to realize you were really at fault? What did you do after you saw your own fault?

2. Read Mark 7:1-16. What upset the religious leaders (Pharisees & scribes)? (v. 1-5)

Jesus exposed the real issue in verses 6-8. What was it?

How did Jesus further reveal the error in another practice of theirs? (v. 9-16)

Do you see any traditions that Christians follow today that result in the same thing as what was in these men? (v. 6-7) Do you see yourself caught up in any of those traditions?

3. In Mark 7:17-23 Jesus addresses the issue further with His disciples. What is the Lord's greatest concern in the lives of His people?

What is the condition of yours?

Do religious practices sometimes end up producing the wrong results? Why?

What best helps you to "guard your heart" (Prov. 4:23)? See Mark 12:30-31.

4. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?