

Why Are We Unfaithful to One Another?

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A Study of the Book of Malachi

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***Israel's
Faithlessness
To One
Another***



Malachi 2:10

“Don’t all of us have one Father? Didn’t one God create us? Why then do we act treacherously against one another,



Malachi 2:10

*profaning the covenant of our
Fathers?”*



The “Father” is the Lord.

- He says you only exist because of Me.
- Don't forget who called you.
- Don't forget where you came from.



“His Brother” is the community of Faith.

- Our unity testifies to your belief in God.
- Our unity as a Christian comes from our love of Christ



***Israel's
Faithlessness
To The
Precepts of God***



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Malachi 2:11

“Judah has acted treacherously and a detestable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem, for Judah has profaned the Lord’s sanctuary



Malachi 2:11

which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.”



This is an
Abomination
and is
detestable to God.



Jeremiah 7:9

“Do you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods that you have not known?”



They had divorced God

- Their first love - idolatry
- They had disobeyed God's Word regarding marriage



God had Strictly Forbidden Intermarriage in the Old Testament



Deuteronomy 7:3-4

*“Do not intermarry with them.
Do Not give your daughters to
their sons or take their
daughters for your sons,*



Deuteronomy 7:3-4

because they will turn your sons from Me to worship other gods. Then the Lord's anger will burn against you."



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2 Corinthians 6:15

“What agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?”



God's Precepts
Are Principles
That we are
To live by!



A Christian even
Dating an unbeliever
Is against
God's Word.



Malachi 2:12

“To the man who does this, may the LORD cut off any descendants from the tents of Jacob,



Malachi 2:12

*“even if they present an offering
to the Lord of Hosts.”*



There Should Be
No
Distractions
In A Believer's Life!



1 Samuel 15:22

“Does the LORD take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord?”



1 Samuel 15:22

“Look: to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams.”



Following False “gods” Distracts Us From God!



Israel married foreign “gods”
and still sacrificed to Yahweh!

- An Abomination
- Detestable



***Israel's
Faithlessness
To Their
Marriage Partners***



Malachi 2:13

“And this is another thing you do: you cover the Lord’s altar with tears, with weeping and groaning,



Malachi 2:13

“because He no longer respects your offerings or receives them gladly from your hands.”



God brings His indictments to Israel to show their faithlessness:

- #1 – To One Another
- #2 – To God's Precepts
- #3 – To Marriage Partners



Tears, Weeping & Groaning

- Led them to be cursed.
- Malachi connected their marriages with their wives to their covenant with God.



Malachi 2:14

*“Yet you ask, ‘For what reason?’
Because the LORD has been a
witness between you and the
wife of your youth.*



Malachi 2:14

“You have acted treacherously against her though she was your marriage partner and your wife by covenant.”



They Feigned Innocence

- Divorce is seldom the last choice.



As a covenant the
Christian should do
Everything possible to
Make it work.



Marriage is not meant
To make us “happy”!
Marriage is meant
To make us “holy”!



***Israel's Renewal Begins
with Faithfulness
To the
Covenant of Marriage***



Malachi 2:15-16

“Didn’t the one God make us with a remnant of His life-breath? And what does the One seek?”



Malachi 2:15-16

“A godly offspring. So watch yourselves carefully, and do not act treacherously against the wife of your youth.”



Malachi 2:15-16

“If he hates and divorces his wife, says the LORD GOD of Israel, he covers his garment with injustice,



Malachi 2:15-16

*“says the Lord of Hosts.
Therefore, watch yourselves
carefully, and do not act
treacherously.”*



They Must Repent and Return



Watch Yourselves

- Who is speaking to you?
- Reinforce our covenants with our spouse and with God



Why Should Unbelievers Give Us Spiritual Advice?



Instead,
Seek out
Godly Brothers
And Sisters!



James 5:16

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed.”



1 Corinthians 15:33

*“Do not be deceived, bad
company corrupts good
morals.”*



Who are your closest
friends?
Whose advice do you
depend on?





Godly Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faith

Gentleness

Self-control



Love, Joy, Peace
Patience, Kindness, Goodness
Faith, Gentleness, Self-Control

What Do They Describe?



Love, Joy, Peace
Patience, Kindness, Goodness
Faith, Gentleness, Self-Control

Are they Attitudes?
Actions?



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Patience, Kindness, Goodness
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If they can be seen –
By Whom?



God Hates Divorce!

- In divorce you have not just put your wife away, you have put God away!



God Hates Divorce!

- You have also acted treacherously against your wife and God.



God's Holy Spirit
speaks to your spirit.
Take heed therefore
and watch your spirit!



A little Commentary:

God “Hates” Divorce

God “Hates” the one who
covers “his garment with
violence”!



A little Commentary:

To cover a woman with a garment was to claim her as His wife.

(Deut. 22:30; Ezek. 16:8; Ruth 3:9)



A little Commentary:

To cast one's garment
with violence is to act
treacherously against the
wife and God.



Conclusion
Christ as the Faithful
Bridegroom Relentlessly
Pursuing His Bride, the
Church.



Divorce is not an
Unpardonable Sin.

God hates all sin.



You Confess.
You Repent.
You Are Forgiven.
You Move On.

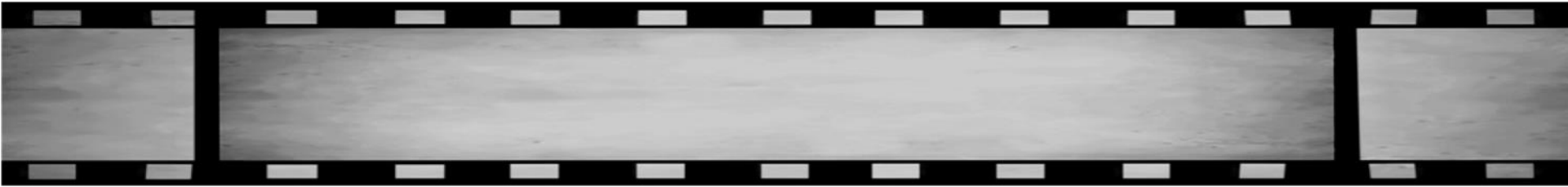


Failure need
Not be final
In a believer's life.



Marriage is till death
separates us.
Jesus set the example
Jesus is faithful





Be on Guard
Watch Yourself
Do not act treacherously



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