

Sacrifice?
Malachi 1:6-14
LG Questions for 04/26/09

Getting Started

Describe a time when you depended on someone to do something for you and they made little if any effort to meet your need. Was it an employee, sibling, child? How did it make you feel and why did that person do such a poor job? Did you confront them and if so what was their reasoning for doing such a poor job? What was missing in their effort that would have made the difference?

Getting Into The Bible

1) Read Malachi 1:6-14. What is God's charge, and against whom is it proclaimed? How do the priests' react to the charge? How does God prove his charge against them (Vs. 8 & 13)? Read Numbers 18:1-2. Who brought and killed these sacrifices? How do we do with giving God our father the best of what we have (time, talent, and treasure)?

2) **Read Malachi 1:7-11.** How does the 'poor sacrifice' say the people despised the table of the Lord? Would they have known about this requirement? Read Deuteronomy 15:19-23. What type of animal was never to be offered for sacrifice? How did the priests in Malachi do in enforcing this requirement? (See Malachi 1:9&13). Read Isaiah 1:10-20. What does this say about God's consistent, never changing character? In view of God's character, what does it say about how we commit ourselves to God?

3) **Read Malachi 1:12-14.** Compare and contrast this with Isaiah 43:22-28. What are some of the underline issues in these sections of scripture? How do we as believers struggle in acting the same way? Compare your insights from the above to 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 (See Acts 5:1-11). List some of the ways you personally seek after God but fail to offer yourself to him. Spend time praying that God will change your hearts.