

Communion Meditation

Malachi 1.6-11

God's Name Shall be Great

September 17th, 2017

v6 ~ **“Where is My honor?” says God to the Priests**

- Priests were to lead people & model obedience to God
 - Yet instead they “despised His name”
- Priests honored their governor but not their God (v8)
- Book of Malachi chronicles rhetorical dialogue between God and priests
 - “In what way have we defiled You?” (1.7)
 - “In what way have we wearied Him?” (2.17)
 - “In what way have we robbed Him?” (3.8)

v9 ~ **“But now entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us”**

- “I have no pleasure in you” says the Lord of hosts
- “Nor will I accept an offering from your hands.” (v10)
- We're familiar with representative headship
 - Our Senators & Representatives reflect us to the world
 - Pastors and elders reflect us to God

v11 ~ **“For from the rising .. says the Lord of hosts”**

- God's Church & its leaders reflect upon God for good or ill
 - “My name shall be great among the Gentiles”
 - “My name shall be great among the nations”
- God asserts this to be true – it will happen
 - But will the leaders of His Church aid or oppose Him in this?
- Malachi's words are directed at Church leaders
 - But everyone else witnesses the dialogue

God will be regarded as great among the nations

That is His promise to the earth

Yet pastors and elders in His own Church oppose this

They deign to be embarrassed of God