
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, September 2, 2012

“HONORING COMMITMENTS”

(Malachi 2:1-16)

Growing people are those who make commitments and fulfill them. While we are called on to make commitments in all areas of life, are your commitments to God being squeezed out by lesser things?

1. Responsibility: Respond in _____.
(Malachi 2:2, NASB).

A. _____ God (v. 5)

B. Embrace _____ (v. 6)

C. Live _____ (v. 6)

2. Warning: Recognize the _____
(Malachi 2:2, NASB).

3. Reason: Remember the _____
(Malachi 2:5, NASB).

4. Failure: Falling to _____
(Malachi 3:8, NASB).

5. Action: Building Up _____
(Malachi 2:15-16, NASB).

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“A sluggard does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing” (Proverbs 20:4, NIV).

1. Responsibility: Respond in obedience

“If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name” (Malachi 2:2, NASB).

“But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22, HCSB).

A. Revere God (v. 5)

B. Embrace truth (v. 6)

C. Live right (v. 6)

2. Warning: Recognize the Consequences

“‘If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart’” (Malachi 2:2, NASB).

3. Reason: Remember the benefits

“My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him as an object of reverence; so he revered Me and stood in awe of My name” (Malachi 2:5, NASB).

4. Failure: Falling to unfaithfulness

“But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by the instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi,’ says the Lord of hosts” (Malachi 3:8, NASB).

5. Action: Building Up Boundaries

“Let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. ‘For I hate divorce,’ says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘and him who covers his garment with wrong,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously’” (Malachi 2:15-16, NASB).