

The Burden of the Word of the Lord in Malachi

(The last book of the Old Testament Scriptures)

Meeting 4

At the end of the Old Testament Scriptures in Malachi, God especially addresses the priesthood. That shows how important the priesthood is to God. It is His plan. The condition of the priesthood had become fallen and corrupt; and God was very angry. Do not think that our God is just a God of love and that there is no judgment. The number one word which describes our God is that He is righteous. It is clearly written that He hates lawlessness (Heb. 1:9), especially with regard to His priests. The priesthood cannot be lawless but must be righteous and holy. Holiness is very important for God because our God is also holy. 1 Peter 1:16 says, *"...it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.'"* In the next chapter in 1 Peter 2:5 and 9, we see that God desires to have a holy and royal priesthood.

At the beginning, when God brought His people out of Egypt, He told them that He wanted them to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Exod. 19:6), because all the other nations were unholy. You do not have to look very far to find them – our neighborhood in LA has a place that is not holy – Hollywood – or “unhollywood.” There is nothing holy there. This is the world today. But we should be the exact opposite. Especially in the matter of the priesthood, holiness is very important. Zechariah 14:20-21 says: *"In that day 'HOLINESS TO THE LORD' shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts..."* The word says,

“In that day” – do not wait until that day because you might not be there! What about now, today? The priesthood today should be holiness unto the Lord.

As was mentioned before, it is possible to do many kinds of services for God without being holy. For example, many preachers and pastors who preach the gospel are not very holy. We have all seen that. In the end, the situation becomes so unholy that anyone who wants to practice holiness is kicked out. Is that well pleasing to God? Definitely not! That does not mean that we do not have to be holy to do these other services – we do – because the church of God must be holy. He wants to have a glorious church, holy and without blemish (Eph. 5:27). Our vision is not only of Christ and the church (because there are many kinds of churches everywhere to choose from), but of Christ and the glorious church! How can you be glorious if you are not holy and are full of blemishes? It is impossible. To have a glorious church we must practice the holy priesthood. The Lord’s burden today is for us to practice the holy priesthood.

The Lord’s Stern Rebuke to the Unfaithful Priests who Defiled the Priesthood and the Covenant of Levi

For Despising the Lord’s Name – Not Giving Honor and Reverence
to His Name

Let us come back to Malachi 1 concerning the priesthood. The LORD told the priests that they despised His name, *“Yet you say, ‘In what way have despised Your name?’”* (v. 6). The priests were not even conscious of what they were doing. The same goes for us today, “Lord, You say we are despising Your name, but every Sunday when we come together, we seem to be honoring Your name.” But that is only on Sunday – and maybe you do not even honor God on Sundays because you are just going to the meeting

in a routine way, "Oh, it's Sunday, I have to go to church." What about giving reverence to His name on Monday through Saturday, and even right after the Sunday morning meeting? You might go to the theatre and do many other activities that are not well pleasing to God. Do you think the God does not know what you are doing and that you can fool Him? The Lord Jesus said: *"These people...honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me"* (Matt. 15:8).

For Profaning the Table of the Lord

The priests asked, *"In what way have we despised Your name?"* The LORD responded, *"You offer defiled food on My altar, but say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible'"* (Mal. 1:7). In their hearts, they despised the table of the Lord. The meeting may be an hour and a half long, and you keep looking at your watch. If it goes overtime and turns into a two-hour meeting, you sigh, "O my goodness, that's so long!" Many people do this. What is that? That is despising the Lord's table! You are present at His table, but you do not even know what you are eating and of what you are partaking. Read 1 Corinthians 11 again. The Lord was very angry with the church in Corinth, because when they came to the Lord's table, they did not realize what they were eating because they mixed up their love feast with the Lord's table. The Lord said that they were eating and drinking to their own judgment (1 Cor. 11:29). So, He did judge them as many were sickly, and some even died. The Lord would rather have someone shut the door so that they would not have the Lord's table anymore (Mal. 1:10), for it is better not to have it at all than to have it the way they had it! We need to know that we are dealing with the living God. He is the great God!

"And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil?" (Mal. 1:8a). In Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, God demands that

any sacrifice brought to Him must be perfect. Do not bring to Him a lamb with an ear missing or a foot missing, or a sick lamb that you yourself would not eat or keep. The Lord said, *“when you offer the blind”* – even if it is just blind in one eye, it is defective – *“is it not evil?”* In the eyes of God, it is evil because this animal sacrifice represents Christ; and Christ is perfect. He is the Lamb without blemish; in Him there is no sin. Our Lord is perfect, so how can you offer something that is not perfect to God? God will never accept it. He is God. *“And when you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?” Says the LORD of hosts*” (Mal. 1:8b). The Lord is speaking in our language – a language that everyone can understand.

“But now entreat God’s favor, that He may be gracious to us. While this is being done by your hands, will He accept you favorably?” says the LORD of hosts.” (Mal. 1:9). When the Lord was on this earth, He knew the Father listened to Him and answered His prayers because He always did the things that were well pleasing to the Father (John 8:29). Suppose you always do things that are not well pleasing to Him, and you suddenly need Him and ask Him, “Lord, help me! Do this for me!” Then He will say, “I have told you so many things, but you did not listen to Me! And now that you need something you come to Me?” No wonder He oftentimes says “no” when we ask Him for something.

God’s Indignation at Such Degraded Behavior of the Priests

“Who is there even among you who would shut the doors...” The Lord would prefer that the door of the meeting hall – or His temple at the time – would be shut *“...so that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain”* (Mal. 1:10a). In this situation, everything you would be doing before God would be in vain because God would not accept it. If you get engaged, and give

your fiancée a fake diamond, she will cancel the engagement! You must give God what is due to Him! Do not just bring Him some last-minute thing that He will not accept.

“I have no pleasure in you’ says the LORD of hosts” (Mal. 1:10b). God only has pleasure in His beloved Son. Several times God the Father said, *“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”* (Matt. 3:17; 17:5; 2 Pet. 1:17). If you bring an offering to God our Father that is anything else than His Son, He will have no pleasure in it. You must know what He wants.

We have been learning to practice the priesthood since 2014. It is not easy to practice the priesthood. I am always holding back from saying words that are too strong because they might cause you to give up. But now is the time for us to really know what God demands of us. God says very clearly, *“Nor will I accept an offering from your hands”* (Mal. 1:10c). Even a dog’s food needs preparation; the dog will not accept nor eat paper dipped in soy sauce because it is not real food. We are bringing an offering to God. Why would we think that God does not know what we are offering to Him? So do not just bring anything but be prepared! That is why hymn 495 says, *“May the Spirit teach us daily these offerings to prepare.”* Our offerings need preparation!

“For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; in every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering...” (Mal. 1:11a)

This is the prophetic word of God that in the time of the millennial kingdom, all the nations will come to Jerusalem and bring a pure offering to the Father. But today, as the priesthood in the temple of the Lord, we should be the first ones to bring such a pure offering to God our Father. This is a privilege, a gift given by God to the priesthood. It is our privilege to gain Christ. Don’t think, *“Oh it’s the Lord’s Day meeting – I have to bring something again. This is so wearisome and burdensome.”* If that is your attitude,

don't bring anything. Just come. God will not force anyone to bring something. We bring an offering because we love our heavenly Father. He has done so much for us! He saved us, regenerated us, and gave us His Holy Spirit indwelling us. We all were born in sin and were not good to begin with, just like Jacob; but the Lord is working with us to transform us into Israel. I ask the Lord often, "Who am I that You saved me, chose me, and died for me?" Are we that precious? Yes, in the eyes of God we are very precious. Therefore, He said, *"Jacob I have loved"* (Mal. 1:2b) and *"...My name shall be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts*" (Mal. 1:11b).

"But you profane it [My name]" (Mal. 1:12a). How can the world believe in the Lord Jesus Christ if we as Christians are no different from those who are in the world, and we live just like them? We do the same things they do and love the same things they love. They are worldly, and we are also worldly. Why then should they believe in the Lord? The church must be a golden lampstand shining in the darkness! If we who believe and are saved are not shining, but are the same as the people of the world, and do not care if others are saved, then why should they believe in our God? *"You profane it [My name] in that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled, and its fruit, its food is contemptible'"* (Mal. 1:12b). God's word is very serious. Who brought the contemptible food as offerings? Did God put defiled food on His table for you? No, the ones who brought the defiled and contemptible food are the ones who said that the table is contemptible! This is how we are, and it is how the priests were – they had become so fallen.

"You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' and you sneer at it..." (Mal. 1:13a). We must ask ourselves: Is it wearisome and burdensome for us to bring an offering and to keep the feasts of the Lord? You go to work prepared every day. If you think it is wearisome and tell your boss, "This is troublesome; I'm not going to do that. I'm

tired of it.” Your boss will tell you, “What did you say? You can go home. You’re done (fired)!” You sigh to yourself, “I need to prepare some verses and get into the word for the feast again. What a weariness. I’ll just let the leading brothers prepare.” Who are the leading brothers and the responsible ones? YOU are the one who is responsible! Otherwise, who is going to bring food?

“And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?” says the LORD?” (Mal. 1:13b). You cannot imagine the evil they did in bringing the stolen, lame and sick offerings. At this time, I hope all of you can take this word and not be offended. This is God’s question to you. Are you willing to take this word?

“But cursed be the deceiver who has in his flock a male, and takes a vow, but sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished – for I am a great King,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘And My name is to be feared among the nations”” (Mal. 1:14). They wanted to cheat God! We must have the godly fear of the Lord! In the book of Acts, at the beginning of the church life, the saints sold everything and brought it all to the church. There was a couple, Ananias and Sapphira, who sold some of their property; but they kept part of the proceeds for themselves (Acts. 5:1-11). When Ananias brought “all” of the proceeds before Peter, he thought he could cheat Peter, but he was cheating the Holy Spirit! Peter asked him, *“Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...”* (Acts. 5:3). He did not say, “Why did you lie to me?” because he was just Peter, a man. “But why did you lie to the Holy Spirit? The property is yours to give and keep whatever you like; you don’t have to give God everything. But why did you lie to the Holy Spirit?” It was very foolish because nothing is hidden from God – He knows everything! So, Ananias fell dead on the spot. Later his wife came and did the same thing; both had to be carried out. The point was not that they did not give everything – you can give whatever you

like to the Lord, but do not lie to Him. You cannot cheat God. Don't be a deceiver to God! Give Him honor. He is the almighty God, He created everything, and everything belongs to Him. Nothing is hidden from His eyes; He is the God who knows everything from the past to the future and who searches the hearts.

"...and My name is to be feared among the nations." If His name is to be feared among the nations, how much more does His name need to be feared among us, who know the Lord. The nations today do not fear God. In a way I do not blame them because they do not know God and do not believe in His existence. But you know God! This is why God said at the beginning *"Where is My honor...Where is My reverence?"* (Mal. 1:6).

God's Warning with Severe Punishment to the Unfaithful Priests

In Malachi 2, God began by addressing the priests. He did not say, "O my people," "O Christians," or "O My children," but *"And now, O priests..."* (Mal. 2:1). To be a priest is something wonderful! Don't say, "I'm afraid, so I'm not going to be a priest." No, you are a priest! This is a wonderful gift of God – do not give up!

"And now, O priests, this commandment is for you. If you will not hear, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to My name..." (Mal. 2:1-2a). Everything God pointed out that the priests did in Malachi chapter 1 did not bring glory but shame to God's name, especially among the Gentiles. So many people in the world laugh at us Christians because we are not living as a people expressing the glory of God. Can you imagine if all of God's people were to express His glory? Then the whole world would be saved today! But we are even ashamed of calling ourselves Christians. Shame on us!

“‘If you will not hear, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to My name,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already...’” (Mal. 2:2). Would the Lord God do such a thing? Yes, He would – He is God. It is as the Lord said in Matthew 23 to the Pharisees: Woe to you! Would we rather have blessings or woe? Of course, we would prefer blessings; then we must be priests who give glory to His name. This is reasonable. I have seen blessings turn into curse, where in the first few years the church life was wonderful, but when things became fallen, everything turned into a curse. Once you leave the blessings and do things that are offensive to the Lord, do not expect the Lord to continue His blessings. All the things that were full of life and truth that the Lord blessed in the past will turn into a curse once you do not follow the Lamb and do not care for what He is doing. You will not die physically, but your spiritual condition will go downhill. You will be spiritually like Sardis, having a name that you are alive, but you are dead with hardly any more experiences. People who are alive and who know the truth can see the real condition.

Then the Lord said, “Behold I will rebuke your descendants” (Mal. 2:3a). The Hebrew word used for descendants literally is “seed” (see outline IV. B. 2). “I will rebuke the seed.” What happens when the seed doesn’t grow? You will no longer have juicy plums and mangoes and all kinds of wonderful fruits, wheat, corn and barley to enjoy. You will be laboring so hard, but nothing will grow. This is one meaning: the seed. The New King James version uses another meaning of seed: “I will rebuke your descendants,” meaning your descendants will not have the blessing. The younger generation always looks upon the older generation. You want your generation and the next generation to have the blessing, even up to the third and fourth generations! A third translation is, “I will take away from you the shoulder” because the shoulder and the best part of the offerings belong to the

priest. The shoulder signifies the strength of Christ, the breast signifies the love. The spiritual love and strength of the Lord is the priest's portion. That is the best part! How wonderful! But here, God told His people that they would lose the best part. If the Lord takes away the best part, what are we left with?

God then said that He would *"spread refuse on your faces, the refuse of your solemn feasts..."* (Mal 2:3b). When His people went to the feast, they brought goats and sheep and other animals as offerings which were slaughtered at the altar before they were offered to God. So, there was a place for the refuse, dung, and dirt right by the altar. The Lord said He was going to throw the refuse on their faces! I would not dare to do that to anyone. If I were to invite you to dinner at my home and throw all the refuse on your face – that would not be very nice! But the Lord would do it, and not only that, He said, *"and one will take you away with it"* (Mal. 2:3c), meaning *"I will throw you away together with the refuse at the dunghill,"* which is where all the refuse is dumped. Do you think the Lord will not do that? When He comes back, if we are not part of the first fruits, the Lord will put you somewhere where the dung is being thrown away, and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. That is why we need to have a godly fear in our hearts. Do not just express any kind of opinion and do anything you like. No, before God you should not do that. You must respect this wonderful, great God.

"Then you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant with Levi may continue" (Mal. 2:4). God is concerned about His covenant with Levi, the priestly tribe. Without it, the whole priesthood would be gone, thrown on the dunghill. This word shows us how serious, how important, and how holy the priesthood is to God. And if we through the reading of this word still do not realize it, then we cannot be helped; God cannot help us. The word God has spoken in this book is strong

enough for us to take it seriously. He is not joking. People look down on the priesthood and do not think it is necessary. That is fine, we do not force anyone to practice the priesthood, nor are we against those who do not bring the offerings. We are not a church that divides between those who give offerings and those who do not! It is your own decision and desire if you want to bring an offering to God. Do not say, “Oh, why didn’t you bring an offering?” A person brings an offering to God, not to you. If the offering were for you, you would have the right to ask, but the offerings are for God. Our God has such a big heart. If you are practicing the priesthood, bring to God according to what you desire – it is a voluntary act.

God’s Covenant with Levi

“My covenant was with him...” (Mal. 2:5a). God made a covenant with Levi and will not change His covenant – a contract is a contract. You may break it, but God will not. He is a God who keeps His covenant. If God did not keep His covenant, especially the new covenant, and you offend Him and He decides to take it back, that would not be good. God will never take back His covenant with us. This is wonderful; this is how great God is!

*“My covenant was with him, one of **life and peace**”* (Mal. 2:5a). This covenant with Levi is not a covenant of demands, but one of life and peace. What is life? If I look at my 9-year-old granddaughter, I cannot compare her to me because I am so much older. There is a big difference between us because it is a matter of life! I cannot demand of her what God demands of me. If I would demand of her my standard, there will be no peace between us! In the church life it is a matter of life and peace. This is not easy to understand, but after many years in the church life, I begin to understand what life is. I cannot demand of others who do not yet have that level of life or growth in that part of their life,

because it is a matter of life. It is also a matter of peace. Without peace, everything else is pointless. In whatever we do in the priesthood, especially in the church life, we must remember these two important points of the covenant: life and peace. Especially if you belong to the tribe of Levi, the priestly tribe, then you must take care of life and take care of peace. If we do not have these two, the priesthood will not work.

“And I gave them [life and peace] to him [the tribe of Levi] that he might fear Me; so he feared Me and was reverent before My name” (Mal. 2:5b). Unfortunately, the last phrase *“he feared Me and **was** reverent”* is in the past tense, indicating that he left that covenant. He changed not for the better but for the worse. If you want to change, change for the better, not for the worse! Be transformed into His image from glory to glory. If you want to change jobs, change to a better job; everybody desires to move up. We want to go from glory to glory – from good to better, from better to the best!

The covenant with Levi is a very special covenant. It is not the same as the covenant that God made with Moses and all the people of Israel in general, but a covenant that God made specifically with the tribe of Levi because they stood on His side. Do not just be among God’s people in a general way following the crowd and doing whatever they do. Otherwise, when they worship the golden calf, you will too. When Moses was on Mount Horeb (Sinai), God’s people could not even wait forty days for Moses to return, so they started to worship the golden calf (Exod. 32). They had even brought their favorite idols with them out of Egypt. Of course, God knew it and told them: “In the forty years in the wilderness, did you offer Me offerings; no, you secretly carried around your idols like Moloch with you” (Amos 5:25-26). He tolerated their idolatry, hoping they would change, but they did not. When Moses came down from Mount Horeb, and saw

what they were doing, he said: *"Whoever is on the LORD's side – come to me!"* (Exod. 32: 26). Only the sons of Levi came to stand with him on the LORD's side. That is not very many people. With whom would you prefer to stand – with the majority, the 11 tribes, or with Moses on God's side to be separated from whatever else was happening? The majority did not stand on God's side. God originally wanted to make the whole nation a kingdom of priests, but now His plan was reduced to one tribe – the tribe of Levi. So, God made a special covenant with Levi. Do you want the covenant of Levi, or do you just want to serve God in a general way? You have a choice, but you need to know what the choices are. If you don't know what the choices are, then you have no choice. You should know that God gave His people a choice.

Read Leviticus 21 to see that the requirements for the priesthood are very special, wonderful, and holy. In Leviticus God said, *"You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy"* (Lev. 19:2; 20:26). God is a holy God, and the priesthood must be holy. You must **pursue** holiness. Are you a person pursuing holiness? What do you when you realize there is habit or a certain part in your life that is not holy? Do you just sit there and say, "O Lord, make me holy!" – but do not condemn anything in your life that is unholy and do not cooperate with the Lord to deal with it? He will tell you, "What about your cooperation?" You have to pursue holiness, without which no one can see God (Heb. 12:14). *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"* (Matt. 5:8). No wonder none of us can see God because we are impure. If you were to see God directly, you will not survive – just as looking directly into the sun would blind you. Holiness is very important. That is why God dwells in the Holy of Holies, and why the priesthood has a high requirement of holiness. If you do not pursue holiness and do not *want* to pursue holiness, know that holiness is a very strong requirement for the priesthood.

God's Plan with His People from the Beginning Is to Have a Kingdom of Priests

From the very beginning, God's plan with His people is to have a kingdom of priests. At the end of the Bible in the book of Revelation, it is clearly written, that He not only loved us and saved us to release us from the bondage of sin, but His goal is to make us kings and priests to our God (Rev. 1:5-6). God's plan will never change! From the beginning, when God saved His people out of Egypt His purpose was to make them a kingdom of priests, a holy nation and a treasure for Himself (Exod. 19:5-6). Children might consider stones from the road or seashells from the beach as a real treasure. Our treasure might be doctrines and books, but that is not God's treasure. God's treasure is pure gold. In the heavenly New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:18-21, the city is of gold; its gates are pearls. The Lord is seeking the pearl of great price. The walls and foundations of the city are built of precious stones. That is why the Lord must transform each one of us into a precious stone. We are His treasure! And God desires to have such a treasure, to build up the heavenly Jerusalem, a kingdom of priests. And in eternity in Revelation 22:4-5, we will serve Him as priests and see His face. Praise the Lord, at that time we will see Him face to face!

A Covenant of Life and Peace to Those who Fear the Lord

Only the tribe of Levi had the privilege of the priesthood. God made this special covenant of life and peace with the tribe of Levi. The actual priestly service was only for Aaron and his sons. And then there is a special vocation to Phinehas. At that time, Balak, the Moabite king, was seeking to destroy Israel; and at the terrible advice of Balaam, Balak send their women to mingle with God's people (Num. 31:15-16; 25:1-3). Balaam knew that this would

cause God to judge His people and the judgment would be great. God's wrath was upon Israel and all the offenders were to be hanged before the Lord. But one man begged to keep his Midianite wife, and no one dared to separate them. When Phinehas saw it, he took a spear, and went after them and pierced through them both! You might think this was horrible. Indeed, it was, but it shows that Phinehas was 100% for God's plan. The result immediately after was that God's judgment of the plague ceased (Num. 25:6-8). Otherwise, His wrath would have continued. Phinehas pierced them not just for God but for God's judgment to cease, because he knew all the tribes had sinned against God. If they had let that couple continue, God's plan for a holy nation would have disappeared! So, we must know and understand God's plan, otherwise we would think Phinehas' act was merciless. Our understanding of mercy is not God's understanding of mercy. That spear was mercy because it stopped God's judgment. Because Phinehas was zealous with God's zeal, God rewarded him and his descendants with a covenant of a perpetual (everlasting) priesthood (vv. 11-13). There are so many things we can learn from the Holy Scriptures to prove to us how important the priesthood is.

Priests Are the Messengers of the LORD of Hosts

In this special priesthood, the priests are the real messengers of the LORD of hosts, *"The law of truth was in his mouth"* (Mal. 2:6a). Priests must have truth in their mouths, not doctrines, teachings, explanations, or Bible entertainment. Speak the truth, even if people do not like to hear it! None of the mainstream media are speaking the truth. And if you speak the truth today, you will be censored. If you put on a Trump hat, you may be beaten up. Nobody dares to speak the truth. We are living in a very special time. But are you courageous to speak the truth, or are you a coward? When we speak the truth in love, we do not

Speak the truth to fight with people, but to save people. We are not here to argue with people, but to proclaim the truth of God's word. The living God is the truth. The Lord said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life"* (John 14:6). He is the truth! Apart from Him, there is no truth. *"The law of the truth was in his mouth."* Our lips must be purified. Do not speak just because you think it is right but speak because it is Christ. And do not speak to stir up unrest but speak the truth in love which will result in peace. Otherwise, it is better not to say anything. So, our lips must be purified as in Isaiah 6:5-7 because we are people of unclean lips.

"...And injustice was not found on his lips" (Mal 2:6b). Don't just speak anything; speak what is right. Justice and peace, truth and grace, light and love – according to the Bible, all of these come in pairs. If we have the light but not love, the result is not very good, and love without light results in corruption. If there is no righteousness, there is no peace. There is no grace if there is no truth. That is why, when the Lord appeared, He was full of grace and truth (John 1:14). In our experience, many times if we just speak the hard truth with a hammer, when we put the nail in the wall to hang the painting, the whole wall falls down. If you have truth without grace, your bread will be like a rock. We need all these pairs. Praise the Lord for truth and justice. Our speaking is very important.

"He walked with me in peace and equity [uprightness], and turned many away from iniquity." (Mal. 2:6c). Our daily walk is important – with our family, our children, our spouse, among the brothers and sisters. Walk with God in peace and righteousness. Don't walk alone. Be like Enoch, who walked with God. If you walk by yourself, many times you might be right, but you'll be dead right – and there will be no peace and uprightness.

“For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts” (Mal. 2:7). You must know the word. Do not just speak anything. Listen and hear what the anointing is speaking. People should seek the law from your mouth. Do not speak nonsense or speak loosely, especially as priests.

Read these verses again!

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