

Disrespect to God's Name

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Malachi 1:6-2:9 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Blind to God's Love," in the preaching series, "How's Your Heart?" It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending May 2, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Malachi 1:6-7

Questions for Reflection:

- Why does God call Himself Father and Master?
- What does this teach about honor?
- How can you honor God in your daily life?
- What does honoring God look like in your family?

Questions for Children:

- Who should we honor?
- Who is our Master?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us honor Your name in all we do. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Malachi 1:8-9

Questions for Reflection:

- What kind of sacrifices were the people offering?

- Why was God displeased?
- How can you give God your best today?
- What does this teach about worship?

Questions for Children:

- What did the people give God?
- Was it good or bad?

Prayer Prompt

Father, teach us to give You our best with thankful hearts. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Malachi 1:10-11

Questions for Reflection:

- Why did God wish someone would shut the temple doors?
- What does this say about empty worship?
- How can you worship God sincerely?
- What does true worship mean to you?

Questions for Children:

- Where did people worship?
- Who should we worship?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, make our worship real and pleasing to You. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Malachi 1:12-14

Questions for Reflection:

- What attitude did the people have toward God's table?

- Why did God call their offerings deceitful?
- How can you guard against careless worship?
- What does this teach about gratitude?

Questions for Children:

- What did people say about God's table?
- Should we give God good gifts?

Prayer Prompt

Father, help us honor You with grateful hearts and pure motives. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Malachi 2:1-9

Questions for Reflection:

- What warning did God give the priests?
- Why was God upset with their teaching?
- How can you live as an example for others?
- What does this teach about leadership?

Questions for Children:

- Who did God warn?
- What should leaders do?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us lead others to You by our words and actions. Amen.