



**HOUSE** GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Malachi 1:10-14

### (Key Verse)

**Malachi 1:11** *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; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts.*

### I. A Pure Offering:

**(Malachi 1:10):** "Who [is there] even among you who would shut the doors, So that you would not kindle fire [on] My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you," Says the LORD of hosts, "Nor will I accept an offering from your hands.

**Question:** What kind of unbiblical teachings do you think would qualify a church as being better off if they just shut their doors?

**Question:** What do you think it means to offer something the Lord in vain?

**Question:** Why is the Lord more concerned with our hearts being righteous as opposed to having an appearance of righteousness?

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**Question:** How is the church to be used in bringing the world to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?

**READ:** Matthew 28:19

**Question:** How would you describe a pure offering before the Lord?

## **II. A Profaned Offering:**

**(Malachi 1:12-14):** **12** "But you profane it, In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is defiled; And its fruit, its food, [is] contemptible.' **13** You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it," Says the LORD of hosts. "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. **14** "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.

**Question:** What would cause our sacrifices to the Lord to be profaned, and what can we do to ensure a pure heart of giving unto the Lord?

**Question:** Why do you believe that the people of Israel complained about giving the first-fruits of their increase to the Lord?

**Question:** What leads a follower of Jesus to begin to view his commitment, sacrifice, and obedience to the Lord as an imposition?

**Question:** How does a bad attitude towards Christian service, if left unchecked, eventually lead to walking away from the Lord?

**Question:** Why is it better to not give and to not vow than to give grudgingly, or to go back on what you've committed to the Lord?

**Question:** What are some practical suggestions for honoring the Lord with what He has blessed us with, and for giving our best to Him in all that we do?