

“The Call to Return to Authentic Worship” 1/14/18

Malachi 1:6-14

Sermon Series- *“Malachi- Overcoming Spiritual Indifference and Complacency”*

Big Idea- We must worship (honor) God with our first and best. Otherwise, we risk the Lord’s displeasure and removal of blessings.

LESSON 1- Authentic worship begins with our PROFESSION Vv. 6-7

A. Genuine faith always gives to God respect and HONOR

B. Genuine faith is always characterized by authentic OBEDIENCE

“They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being detestable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.” Titus 1:16

Being an authentic disciple means being full committed (Luke 9:62).

LESSON 2- Authentic worship offers to God all our POSSESSIONS V.8-9

A. They lost God’s favor because their offerings were INSULTING

Our gifts to the Lord of our Time, Talents, and Treasure should be our:

1) FIRSTFRUITS (Priority); See Exodus 23:19

2) BEST (Quality); See Leviticus 22:2, 19-20

3) SACRIFICE (Cost); See 2 Samuel 24:24; Luke 21:1-4

“For where your treasure [and time and talents] is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

LESSON 3- Authentic worship always finishes with PRAISE V.10-14

A. God is not interested in praise that doesn’t come from the HEART

B. When we approach God with authenticity, His name is GLORIFIED

C. When our hearts are right, worship is always worth the EFFORT

Ray Pritchard spoke of three symptoms of wearisome worship. Do you have these?

1) INADEQUATE PREPARATION

2) HALF-HEARTED PARTICIPATION

3) IMPROPER MOTIVATION

Going Deeper *God desires for us to repent of half-hearted worship and to live our lives fully and honestly in honoring Him!*