

MALACHI.

¹ THE burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

² I have loved you, saith the LORD.

Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us?

Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD:

Yet I loved Jacob,

³ And I hated Esau,

And laid his mountains and his heritage waste
for the dragons of the wilderness.

⁴ Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished,

But we will return and build the desolate places;

Thus saith the LORD of hosts,

They shall build, but I will throw down;

And they shall call them, The border of wicked-
ness,

And, The people *against* whom the LORD hath
indignation for ever.

⁵ And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say,

The LORD will be magnified from the border of
Israel.

⁶ A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his
master:

If then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour?

And if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear?

Saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that
despise my name.

And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

⁷ Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar;

And ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee?

In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

⁸ And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil?

And if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil?

Offer it now unto thy governor;

Will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

⁹ And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us:

This hath been by your means:

Will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰ Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors *for nought*?

Neither do ye kindle *fire on* mine altar for nought.

I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts,

Neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

¹¹ For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same

My name *shall be* great among the Gentiles;

And in every place incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering:

For my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹² But ye *have* profaned it, in that ye say,

The table of the LORD *is* polluted;

And the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible.

¹³ Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it!*

And ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts;

And ye brought *that which* was torn, and the lame, and the sick;
Thus ye brought an offering:
Should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.
¹⁴ But cursed *be* the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male,
And voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt *thing*:
For I *am* a great King, saith the LORD of hosts,
And my name is dreadful among the heathen.

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¹ And now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you.
² If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart,
To give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts,
I will even send a curse upon you, and will curse your blessings:
Yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* to heart.
³ Behold, I *will* corrupt your seed,
And spread dung upon your faces, *even* the dung of your solemn feasts;
And *one* shall take you away with it.
⁴ And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you,
That my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.
⁵ My covenant was with him of life and peace;
And I gave them to him *for* the fear wherewith he feared me,

And was afraid before my name.

⁶ The law of truth was in his mouth,
And iniquity was not found in his lips:
He walked with me in peace and equity,
And did turn many away from iniquity.

⁷ For the priest's lips should keep knowledge,
And they should seek the law at his mouth:
For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

⁸ But ye are departed out of the way;
Ye have caused many to stumble at the law;
Ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the
LORD of hosts.

⁹ Therefore have I also made you contemptible
and base before all the people,
According as ye have not kept my ways,
But have been partial in the law.

¹⁰ Have we not all one father?
Hath not one God created us?
Why do we deal treacherously every man against
his brother,
By profaning the covenant of our fathers?

¹¹ Judah hath dealt treacherously,
And an abomination is committed in Israel and
in Jerusalem;
For Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD
which he loved,

And hath married the daughter of a strange god.

¹² The LORD will cut off the man that doth this,
the master and the scholar,
Out of the tabernacles of Jacob,
And him that offereth an offering unto the LORD
of hosts.

¹³ And this have ye done again,

Covering the altar of the LORD *with* tears, *with* weeping, and *with* crying out,
Insomuch that *he* regardeth not the offering any more,
Or receiveth *it with* good will at your hand.

¹⁴ Yet ye say, Wherefore?

Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth,
Against whom thou hast dealt treacherously:
Yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

¹⁵ And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit.

And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed.

Therefore take heed to your spirit,
And let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

¹⁶ *For* the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away:

For *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts:

Therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

¹⁷ Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.

Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*?

When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD,

And he delighteth in them;

Or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

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¹ Behold, I *will* send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:

And the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple,

Even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in:

Behold, he *shall* come, saith the LORD of hosts.

² But who *may* abide the day of his coming?

And who *shall* stand when he appeareth?

For he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope:

³ And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver:

And he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver,

That they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

⁴ Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD,

As *in* the days of old, and as *in* former years.

⁵ And I will come near to you to judgment;

And I will be a swift witness

Against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers,
and against false swearers,

And against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages,

The widow, and the fatherless,

And that turn aside the stranger *from his right*,
and fear not me,

Saith the LORD of hosts.

⁶ For I *am* the LORD, I change not;

Therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

⁷ Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*.

Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

⁸ Will a man rob God? Yet ye *have* robbed me.

But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?

In tithes and offerings.

⁹ Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye *have* robbed me,

Even this whole nation.

¹⁰ Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,

That there may be meat in mine house,

And prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts,

If I will not open you the windows of heaven,
And pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* not
be room enough *to receive it*.

¹¹ And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
And he shall not destroy the fruits of your
ground;

Neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the
time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹² And all nations shall call you blessed:

For ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD
of hosts.

¹³ Your words have been stout against me, saith
the LORD.

Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against
thee?

¹⁴ Ye have said, It is vain to serve God:

And what profit *is it* that we have kept his
ordinance,

And that we have walked mournfully before the
LORD of hosts?

¹⁵ And now we call the proud happy;
Yea, they that work wickedness are set up;
Yea, *they that* tempt God are even delivered.

¹⁶ Then they that feared the LORD spake often one
to another:

And the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*,
And a book of remembrance was written before
him

For them that feared the LORD, and that thought
upon his name.

¹⁷ And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts,
In that day when I make *up my* jewels;
And I will spare them, as a man spareth his own
son that serveth him.

¹⁸ Then shall ye return, and discern between the
righteous and the wicked,
Between him that serveth God and *him* that
serveth him not.

4

¹ For behold, the day cometh, that *shall* burn as
an oven;

And all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly,
shall be stubble:

And the day that cometh shall burn them up,
saith the LORD of hosts,

That it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

² But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun
of righteousness arise

With healing in his wings;

And ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

³ And ye shall tread down the wicked;
For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet
In the day that I *shall* do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant,
Which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel,
With the statutes and judgments.

⁵ Behold, I *will* send you Elijah the prophet
Before the coming of the great and dreadful day
of the LORD:

⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,
And the heart of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and smite the earth *with* a curse.

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