

**Dishonoring Authority Reveals Twisted Thinking
Malachi 1:6-11**

Without referencing commandment 5, God uses the _____
_____ to address the failure of the people of Israel.

Malachi 1:6

God is the _____ of Israel and deserves _____.

Exodus 4:22; Jeremiah 31:9; Hosea 11:1

God is the _____ over Israel and deserves to be
_____.

Isaiah 44:1-2

Even in the face of obvious _____, Israel and her
priests refuse to take the _____ they deserve.

Malachi 1:6

Israel despised God's Name in two ways:

1. They didn't even give God the honor that
they would give a _____.

2. They didn't even give God the reverence
that they gave to a _____.

The despising of God's name became evident in the _____
and _____ of their "worship" times.

The priests allowed the people to present sacrifices that
were less than God required: _____ and _____
sacrifices.

Malachi 1:7-8

Only through their spiritual _____ could the
priests allow the people to offer to God that which a
human leader would be _____ at.

Malachi 1:8-9

The _____ of the priests was evident in that they
were selfishly and fearfully more interested in the
_____ of the people than the approval of God.

Malachi 1:9

The priests made a _____ in believing that the
approval of the people was more important than the approval of
God.

The priests were the spokesmen for God and should have had _____, like _____.

Malachi 1:10; Nehemiah 13:15-21

The priests were _____ by God to _____ the worship times and trust God to work in the hearts of His people.

Malachi 1:10

Wrong worship is _____ better than no worship.

Malachi 1:10

Israel's rebellion and evil worship caused them to be _____ so that God would have proper worship among the nations without them.

What appeared to be _____ worship to man was brought under _____ by God whose Name deserves to be great among the nations.

Malachi 1:11

The _____ of the Jews would mean the _____ of the Gentiles.

Malachi 1:11; Matthew 21:43

Application for today.

God is the Father of all who have _____ in _____ and deserves our highest honor.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

Our Triune God is our _____ and deserves complete _____.

Ephesians 6:9

It is the responsibility of pastors as ordained by God to _____ the _____ so that it is pleasing to God.

Ephesians 4:11-12

Pastors, as ordained by God, must guard their _____ and their _____ carefully in order to be a good example to others.

1 Timothy 4:16

Like the priests of Israel, God holds the pastors _____ for right _____ in His church.

James 3:1