

**Right Worship Elevates God Not Man**  
**Malachi 2:1-9**

Israel's priests needed to \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_.

These spiritual leaders weren't listening to God but were \_\_\_\_\_ Him with their own lives.

Malachi 2:1-2; Malachi 1:6

Their lack of \_\_\_\_\_ with God's commands would be their demise.

Malachi 2:2

What they thought to be a blessing would be turned into a \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

The blessing which they pronounced upon the people was turned into a curse, much like \_\_\_\_\_ curse was turned into a blessing.

Numbers 24:10

In fact, as He promised, God was already cursing their blessing because they were \_\_\_\_\_ to God's commands.

The priests were to be blessed by the offerings of the people but the offerings turned into a \_\_\_\_\_.

Ezekiel 44:29-30

Because of their disobedience to the commands of God, \_\_\_\_\_ would cover every aspect of their lives.

Like \_\_\_\_\_, their \_\_\_\_\_ would suffer the curse of their fathers.

Malachi 2:3; 1 Samuel 2:27-36 (esp. v.29)

The priests would be put to public shame by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the very sacrifices they are offering.

Malachi 2:3

The disobedient priests will lose the honor of \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Malachi 2:3

Every priest was to remember his high calling as God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the people.

God's command to the priest is reflected in His \_\_\_\_\_ with their ancestor Levi.

Malachi 2:4; Numbers 8:14

The history of Israel's priesthood is one rich in \_\_\_\_\_.

Malachi 2:5; Exodus 32:28-29

The Levites were set apart as a tribe, committed to living \_\_\_\_\_ and teaching \_\_\_\_\_.

Malachi 2:6; Deuteronomy 33:8, 10

God set the Levitical priesthood apart for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the knowledge of God.

He is \_\_\_\_\_ to teach the people the very words of God.

Malachi 2:7; 2 Chronicles 17:9

The \_\_\_\_\_ should seek instruction from him since he is \_\_\_\_\_ (set apart) as God's messenger.

Malachi 2:7; Deuteronomy 17:9

The Levitical priests failed in their duties in at least three ways.

1. By turning from God's commands and teaching others to do the same, they caused the people to \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.

Malachi 2:8

2. By teaching error, the priests have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of their ancestors who were faithful to God.

Malachi 2:8

3. Their desire for the approval of man over the approval of God led them to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.

Malachi 2:9

The result of these failures was the \_\_\_\_\_ that would be theirs as God brings a \_\_\_\_\_ upon them.

Malachi 2:9