

MALACHI: RETURN TO ME | AN UNFAITHFUL PEOPLE
MALACHI 2:10-16

God affirmed His love to Israel even though they questioned it. He confronted their leaders, because they accepted sacrifices that were not the best the people could offer, but instead were what they had leftover. Their worship was corrupt. Poor leaders lead to weak people. At the same time, weak leaders reflected a wayward nation. They failed to worship the one, true God the way he deserved to be worshiped. Their corrupt worship affected their everyday lives. Their failed worship also led to failed relationships. The foundational relationship in society is the marriage relationship and the foundational unit is the family unit. Israel's selfishness was destroying both. In addition, the way they conducted their relationship violated their covenant with God. What were the two marital issues they faced and what can we learn from them?

1. The Israelites took _____ that embraced _____ who led them away from the worship of the one, true God.

2. The Israelites violated the covenant of marriage by _____ their _____ instead of remaining faithful.

3. Instead of having _____ that honored God, Israel's marital failures led their _____ from God.