Worthy of it All

Malachi 1:5-14
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- **THE BIG IDEA:** Halfhearted devotion and worship is not true worship at all. God will be praised whether you praise Him or not. God is deserving of all praise, honor, and glory and if we are going to worship Him, we must do it in the way that He requires.

Malachi 1:6-14 (NASB95)

1 "'A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?' says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Your name?' 7 *You* are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled You?' In that you say, 'The table of the Lord is to be despised.' 8 But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the Lord of hosts. 9 "But now will you not entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?" says the Lord of hosts. 10 "Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle *fire on* My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the Lord of hosts, "nor will I accept an offering from you. 11 For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name *will be* great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering *that is* pure; for My name *will be* great among the nations," says the Lord of hosts.12 "But you are profaning it, in that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.' 13 You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the Lord of hosts, "and you bring what was taken by robbery and *what is* lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?" says the Lord. 14 "But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King," says the Lord of hosts, "and My name is feared among the nations."

A Low View of God and Worship

- If the worship of the priests suffers, the worship in the pews suffers as well.
- "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, 'Israel is My son, My firstborn.'"- Exodus 4:22
- The sacrifices that the Lord required were of the highest standards.
- Do we believe that God is pleased with our worship?
- If an unbeliever were to spend 10 minutes with you, would they be able to see that you are a "Big God" worshipper?

How Does God Desire to be Worshipped?

1. Those who worship God MUST worship in spirit and in truth.
2. To worship in spirt means that our act of worship is first an inward act before it is an outward expression.
3. In our worship, we are expressing the worthiness of that which we are worshipping.
4. God wants us to praise Him because He knows nothing can surpass Him.
5. To fully worship God is to enjoy Him.
6. Worship is more than just an individual exercise; it is a community event.

God's Name Will be Great

1. From the rising of the sun to its setting, Jesus is proclaimed.
2. There will never be a moment where God will cease to be praised.

"If our concept of God is so low that we think He's pleased with cheap, halfhearted worship, then we don't know the God of the Bible. In fact, a God who encourages us to do less than our best is a God who isn't worthy of worship."

Warren Wiersbe