

Sermon Notes

“Turning Hearts, Part II”

“Responding to the Love of God...With Honorable Offerings”

Malachi 1:1-14

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- 1) As you can probably tell from the _____, there will be two main points to unpack here in our passage:
 - a) That the activities related to the work of turning hearts are a _____ to the _____ of God.
 - b) That the centerpiece of that response must be _____ offerings.
- 2) But, before we look more _____ at those two points, let's _____ a bit of what we did last week.
 - a) We began our study of the Book of Malachi by focusing on the last two verses.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

- b) And drawing the following _____:
 - i) The, “Elijah,” referenced here was, in fact, _____ the _____.
 - ii) The work of John the Baptist was to prepare the way for the Lord by _____ the call of the Law and the Prophets.
 - (1) _____ of sin and a _____-_____ return to the LORD.
 - iii) This work of John was not simply intended to prepare us for the Lord's _____ coming, but to prepare us for his _____ coming, the Day of the Lord.
 - (1) This work of John _____.
 - iv) Though the good news of the kingdom has come in Christ, rather than _____ the voice of the law and prophets, it works _____ with it. (Mt. 5:17-20, Lk. 16:16)
 - (1) To call us to the _____ in repentance.
 - (2) And to continue the work of _____ us in the image of the Holy One.
 - (a) A brief _____ to our explanation of the _____ helps to make this clear.
 - (i) If the good news was to replace the voice of John, the gospel would _____ with just _____ parts.
 - (ii) Part three refers to the _____ work of the voice of John: the Law and Prophets.
 - (b) It is this that is expressed in our _____.
 - v) Turning the hearts of fathers to their children occurs when the _____ of the voice of Elijah (John/the Law and Prophets) causes us true concern over the _____ future of our children.
 - (1) And leads us to seek to lead them in the only way we have: by our own _____.
 - (a) So, turning our hearts to our _____ turns our hearts to the _____.
 - (2) As our children see our _____ in this, they are moved to _____.

- 3) Today, then, we see first that the actions of turning our hearts to the Lord are a response to his _____.
(vs. 2-5)
- a) The _____ of the Law and Prophets has always been predicated on the love of God for _____ people. (Ex. 20:1-2)
- i) And it leads the understanding to ponder, “_____ would I be _____ the Lord?”
- ii) Even as here with Jacob and Esau, it is due to the _____ love of God alone that we are _____ instead of wicked rebels. (Eph. 1:3-10, Romans 9:10-13)
(1) As we have responded in _____ to the _____. (**Eph. 1:11-14, 2:8-9**)
- b) If then we have the _____ to see, this sight, in and of itself, _____ to his love toward us.
- i) Eyes to see that _____ is not _____.
- ii) Eyes to see that _____ is not _____.
- c) As we see clearly the immensity of this undeserved love, it makes part three a ____-_____.
- i) _____ hearts, _____ to count the cost: repentance and faith.
- d) This is the reason why we must _____ and seriously return to and truly _____ the voice of John.
- i) Those fathers, then, who truly want to _____ their children to _____ should spend significant time reading and reflecting on the _____ and _____.
- ii) The _____ of a trampoline will only lift you up into the air when your _____ has stretched them down toward the ground.
- 4) Second, we see that our response to this love must take the form of _____ offerings. (vs. 6-14)
- i) Offerings that are:
- (1) _____
(a) The offerings listed here are _____ offerings – expressions of love.
- (2) _____
(a) Given as prescribed by the _____ of _____.
(b) Of the finest _____.
- (3) _____
(a) Done with holy _____ and _____.
(b) Testifying that he is indeed a _____ whose name will be _____ among the nations.
- ii) _____ summarizes this way of living for us in _____ 12:1-2.
- 5) As fathers and mothers live their lives in _____ to the love of God and with _____ sacrifices of this type, their lives become the greatest testimony to the _____ that their children and those around them will ever see.