

“Malachi: Healing Love”

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- Four charges against Israel
 - They were religious, but self-seeking rather than God honoring
 - They were religious, but self-centered rather than God-centered
 - They were religious, but unbelieving
 - They were religious, but untrusting
- Do you give God your first and your best or your leftovers?
- Couples don't fall out of love, they fall out of repentance
- J.C. Ryle “In the light of the cross, the greatest insult you can give to God is to doubt his love for you!”
- Tithing is one of the single best indicators of whether we really trust God and whether we really are surrendered to him.
- Everybody tithes to something.
- Malachi 3:7 (ESV) From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts
- 2 Sam. 24:24 “I will not give unto the Lord that which cost me nothing.”
- 1 Cor. 6:14 (ESV) Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?
- Malachi 3:10 (ESV) Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.
- **Malachi 4:1-2 (NIV)** “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble... But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.