



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 01/19/2020
DISCUSSION DATE: 01/26/2020
TEXT: MALACHI CH. 2:10-16

FAITHLESS living is a _____ of a sacred _____.

I. FAITHLESS PEOPLE DO NOT KEEP THEIR PROMISES (MALACHI 2:10-16).

3 Key terms in this passage: Treacherously (faithless); Profaned; Take Heed (guard)

A. Unfaithfulness profanes the character of God before an unbelieving world, v.v. 10-11.

1. God is worthy of faithfulness from His people, v. 10.
2. Marriage can be an act of unfaithfulness, v. 11.

B. Unfaithful people will experience the judgment of God, v.v. 12-13.

3. God's people long for the day when unfaithfulness to God will no longer exist, v. 12.
4. Faithless people complain when God does not do what they demand/expect, v. 13.

C. Unfaithfulness to Our Marriage Covenant brings inescapable guilt and profoundly damages the children God entrusts to our care, (v. 14-16).

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. How do/should we respond to the betrayal of people like Army Major Nidal Hasan who killed unarmed soldiers he took an oath to protect? Why have such betrayals become more common? What happens when we are no longer shocked by people betraying a sacred trust?
2. **Read Malachi 2:10-16.** Look at every use of the word “treacherously.” What promises/covenant commitments were they failing to keep? How can local church worship become an act of treachery against the Lord?
3. **Read Malachi 2:10; Isaiah 64:8.** Why should the knowledge that God is our Father and creator make a difference in how we live? How is God profaned when His people treat one another poorly?
4. **Read Malachi 2:11; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16.** What was Israel doing that God called an act of treachery and an abomination? How does the text in 2 Corinthians apply to marriage? The “you” in 2 Corinthians 6:16 is plural indicating that the assembly of God’s people in the local church is like entering the temple of God in the OT. What impact should that have on our approach to worship?
5. **Read Malachi 2:12-13** – Who was to be cut off from Israel? What did God want them to stop doing? How does this apply to our participation in worship? According Malachi 2:13, God reserves the right to accept or reject what we offer to Him as worship. How do we know what God will accept in worship?
6. **Read Malachi 2:14-16.** In God’s rebuke of Israel for being unfaithful to their marriage covenant, we find two clear purposes for marriage. What are they? How do we cultivate these purposes in our marriages?
7. Why were the Israelite men divorcing their wives? How were they betraying their covenant commitment to God?
8. How do we TAKE HEED/GUARD our Spirit?