

Why do we deal treacherously with one another?
Malachi 2:10-16,17-3:6
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Thesis: I want to show the sin the is weariness to God and how we can avoid it.

Introduction

- I. Rebuke for Idolatry and divorce (2:10-16)
 - A. Their sin & God's punishment (2:10-12)
 1. Their sin of idolatry (v.10-11)
 2. God's punishment (v.12)
 - B. God condemns divorce (v.13-16)
 1. Heartbreak, divorce, & sin (v.13-16)
 - a. Such acts are wearisome to God.

- II. Coming judgment because they are wearisome to the Lord (2:17-3:6)
 - A. Their wicked ideals (2:17)
 1. They deny knowing how or why they are wearisome to the Lord.
 2. They call what is evil good.
 - a. They deny that any evil or wickedness is bad.
 - B. The day of Christ's coming is foretold (3:1-6)
 1. The messenger (John the baptizer) will prepare the way for Christ. (3:1)
 2. Who can stand when he comes as the purifier. The one whom will cleanse men of their sins by their obedience to the gospel (3:2-4)
 3. (v.5-6) Christ will bring judgment
 - a. Because God does not change the righteous will not be consumed.

- III. Lessons for us today.
 - A. Divorce always involves sin (2:16).
 1. God hates divorce because sin is always involved.
 2. God exhorts man not to deal unfaithfully with one another
 - B. God is wearied by those who try to justify evil (2:17)
 1. God has no delight in those who see no evil in wickedness.
 2. God only sees good and evil, no evil is ever good in the sight of God.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Sin is weariness to God. We must strive to avoid it.
2. The wicked will be punished, the willing will be purified of their sin.
 - a. Are you willing to do what is necessary to avoid being a weariness to God?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9