



## Malachi: How to Make God Mad

1. Approach \_\_\_\_\_ (1:6-2:9)

2. Despise \_\_\_\_\_ (2:10-16)

3. Challenge \_\_\_\_\_ (2:17-4:6)

## Application Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit [compassntx.org](http://compassntx.org) to join a small group near you.

1. Read **Malachi 1:6** and **Isaiah 1:3**. How are you tempted to treat God too flippantly or casually in your relationship with Him? What damage does an overly casual view of God do to our view of our sin and His holiness, grace, mercy, and patience? Where do you need to repent of neglecting to show God the honor that He's due?
2. Read **Malachi 2:14-16** and **Ephesians 5:31-32**. Why is marriage so important to God when we all have other relationships that ebb and flow or end altogether? How has the institution of marriage been dishonored or defiled by our current culture? In what ways has this crept into the church? When it comes to your own view of marriage, how can you ensure that you are honoring God's design and purpose for such an important covenant relationship?
3. Read **Malachi 2:17** and **3:14-15**. What is the difference between the Psalmist's honesty in expressing his fear, confusion, or even angst over his circumstances and the attitudes expressed by the Israelites in these verses? What is a time in your life you've been tempted to challenge God's goodness or some other aspect of His character? What did God end up teaching you through that season now that you are on the other side, and how has that helped you respond differently to trials or obstacles you've encountered since then?
4. What has been your favorite book in the Minor Prophets series and why?



## Recommended Reading

- *The Minor Prophets (2 Volume Set)* – James Montgomery Boice
- *Handbook on the Prophets* – Robert Chisolm