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The Book of Malachi
Mal. 2:10-17

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15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

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- If all have one father, all are related and should be in submissive obedience, therefore living in harmony and unity.
- Consider the motive for mistreatment of another.
- Being disobedient and discourteous = profaning the covenant heritage.

Lev. 19:17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD. **...Major Message**

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Ex. 34:11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:

15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

16 And **thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.**

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Deut. 7:3 **Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.**

4 For **they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods**: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

Josh. 23:12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and **shall make marriages with them**, and go in unto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but **they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes**, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

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Ezra 9:2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for **we have forsaken thy commandments,**

11 Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.

12 Now therefore **give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever:** that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children for ever.

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Neh. 13:23 In those days also saw I Jews *that* had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab:

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people.

25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, **Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.**

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: **nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.**

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

28 And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

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2 Cor. 6:14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:** for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
17 Wherefore **come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord**, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,
18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

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Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?
whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Lu. 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

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1 Cor. 6:15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 **What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.**

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but **he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.**

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For **ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

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A believer cannot lose salvation....but.... other blessings can be lost:

- One can lose joy – Psa. 51:12
- One can lose testimony – 2 Tim. 3:4
- One can lose health – 1 Cor. 5:5
- One can lose life – 1 Cor. 11:30
- One can lose rewards – 1 Cor. 3:14-15
- One can lose millennial inheritance – 1 Cor. 6:9-11, Gal. 5:16-21

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(2) Their Mockery, 2:12

Mal. 2:12 **The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this**, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

(3) Their Misery, 2:13

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Heb. 12:16 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as **Esau**, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, **he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.**

Ex. 10:16 Then **Pharaoh** called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

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Num. 22:34 And **Balaam** said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

1 Sam. 15:24 And **Saul** said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

Mt. 27:3 Then **Judas**, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

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2. Their Deserted Wives, 2:14-16

a. What the Lord Witnessed, 2:14

Mal. 2:14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, **against whom thou hast dealt treacherously**: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be **one flesh**.

Mt. 19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be **one flesh?**

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but **one flesh**. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

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1Cor. 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be **one flesh**.

Eph. 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be **one flesh**.

b. What the Lord Wanted, 2:15

Mal. 2:15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? **That he might seek a godly seed.** Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Neh. 9:2 And **the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers**, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

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- The “holy seed” is the nation of Israel and the “residue” represents those who are not “contaminated” via the heathen.

c. What the Lord Withstands, 2:16

Mal. 2:16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Ruth 3:9 And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth thine handmaid: **spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid**; for thou *art* a near kinsman.

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Ezek. 16:8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, **behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness**: yea, I sware unto thee, and **entered into a covenant with thee**, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

Jer. 3:8 And I saw, when for all the causes **whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce**; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

3. Their Distorted Words, 2:17

a. Their Words Wearying to God, 2:17a

Mal. 2:17 “Ye have wearied the LORD with your words...”

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b. God's Words Wrested by Them, 2:17b

Mal. 2:17 "...Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*?
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Conclusion

Isa.5:20 **Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

21 Woe unto *them that are* **wise in their own eyes**, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 Which **justify the wicked** for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: **because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.**

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Psa. 34:18 **The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;** and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Jas. 4:8 **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse** *your* hands, ye sinners; and **purify** *your* hearts, ye double minded.

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