

What have we done?

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Introduction

1. Malachi
2. The people over the years had become corrupt. After going into Babylon captivity they started to served God as they should, but their heart was not in their service.
3. When one comes home from work in an awaited mood, starts complaining, someone will ask, "What have we done?"
4. This is taking place in Malachi, God is upset, and they don't know what they have done to upset Him, so He tells them what they have done
5. Let us look at the book of Malachi and see the problems that they caused

II Discussion

1. They questioned God's love 1:2
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 2. Gos justly takes it very ill to have His favors slighted as not worth speaking of.
 3. God has shown His grace, love, and mercy Romans 5:8-9
 4. How do we think of God's love, how are we obeying God?
2. They despised God's name 1:6-7
 1. They served God to promote their own name, Oral Roberts, Jim Bakker etc.
 2. There had been ill use of holy things 1 Samuel 2:12-17; 22-26
 3. Their plea before God is not guilty! but they were guilty
3. They profaned God's law of marriage 2:14-17
 1. The law is stated in Deuteronomy 7:1-3; there were some people they could not marry
 2. Keep your vows Ecclesiastes 5:4
4. They quit the work of God 3:7
 1. They has withdrew their necks from the yoke Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 9:62
 2. The invitation from the Lord was return
 3. They answered with distain, they were ignorant of their faults Revelation 3:17-18
 4. They did not know how lose they were in keeping God's law
5. The robbed God 3:8
 1. Will a man rob God:
 1. forcibly
 2. privily
 3. to do violence
 2. They had robbed God of:
 1. His honor
 2. That which was devoted to Him
 3. Themselves
 4. Worship
 5. The support of their religion
6. They spoke against God 3:14
 1. They denied this also
 2. God keep records 3:16
 3. Why should we serve God? Have we lost sight of the promises of God?

III Conclusion

1. We ought to look around and see the problem
2. Their problem was serving God externally
3. God can have one view of us while we have another Revelation 3:17
4. The correct view is that of God's view
5. What does He think of us?

Sources: sermon preached 1991