

**May 1, 2022**  
*Living Into Easter: Dedicated to the Worship of God*  
Malachi 1:6-14

**The worship of God has nothing to do with style.  
The worship of God is about...**

**...developing a dynamic respect to God (vv. 6-8).**

*“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts...”*  
(Malachi 1:6).

*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Proverbs 1:7).*

**...glorifying God (vv. 9-11).**

*“Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be<sup>[b]</sup> great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering” (Malachi 1:10-11a),*

*“We are often concerned with church growth, evangelism, and planting churches. Yet in some cases the best thing we could do for the cause of the LORD is to shut the doors on many churches. I am more afraid of profanity of the sanctuary than I am of the profanity of the street” (William Morgan, 16<sup>th</sup> century Bible translator).*

**...following through in the true worship of God (vv. 12-14).**

*“But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering!” (Malachi 1:13).*

*“Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, ‘Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on’”*  
(Luke 21:1-4).

