



## Old Testament Outline: Malachi by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### Malachi = "My Messenger"

### [God Is Pilot] Blueprint for Redemption

#### I. **Israel Had Despised God's: 1:1-3:18**

##### A. **LOVE - Objection #1 - 1:2-5**

1. Truth: God loved Israel **1:2a**
2. Gripe: How did You love us? **1:2b**
3. Facts:
  - a. Birth preference **1:2-3;**      **Genesis 25:23; Romans 9:8-13**
  - b. National preference **1:4-5;**      **Genesis 36:17-19, 43**  
(1 Rejection of Ishmael's descendants [which Muslims claim to be??]      **Genesis 21:13, 18; 16:12; 17:20**  
(2 Named, "Territory of Wickedness" [USA 9/11/01!] **1:4**

##### B. **NAME - Objection #2 - 1:6-7a**

1. Truth: Your priests despise My name **1:6a**
  - a. Not even the respect of a son or servant **1:6**
  - b. Serious sin under Moses      **Exodus 21:15, 17;**  
**Deuteronomy 21:18-21**
2. Gripe: How have we despised Your name? **1:6b**
3. Facts: In offering defiled food on My altar **1:7a**

##### C. **SACRIFICES - Objection #3 - 1:7-11**

1. Truth: You offer defiled sacrifices on My altar **1:7a**
2. Gripe: How have we defiled You? **1:7b**
3. Facts:
  - a. Saying: "It doesn't matter" **1:7c**
  - b. Offerings are blind, lame, sick **1:7b-8a**      **Leviticus 22:22;**  
**Deuteronomy 15:19-21**
  - c. Even the Governor wouldn't accept them! **1:8b**
  - d. God's displeasure no greater than if they had simply quit offering sacrifices altogether! **1:9-10**
  - e. God will, in the future, be satisfied with "incense" offered by Gentiles **1:11**      **Revelation 5:8; Romans 15:7-13**

**D. ALTAR - Objection #4 - 1:12**

1. Truth: God's altar is profaned **1:12a**
2. Gripe: Defiled sacrifices are accepted on altar **1:12b**
3. Facts: Your sacrifices are actually "contemptible" **1:12c**

**E. DEVOTION TIME - Objection #5 - 1:13-2:9**

1. Truth: You sneer at altar time **1:13b**
2. Gripe: You say, "Oh, what a weariness" **1:13a**
3. Facts:
  - a. You give me 2<sup>nd</sup> rate offerings when you have better, *and know it!* **1:13c-14**
  - b. Your priests are cursed for accepting these **2:1-9**  
**Deuteronomy 10:8; 1 Peter 3:15**

**F. MARRIAGE COVENANT - Objection #6 - 2:10-16**

1. Truth: You profaned the covenant of marriage **2:10-13**
2. Gripe: Why does God not accept our worship? **2:14**
3. Facts:
  - a. Profaned national covenant with God **2:10-13**
  - b. Profaned personal marriage covenants before God **2:14-16**  
**Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 19:3-6**

**G. MORAL JUDGMENT - Objection #7 - 2:17**

1. Truth: God is weary with your words **2:17a**
2. Gripe: How have we wearied Him? **2:17b**
3. Facts: You call evil "good" **2:17c**

**H. GRACE - Objection #8 - 3:1-7**

1. Truth: You need to return to Me for My future plans **3:1-5**
2. Gripe: How shall we return? **3:7**
3. Facts:
  - a. "My messenger" will prepare the way: **3:1-5**
    - (1 Messenger of the covenant **3:1**
    - (2 Purify the sons of Levi **3:2-3**
    - (3 Condemn sins **3:4-5**
  - b. God does NOT change -- men must! **3:6**
  - c. Thus, God invites men to change **3:7**

**I. BLESSING IN GIVING - Objection #9 - 3:8-12**

1. Truth: You have robbed God **3:8a**
2. Gripe: How have we robbed God? **3:8b**
3. Facts:
  - a. By keeping back from your offering **3:8c-9**  
**Leviticus 27:30-33 Cf Acts 5:1-11**
  - b. Give fairly to God and see if you are not blessed **3:10-12**

**Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalm 24:1; 1 Corinthians 10:26,28**

**J. LAW - Objection #10- 3:13-18**

1. Truth: You used harsh words against Me **3:13a**
2. Gripe: What have we said? **3:13b**
3. Facts:
  - a. Here is an exact quote **3:14-15**
  - b. Here is what those who fear the LORD said **3:16**
  - c. God never forgot the difference between the two! **3:17-18**  
**Jonah 4:11; 1 Kings 3:7 Mark 16:15-16;**  
**Romans 12:9; 1 John 3:1-15**

**II. The Future For Those With Faith & Hope 4:1-6**

**A. The Coming Day in which: 4:1-3**

1. The proud will "be stubble" **4:1**
2. The God-fearing will overcome wicked **4:2-3**

**B. The Basis Of Stability In Faith [Then] 4:4-6**

1. "Remember the Law of Moses" **4:4; Nehemiah 9:13, 14;10:29**  
*No "new" Moses, prophet, revelation, miracles, etc. needed!*
2. Let Elijah turn your hearts **4:5-6**  
**Matthew 11:2-15;**  
**Matthew 17:11-13**