

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Major Lessons from Minor Prophets – Part 13

Lest We Forget! (Malachi)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Seek the LORD and Live! –Major Lessons from Minor Prophets. Our topic today: Lest We Forget (Malachi “My messenger”)

Scripture Song: “Seek the LORD while He may be found” – Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer

- 1) Messenger of the LORD
 - a) Last prophet whose messages are recorded in OT
 - b) Next prophet, John the Baptist, is also called “My messenger” Mal 3:1
 - c) Why is it important to know that God sends messages to His people?
- 2) Malachi’s first message to Judah
 - a) Mal 1:2a “I have loved you”
 - b) Why is it important to hear all that follows in the context of this opening affirmation?
 - c) Malachi 1:6-14
 - d) What has happened here? What attitude have the priests adopted?
- 3) The responsibility of leaders
 - a) Malachi 2:1-2
 - b) Should leaders be held to a higher standard than the rest of the people?
 - c) 1 Peter 5:1-4
 - d) How does this appeal relate to each one of us?
- 4) Loving and Respecting Others
 - a) Malachi 2:10
 - b) Malachi 2:13-16
 - c) Divorce has become common even within the church. Is this an unavoidable curse that comes with living in a culture where promises are often broken?
 - d) Malachi 2:17 What is the LORD saying here?
- 5) Honoring God with our finances
 - a) Malachi 3:8-10
 - b) Why is a failure to return a tithe considering robbery?
 - c) How have you seen God’s faithfulness to His promise in Malachi 3:10 in your own life?
- 6) A Scroll of Remembrance
 - a) Malachi 3:13-18 How do you respond to the truth that the LORD has a book of remembrance?
 - b) What other records are kept?
 - i) Exodus 32:32; Rev 21:11-15
 - ii) Psalm 139:16
 - c) For whose benefit are these records kept?
- 7) The Coming of Messiah
 - a) Malachi 3:1-3; John 2:13-17
 - b) Malachi 4:1-6 Is there a third coming of Elijah?
 - c) Some day all things will be made new. How have you experienced newness of life in Jesus even today?