

The Seven Questions of Malachi (Part 3)

Malachi 2:17 and 3:7

1. The Fourth Question (2:17a)

- “How have we wearied him?” or “How have we _____ God?”
 - “wearied” – *yâga* – to be exhausted, to tire, to toil, to drain.
 - This shows a lack of _____.

2. The Fourth Answer (2:17b)

- “When you say, ‘Everyone who does what is _____ is good in the Lord’s sight, and he is _____ with them, or else where is the _____ of _____?’”
 - This shows _____ to the Lord’s view of what is good and just.
 - The more you _____ the _____, the more you know what the _____ _____.
 - Nehemiah 9:33, Romans 6:1-2.

3. The Fifth Question (3:7b)

- “How can we return?” or “How can we _____ _____ to God?”
 - “return” – *shûwb* – to turn back.
 - This shows a lack of _____.
 - Israel should have been able to stay close to God through the _____ _____ and synagogues, but we should be able to stay close to Him through the _____ Holy Spirit and being connected to a _____ _____.

4. The Fifth Answer (3:17a)

- “Since the days of your ancestors, you have turned from my _____; you have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you.”
 - To return to God we must abandon _____ and our _____.
 - You can’t go _____ and go your _____.
 - 1 Kings 8:33-34, Jeremiah 15:19, Jeremiah 24:7.
- The _____ of God in showing us _____ should drive us to return to Him.
 - Zechariah 1:3, Nehemiah 1:9.