

Malachi 1:6-14 **Unacceptable Offerings**

Polluted Offerings

6 "A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts) To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

7 "You offer defiled food on My altar, But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of Yahweh (the Lord) is contemptible.'

8 And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

9 "But now entreat El (God's) favor, That He may be gracious to us. While this is being done by your hands, Will He accept you favorably?" Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

10 "Who is there even among you who would shut the doors, So that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), "Nor will I accept an offering from your hands.

11 For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

12 "But you profane it, In that you say, 'The table of Yahweh (the Lord) is defiled; And its fruit, its food, is contemptible.'

13 You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts). "And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?" Says Yahweh (the Lord).

14 "But cursed be the deceiver Who has in his flock a male, And takes a vow, But sacrifices to Adoney (the Lord) what is blemished — For I am a great King," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), "And My name is to be feared among the nations.

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ Owning what is good and bringing as an offering to Yahweh something that is blemished is not an acceptable practice.
- ✧ We must exalt the Great name of Yahweh before the nations by our actions and honor Him by our sacrifices and offerings.
- ✧ Yahweh deserves greater reverence than earthly rulers.