Take It Home
Applying the Preached Word

Covenant Fellowship church

Spiritual Reformation: Worship

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Text: Malachi 1

Main Point

The call of Malachi 1 is a call to reformation of our worship.

Key Ideas

What does it mean to worship God as we ought?

1. Know His Love (v. 2-5)

- No matter what experience we have in life we can know God's love.

- It is the sovereign grace of God that numbers us among those to whom God expresses his love.

- It is the death of Christ that settles the love of God on us. The cross is the pulpit of the love of God.

- If we doubt God's love we will be spiritually adrift. If we trust his love we'll know it and live in the good of it.

2. Honor His Name (v. 6-14)

- God is after the glory of his name (v.14)

- God rebukes the people for giving him only those things that are worthless to them.

- To God, not worshipping at all is better than just going through the motions of worship. He would rather have them shut the door of the temple than use it in an unholy manner.

- We know that God calls us to obey him for our good. When our obedience results in our good he receives honor to his name.

- The only way God's name will be exalted among the nations is when he is exalted among his people.

Fellowship Starters

Treasure - Application to stir our love for Christ

1. What did you find in this message that spoke to your soul?
2. What are some ways in this text that we see that God is very serious about how we worship him?

Grow - Application to stir our obedience to Christ

3. Where are you needing a 'spiritual wake-up call' in your life?

4. What makes it difficult for you to consistently live in the knowledge of God's love? How does this message help you?

5. As a group how can we apply this message in our worship in the group and in the church?

Proclaim - Application to stir our witness for Christ

6. Is there any situation you're in with unbelievers where you could more consciously honor God's name?