***SERMON NOTES***

**Already, But Not Yet**

**A Sermon Series Through The Book of Malachi**

**“My Life, My Whole Life, and Nothing But My Life”**

**Malachi 2: 10-16**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God is to be a lifestyle as our love for the Lord permeates and affects everything we do.**

**Our worship and devotion to God cannot be separated and segmented from the lives that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**In Malachi 2: 10 the prophet is using intentional language to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people who *they* were and *Whose* they were.**

**The people of God must be characterized by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for one another.**

**Malachi tells us that there are two main ways the people have been unfaithful and they both have to do with their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The people of God in Malachi’s day are first denying their covenant to God by marrying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the covenant people of God.**

**God had forbidden His people to marry outside of the covenant people of Israel NOT because these others had a different race, ethnicity, or skin color but rather because they had a different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - a different god that they worshipped.**

**The prophet says in 2:13 that a second way in which the people in Malachi’s day have been unfaithful to one another and thus unfaithful to God is unbiblical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**God understands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a vow and pledge that you make not only to one another but also to Him.**

**The Lord will no longer regard and accept the offerings of the people because their worship doesn’t rightly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with their lives.**

**To follow God means to give Him your life - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of it.**

**Application**

**In Malachi, the realities of the people’s lives do not match the words of their lips and yet they are certain that God will accept their worship but the Lord says that He will not. God will not have their offerings when it is not connected with their whole life and whole hearts.**

**But know this, the Lord will gladly and always accept those who worship Him in repentance. He welcomes those who come to Him admitting they are a sinner and acknowledging that Jesus lived a perfect life and has given Himself for them- taking the punishment for their sin and offering forgiveness. He gladly welcomes those that desire to live a life that honors Him in all things.**

**This is the beauty of the gospel: God doesn’t ask for perfection and sinlessness but He does ask for your whole heart and a life that is undivided. This can come only through trust in Jesus Christ. Trust in His life, death, and resurrection in order to save us and to give you the ability to live a life that honors Him.**

**God is pleased with you because He is pleased with Jesus.**

***Blanks:*** *Worship; live; remind; love; marital relationships; outside; Father; divorce; marriage; align; all*