SERIES: Malachi

The Mangling of Marriage

Malachi 2:10-16

The Faults of Mixed Marriages (2:10-12)

- Malachi confronts and condemns mixed marriages.
  - The issue is not racial, but _____.
  - The issue is not ethnicity, but _____.
- The willful destruction of marriage is a _____ sin. (10)
- Marrying unbelievers _____ God's holiness. (11)
- Bringing idolatry into the family of God deserves God's _____. (12)
  - The Lord judges what you do at _____ house…
  - By what you do at _____ house.

The Faithlessness of Failed Marriages (2:13-14)

- The pain caused by our sin _____ our attempts to worship. (13)
- Self-righteous excuses will not work with God. (14)
  - He was a witness to the marriage.
  - He was a witness to the abandonment of the wife of your youth.
    - She was your _____.
    - She was your wife by _____.

The Fracture of Broken Marriages (2:15-16)

- God _____ marriage. (15)
  - He makes the two into _____.
  - He united the couple by his _____.
  - He desires the family to raise _____ children.
- God _____ divorce. (16)
  - Divorce breaks the heart.
  - Divorce destroys relationships.
  - Divorce splits the family.
  - Divorce hurts the children.
- We must _____ ourselves to protect our marriages. (15-16)
  - Don't feed the _____.
    - Never let your mind entertain _____.
    - Let grievances go. Repent and forgive often.
    - Don't seek emotional intimacy _____ the marriage.
  - Saturate in the _____.
  - Cultivate _____.
    - Carve out time for conversation.
    - Never stop dating your spouse.
  - Keep your vows _____.
    - On your finger…
    - In your home…
    - Before your kids…

The Faithful God of the Perfect Marriage

- No matter your failures, Christ is _____.
- No matter your faults, Christ is _____.

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- Malachi confronts and condemns mixed marriages.
    - The issue is not racial, but **religious**.
    - The issue is not ethnicity, but **idolatry**.
- The willful destruction of marriage is a **treacherous** sin. (10)
- Marrying unbelievers **profanes** God's holiness. (11)
- Bringing idolatry into the family of God deserves God's **curse**. (12)
    - The Lord judges what you do at **His** house…
    - By what you do at **your** house.

The Faithlessness of Failed Marriages (2:13-14)

- The pain caused by our sin hinders our attempts to worship. (13)
- Self-righteous excuses will not work with God. (14)
    - He was a witness to the marriage.
    - He was a witness to the abandonment of the wife of your youth.
        - She was your **companion**.
        - She was your wife by **covenant**.

The Fracture of Broken Marriages (2:15-16)

- God **loves** marriage. (15)
    - He makes the two into **one**.
    - He united the couple by his **Spirit**.
    - He desires the family to raise **godly** children.
- God **hates** divorce. (16)
    - Divorce breaks the heart.
    - Divorce destroys relationships.
    - Divorce splits the family.
    - Divorce hurts the children.
- We must **guard** ourselves to protect our marriages. (15-16)
    - Don't feed the **flesh**.
        - Never let your mind entertain **comparisons**.
        - Let grievances go. Repent and forgive often.
        - Don't seek emotional intimacy **outside** the marriage.
    - Saturate in the **Scriptures**.
    - Cultivate **companionship**.
        - Carve out time for conversation.
        - Never stop dating your spouse.
    - Keep your vows **visible**.
        - On your finger…
        - In your home…
        - Before your kids…

The Faithful God of the Perfect Marriage

- No matter your failures, Christ is **faithful**.
- No matter your faults, Christ is **merciful**.