

Father's Day 2022

Chapter 1 – Is all about returning to the Lord by giving Him the honor and respect He deserves.

Malachi 1:6 (NLT) *The Lord of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: "A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name!"*

Chapter 2 – Returning to the Lord in our relationships.

Malachi 2:7-10 (NLT) *"The words of a priest's lips should preserve knowledge of God, and people should go to him for instruction, for the priest is the messenger of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. But you priests have left God's paths. Your instructions have caused many to stumble into sin. You have corrupted the covenant I made with the Levites," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "So I have made you despised and humiliated in the eyes of all the people. For you have not obeyed me but have shown favoritism in the way you carry out my instructions." Are we not all children of the same Father? Are we not all created by the same God? Then why do we betray each other, violating the covenant of our ancestors?"*

Chapter 3 – Is all about returning to the Lord in our giving.

Malachi 3:6-8 (NLT) *"I am the Lord, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed. Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. **Now return to me, and I will return to you,**" says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?' 'Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! 'But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me."*

Chapter 4 – Is the result of returning to the Lord.

Malachi 4:2-6 (NLT) *"But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. On the day when I act, you will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "Remember to obey the Law of Moses, my servant—all the decrees and regulations that I gave him on Mount Sinai for all Israel. "Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the*

hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse."

Ephesians 5:33 (NLT) *So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NLT) *Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: **If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you and you will have a long life on the earth."** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.*

Ephesians 6:10-18(NLT) *A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. **For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.** Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.*