***Who is truly faithful?***

*November 14, 2018 Malachi 2:1-16*

\*Covenant defined: the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\*Priests defined: 1. During Moses time, prescribed as from the tribe of Levi (Numbers 3:5-13)

2. Charged with presiding over sacrifices and tithes (Exodus 29)

3. Charged with instructing the people in God’s word (Deut. 31:9-13)

4. A gift from God, an honor (Numbers 18:7)

5. Faithlessness

 a. Corrupted the Covenant

 1. Stopped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs1)

 2. Stopped having a heart to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God (vs2)

 3. Turned aside themselves (vs8,9)

 4. Showed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in instruction (vs9)

 5. Caused many to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs8)

4. Fallout

 a. God will curse them (vs2)

 b. God will remove their blessing from their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs2)

 c. The curse will extend beyond themselves (vs3)

 d. Their priesthood would be considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(vs3,9)

3. Faithfulness

 a. Covenant will stand! A covenant of life and peace!

 1. Stand in awe of His name (vs5)

 i. Verse 7- for….

 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instruction- no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on lips (vs6)

 i. Verse 7- for…

 3. Walks with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs6)

 i. Verse 7- for…

2. Fellow Man

 a. Faithless with each other (vs10)

 i. One Father, one Creator, reflect the covenant!

 b. Faithless in marriage (vs11-16)

 ii. Foreign wives (vs11)

 iii. Divorce (vs16)

 iv. Consequences (vs 13,16)

 v. Guard yourselves! Be faithful! Godly offspring!

1. Final! JESUS- our High Priest!

 a. Hebrews 7:23-24- His priesthood will stand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

 b. Hebrews 4:14, 7:26- He Himself is God and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above the

heavens!

c. Hebrews 7:25- True instruction: He saves forever those who come to God

through Him! No wrong is on His lips: He lives to intercede for us!

d. Hebrews 4:15, 10:11-12- He was without sin and in right relationship

with God as He is God Himself!

\*Since we, unlike the people Malachi wrote to, have such a great High Priest let us faithfully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the 1 who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not because we are able, but because He who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Homework Direction:

1. The people point fingers in 2:17. Who do they want to be called into account? Who does the Lord call into account in 3:5?
2. Define purify.
3. Any ideas what a refiner’s fire and fuller’s soap is?
4. How many messengers are talked about in verse 1?
5. Memorize and meditate on Malachi 3:1