



SERMON NOTES

June 9, 2019

Scripture: Malachi 2:10-16 (NAS)

"Faithful In Relationships"

- 10 "Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?"
- 11 "Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which He loves and has married the daughter of a foreign god.
- 12 "As for the man who does this, may the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob everyone who awakes and answers, or who presents an offering to the LORD of hosts.
- 13 "This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand.
- 14 "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.
- 15 "But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.
- 16 "For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

I. THREE AREAS OF UNFAITHFULNESS

- A. In General Relationships
 1. No message to give the people
 2. Their preaching was in vain
- B. In Marriage To Unbelievers
- C. In Divorce

II. FOCUS ON FAITHFULNESS IN ALL RELATIONSHIPS vs. 10

- A. Keeping Commitments Or Contracts In Society
- B. Keeping Commitments Or Contracts In The Home
- C. Keeping Commitments Or Contracts In The Church

III. WHAT IMPEDES OUR COMMITMENT KEEPING?

- A. Provisionally Hindered (Not As Common)
- B. Thoughtlessness
- C. Selfish Desire
- D. Interesting Distractions

IV. BROKEN COVENANTS

- A. Causes The Breakdown Of Society
- B. Declares: I Can Not Be Trusted

V. THREE QUESTIONS ESTABLISHING GROUNDS FOR FAITHFULNESS

- A. Do We Not All Have The Same Father?
- B. Do We Not All Have The Same Creator?
- C. Why Do We Profane The Covenant Of Our Fathers?

RESPONSE:

- A. Negatively – I Will Not Make Commitments
- B. Positively
 1. When We Fail In Commitments Humbly Seek Forgiveness
 2. Seek God's Grace
 - a. In making commitments
 - b. In being faithful to keep commitments