# GOD WANTS MORE THAN YOUR "STUFF"

Malachi 1.6-14 //October 27, 2024

### **DESPISING THE NAME OF GOD**

Oftentimes in our prioritization, we compartmentalize too much. We have our "God time" which of course is number one. Then family time, social time, work time, etc. But when these are too compartmentalized, we fail to realize that *all of it* should be "God time." We give 100% to God at all times.

Colossians 3.17 // 1 John 4.19 // John 15.16 // Romans 12.1

God does not ask you to do anything He Himself has not done.

Because guess what, He first gave you *His* best.

He gave you His Son. Indeed, He gave You Himself.

Sacrifice *should be* a loving response to love that has been received.

#### **REASONABLE RESPONSE**

The reality for us is that we respond reasonably to so many other requests in life. We gladly pay for luxuries if we deem it worthwhile; we upgrade devices and other items if we feel it's worth it. Reasonable responses aren't hard for us, but seeing the true value in something is where we need fixed.

# God is not so much trying to fix their actions, but fix their hearts.

Luke 12.34

It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

-C.S. Lewis

#### PUT A STOP TO THIS

Psalm 138.2 // Hebrews 13.15, 16

God elevates His Name and His Word above all things, and so should we. Repentance is a huge theme in Malachi, as he exhorts God's people to prepare room in their hearts for Him. We, too, ought to do the same; whether you have much or little, give 100% to the Lord.

#### NOTES:

#### **Announcements:**

Women's Gathering: Monday, November 4th @ 7pm. Location details to follow!

Community Meal and Newcomers Lunch: Next Sunday, after service, we will be having our monthly community meal...this time it's a chili cook off, with a side of cinnamon rolls! Sign up to bring your best chili or some cinnamon rolls to share, using the QR code below. Let Kaitlyn Wargo know if you need access to an outlet to keep your items warm during service. ALSO...if you're a newcomer (even if you've been attending for 6 months or more) and would like to know more about Life Mission Church, you'll get head-of-the-line privileges so you can grab your food and get some time to sit down with our pastors to hear our story and ask questions.



#### This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 100

#### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

#### Hebrews 1:3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

#### **ARE YOU NEW HERE?**

#### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to fill out a Connection Card so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the Connection Booth outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll join us next Sunday and consider making us your church family.

#### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv

#### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our 6th - 8th graders begin each Sunday by worshiping with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our 9th-12th graders stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv.

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#### **COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK**

Open the evening by reading the **Call to Worship Psalm** and reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then pray the Psalm and the Memory Verse to open up discussion.

Read Malachi 1.6-14. What stands out in this verse and from Sunday's sermon?

#### **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**

Being reminded of the fact that God has given us *His* best is one of the most effective ways to change our hearts so that we desire (and do!) give us *our* best. What particular truths do you think will help you cease from giving second best or leftovers, but rather have a heart to truly be sacrificial with a "reasonable response" of worship in all that you do?

#### Your Life Mission

Picking up our cross and following is the big "umbrella term" that Christ uses to tell us to live a life of sacrifice. It includes everything we do. We sacrifice our time, money, reputation, praise of man, and comfort. In what ways have you been not giving Him your all as a "reasonable response," and how do you need prayer to live our your life mission in a way that revolves around the Name of God?

What relationships are you hoping to share this Good News with? How can others be praying with you as you pursue those conversations?

#### THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)
- Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)
- Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)
- Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)

Father, be glorified in and will be done, in and through	
Give daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.  Help to forgive, because You are the One who has forgiven us.	
Keep eyes fixed on You an so that may not Thank You for and help me trust	t sin against You.





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