

# How Is God Honored?

Malachi 1:6-14

- I. We honor God by \_\_\_\_\_ His sovereignty over all.
  - A. When we love Him as our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. When we fear and respect Him as our \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. We honor God by \_\_\_\_\_ to Him what He asks of us (v. 11).
- III. We honor God by \_\_\_\_\_ to defile what we give to Him (vv. 7-8).
- IV. We honor God by \_\_\_\_\_ our need of His grace and acceptance (v. 8).
- V. We honor God by \_\_\_\_\_ to Him with worship and fear (v. 14b).

## Review and Discuss

1. What two important questions are addressed in Malachi 1:6-14?
2. What instructions concerning sacrifices did God give in Leviticus 1:3; 2:1; 3:1; 4:3 and 21:16-23? Why was it so important that these sacrifices be without blemish?
3. How does God refer to Himself in Malachi 1:8, 9, 10, 11 and 14? What do we learn about Him from this?
4. In what five ways can we honor God?
5. What do Malachi 1:14; Psalm 10:16; 24:8; 84:3 and 95:3 tell us about our God?

## Further Consideration

1. We see that at this time God's children, the Jews, were doing what was necessary to maintain their rituals, but their hearts were not in it. Have there been times in your life when this has been true? What is it like today for Christians who simply "go through the motions"?
2. Explain what Romans 12:1 means in light of our study of Malachi. In what ways are you presenting yourself to God as living sacrifice? Would you call yourself a "holy and acceptable" sacrifice? Why or why not?
3. How has your view of God's greatness been affected by this study? What place do fear and respect have in your relationship with God?
4. Explain what Malachi 1:14 means. How can you apply this to your own life?
5. Ask yourself the two questions posted in Malachi 1:6-7. What will you do differently this week in response to those questions?