

**The Return to Jerusalem Study**  
**Malachi 1:1-2:9; "Polluted and Profane"**  
**DIVISIONS AND PRINCIPLES**

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**Division 1:**

The people doubted God's love.  
Malachi 1:1-5

Principle #1: Remembering God's everlasting love and forgiveness helps us to overcome our temporary circumstances.

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**Division 2:**

The priests offered unworthy sacrifices.  
Malachi 1:6-14

Principle #2: Thoughtless worship and leftover giving have no value to God or to us, and are unworthy of God's love.

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**Division 3:**

The Lord rebuked unworthy priests.  
Malachi 2:1-9

Principle #3: Unfaithful service to God by deliberate ignorance of God's will or refusal to do God's work will be punished.

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