

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE
WHAT PRIESTS MUST GIVE TO GOD
Malachi 1:6-14

What priests must give to God

The sins of the priests addressed by Malachi.

Why so roundly condemned by the Lord's messenger?

- a. What God deserves in worship &
what true worshipers should want to give is our **best**.
Were those priests true worshipers?
- b. What God demands in sacrifice for sin to be atoned,
is **perfection** (Leviticus 22:18-20, Deuteronomy 17:1)

2. What Christ our priest gave to God

Jesus Christ is the true and final priest who came to offer to God
the perfect and final sacrifice for sin – **Himself** on the cross.
(The importance of Christ's sinlessness)

He is the Lamb of God (Isaiah 53, John 1:29) -
- the one sacrifice that truly atones and takes away the guilt of
sin.
- the lamb who is spotless and undefiled (1 Peter 1:19,
see Hebrews 7:26-28).

He continues now as our great High Priest –
ever interceding for His redeemed people at the right hand of
His
Father (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 4:14-16, 7:25).

3. What we, priests in Christ, must give to God

God through Malachi foretold the day when Gentiles to the ends of
the earth would give praise to God.

That day began on Pentecost,
and all of those Jews & Gentiles who come to faith in Christ,
are priests to God.

We offer **no** atoning sacrifices. Christ's was ENOUGH for all.

We offer to God **thank offerings** in response to His saving grace:

(1) Our worship and praise as His gathered church
(1 Peter 2:5,9, Hebrews 13:15)

(2) And our lives as living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1, Heb. 13:16)

In our priestly offerings, what are we to bring to the Lord?

- the **BEST** we can bring.