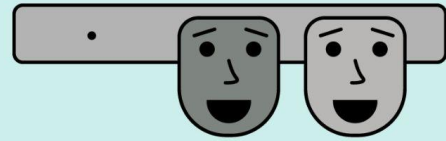


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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congregational Meeting** On Wednesday, April 21, Pastor Jeff announced that he will be leaving Northview Community Church to take a Lead Pastor position at another church in the United States. Join us at <https://northview.org/jeff/> this Tuesday for our Online Special Congregational Meeting.
- **Children's Services** Great News - Children's Ministry has started up again at the Mission Campus! We will be running a program for children born 2016 - grade 5 at the 9AM services.
- **Pre-Marriage Class** Our Pre-Marriage classes are back! This 3-week course is for seriously dating and engaged couples. Go to [northview.org/pre-marriage](https://northview.org/pre-marriage) for more info and to register.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

**Paul & Carol Dyck** in Abbotsford, BC

#### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

**Council of Elders**

Our Elders are not a ministry, but given Pastor Jeff's announcement this past week, we ask that you would begin to pray for the Elders as they journey to fill Pastor Jeff's role here.

Thank God for the Elders that we have. Pray that our Elders would be united and filled with the Spirit as they make this decision.

## LOOK

### Read Malachi 2:1-9

1. What stands out to you from the passage?
2. What do you remember from the sermon?
3. What did you learn from this passage?
4. What ideas or words are repeated?

#### Observations:

- Note that this hard word is given specifically to the priests of Israel (v.1)
- The principle problem the priests have is that they did not honor God (v.2) and would not heed correction (v.2)
- This whole passage is a warning (v.2), but some of the punishment is already being laid on them (v.2, 9)
- Note the righteous anger God has towards the priests: He has cursed them (v.2), he will spread dung on their face (v.3), and will make them despised before the people (v.9)
- See the contrast between the expected work of the priests in v.7 (guard/preserve knowledge) and what they actually did in v.8 (turned away/caused others to stumble)
- The manner in which the teaching of the Bible is given has real-world consequences (v.8)... it leads the people to life or death, as the leadership goes, so do the people!
- The correct sequence of a relationship with God is outlined in vv.5-6: God makes a covenant with people He chooses, they respond in reverence and worship, and continue to obey God's law and teach others to obey it also
- A mark of false teaching is the presence of partiality (v.9) - those who lead others astray always play favorites and always "pull punches" in causing people to ignore sin and stumble (v.8)

## LEARN

### Read Jer. 6:10-15

1. What is the reaction of the people to God's warning?  
*They find it offensive (v.10), their ears are closed (v.10)*
2. What is the reaction of the priests?  
*They ignore the warnings and contradict them (v.14), they have no shame or remorse in regards to sin (v.15)*

3. How will God react to this response by His people?  
*He will pour out wrath on everybody (v.11), and people will perish (v.15).*

### 2 Tim. 3:14-17

4. What is Timothy's experience with the Scriptures?  
*Timothy has learned since he was a child (v.15) and he has learned from several different people (v.14)*
5. Despite years of learning already under his belt, what does Paul command for Timothy's continued growth?  
*Timothy is commanded to continue to learn the Scriptures (v.14), no one ever masters the Bible nor outgrows it*
6. What is the purpose of the Bible in the life of Christians? What is it for?  
*Scripture is useful! It is meant for teaching, rebuking, correcting, training in righteousness (v.16), and equipping for good works (v.17)*
7. What details from this passage make it clear that this was an all-hands-on-deck worship gathering?  
*The people gave abundant sacrifices (v.35), the Levites stepped in to help offer those sacrifices (v.34), the people moved quickly (v.36)*

## LIVE

**In Malachi 2 as well as the cross-references above, we see the importance of learning God's Word, since it leads us into godly living.**

1. What do you do to personally grow in biblical literacy?
  - a. What are you currently reading or listening to?
  - b. When was the last time the Bible corrected your behavior?
2. What is your involvement with good Bible teaching or teachers?
  - a. Who are you learning from?
  - b. Who are you teaching?