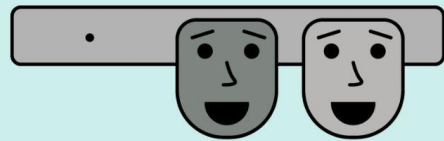


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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! Our Children's Ministry Team is excited to announce that we will be starting up our Weekend Children's Service again during our Weekend Services at Downes Road. These will start on the weekend of May 8/9. Find out more information on our website.
- **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 for more info and to register.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Paul & Carol Dyck in Abbotsford, BC

Caleb and Raquel Enns serving in our church planter residency as they prepare to church plant in Thailand.

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?

Sermon Point Refresher

Three Lessons to be Learned from

- Leadership matters
- Zeal/Holiness matters
- The WORD matters

LEARN

Read Mal. 1:6-8

1. What is the setting into which the warning in Mal. 2 is spoken?

Israel had begun to offer sub-par sacrifices, and as such were dishonouring God, and causing him to not be feared among the nations.

Read Mal. 2:1-3

2. How have the priests acted regarding this problem? Have they been part of the problem? How do we know?

Because this warning is focused on them (whereas Mal. 1 was a more general warning to all of Israel) we know that they played a significant role in this problem.

3. What kinds of warnings are given? Is there any way that the priests could have avoided receiving the curses?

(vv. 1-3) Curse on the priests, curse on their blessings, descendants rebuked, being made unclean by the dung of their sacrifices (v. 1) they could have "listened" and "resolved to honour God's name" to avoid the consequences

Considering their situation, why might Israel and their priests have slipped into this kind of improper worship?

Read Mal. 2:4-7

4. What sorts of things were responsibilities of the Levitical priests?

"Walk with God in peace and uprightness"

"Turn many from sin"

"Preserve knowledge"/give "true instruction"

Based on your understanding both of the Old Testament priesthood and New Testament pastor, how were their roles similar? How were they different?

A main difference is that all church members in the New Testament are called to help each other grow up in spiritual maturity; those who are gifted and called by their church to teach do so formally, but all share that responsibility.

Read Mal. 2:8-9

5. Compare this with Mal. 1:11-12. How did the priests being "despised" and "humiliated" measure up with the way they had treated God's name/reputation?

The curse from God mirrors their infraction; they caused God to be dishonoured "among the nations", and so their punishment included being despised among "all the people"

6. Given that Malachi is the last book in the Old Testament, how does this passage about the final failure of the Levite-priests help us anticipate Jesus?

(Read Heb. 2:17) The priests were unfaithful, Jesus was perfectly faithful. The priests lead people into sin, Jesus made atonement for their sin.

LIVE

According to Malachi 2:1-9, the life and leadership of the priests mattered, and had significant implications for those they lead.

- How can we identify who is a good leader to follow, and who is a leader to be avoided?
- Do our lives reflect a deep love for, and obedience to, God's word?
- From this passage, how can you worship Jesus for who he is/what he has done?