

Malachi 2:1-9 **Corrupt Priests Rebuked for making the Law contemptible**

Corrupt Priests

1 "And now, O priests, this commandment is for you.

2 If you will not hear, And if you will not take it to heart, To give glory to My name," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), "I will send a curse upon you, And I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, Because you do not take it to heart.

3 "Behold, I will rebuke your descendants And spread refuse on your faces, The refuse of your solemn feasts; And one will take you away with it.

4 Then you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, That My covenant with Levi may continue," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

5 "My covenant was with him, one of life and peace, And I gave them to him that he might fear Me; So he feared Me And was reverent before My name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, And injustice was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, And turned many away from iniquity.

7 "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

8 But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

9 "Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base Before all the people, Because you have not kept My ways But have shown partiality in the law."

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Facts revealed:

Warning to Corrupt Priests [\[Malachi 2:1-4, 8-9\]](#)

- ✧ Yahweh pronounced Judgment against the priests because;
 - they would not hear the warnings He sent to them by the prophets.
 - they would not give glory to the name of Yahweh. [\[Malachi 2:2, Leviticus 10:1-3\]](#)
 - they have departed from the right way, and have caused many to stumble at the Law. [\[Malachi 2:8-9, Isaiah 28:7, Jeremiah 2:7-8, 5:31, 6:13, 8:10, 23:11, Ezekiel 7:26, 22:26, Hosea 4:6-9, Zephaniah 3:4\]](#)
 - they have shown partiality in the Law, corrupting the covenant of Levi.

Levi's Faithfulness [\[Malachi 2:5-7\]](#)

- ✧ The covenant with Levi was one of life and peace.
 - ✧ Levi feared Yahweh and was reverent before His Name.
 - ✧ The Law of truth was in the mouth of Levi and no injustice was found in his words.
 - ✧ Levi walked with Yahweh in peace and equity, as he turned many of the people away from iniquity.
- ✧ "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts). [\[Malachi 2:7\]](#)