



RETURN TO ME —

God's Honor (Malachi 1:6-14) – Return to Me – May 1-2, 2021
STUDY NOTES || SPEAKING PASTOR TIM HOWEY

Are we honoring God?

Am I honoring God?

“I have loved you.”

“Return to Me, and I will return to you.”

(Malachi 1:2, 3:7)

“A son honors *his* father, And a servant *his* master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I *am* a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, ‘In what way have we despised Your name?’ **Malachi 1:6 NKJV**

“You offer defiled food on My altar, But say, ‘In what way have we defiled You?’ By saying, ‘The table of the Lord is contemptible.’ **Malachi 1:7 NKJV**

And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, *Is it not evil?* And when you offer the lame and sick, *Is it not evil?* Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?” Says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 1:8 NKJV

“But now entreat God’s favor, That He may be gracious to us. *While* this is being *done* by your hands, Will He accept you favorably?” Says the Lord of hosts. **Malachi 1:9 NKJV**

“Who *is there* even among you who would shut the doors, So that you would not kindle fire *on* My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you,” Says the Lord of hosts, “Nor will I accept an offering from your hands. **Malachi 1:10 NKJV**

For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name *shall* be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense *shall* be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations,” Says the Lord of hosts. **Malachi 1:11 NKJV**

“But you profane it, In that you say, ‘The table of the Lord is defiled; And its fruit, its food, *is* contemptible.’
Malachi 1:12 NKJV

You also say, ‘Oh, what a weariness!’ And you sneer at it,” Says the Lord of hosts. “And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?” Says the Lord. **Malachi 1:13 NKJV**

“But cursed *be* the deceiver Who has in his flock a male, And takes a vow, But sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished— For I *am* a great King,” Says the Lord of hosts, “And My name *is to be* feared among the nations. **Malachi 1:14 NKJV**

Are we honoring God’s greatness by our offerings?

Am I honoring God’s greatness by my offerings?

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **1 Peter 2:5 NKJV**

Romans 12:1-2 -- Your body? Your mind?

Hebrews 13:15-16 -- Your words? Your actions? Your giving?

NURSERY

JESUS CARES
THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Toddlers are ready and willing helpers! Helping others gives toddlers a sense of self-satisfaction and allows them the opportunity to reach out to others and experience the good feelings that come from showing they care. It's important to help toddlers see that Jesus cares for us and wants us to care for others, too. The lessons in this series will encourage your toddler to look for ways to help others and show that they care.

Memory Verse: "Jesus Cares." 1 Peter 5:7 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Can Be Happy That Jesus Cares

Parent Engagement: Play with Play-doh together. As you play, make a smiley face with your doh. Encourage your toddler to make a smiley face, too. Remind your toddler that we can be happy that Jesus cares for us.

GKJR

THE EARLY CHURCH
PETER AND PAUL

This month in GKJr we get to follow the exciting adventures of Peter and Paul as Jesus used them to help the early church get started. We will learn how Jesus wants us to be brave and tell others about Him and He will help us.

Memory Verse: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

Heart of the Lesson: Prayer Works - Peter Escapes -Acts 12

Parent Engagement: This is such a great age to establish family routines. Make it a practice to pray together at meals or bedtime. Tell Jesus one thing you are thankful for, one request for yourself and one for someone else.

ELEMENTARY

Jesus vs. The World



The world tells us a lot of things and if we aren't careful, it is easy to start listening to the world and acting like the world. The Bible tells us that God's kingdom is the opposite of the world and therefore the way we live should be different from the ways of this world. In this series, we are going to break down what Jesus tells us vs. what the World tells us. The victory is already won but you have to decide who you are going to let win in your life!

Memory Verse: Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect Romans 12:2

Heart of the Lesson: In God's Kingdom, It's About Our Inside Over Image - David Chosen - 1 Samuel 15

Parent Engagement: As a family watch show or some commercials. Does the world work on our image or our inside? Read Ephesians 4:24-32 this week and discuss how you can "renew" your insides.

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YOU ASKED FOR IT



During the month of May we will be answering tough questions that the 5th and 6th graders have asked. The students will engage in small groups to discover what the Bible says about their question, and then discuss with the whole group what they found out!

Memory Verse: Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

Heart of the Lesson: Where did God come from? Isaiah 40:28, 1 Timothy 1:17, Revelation 1:8, Job 36:26, Isaiah 55:8-9

Parent Engagement: Have your student role-play how they would answer today's question if a friend asked them.