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MALACHI - “HONORING GOD”

The background of the slide is a photograph of a church interior. The top half shows a blue ceiling with white stars and gold-colored arches. The bottom half shows rows of wooden pews in a sanctuary, with a central aisle leading towards the front. The text is overlaid on a light blue rectangular background.

A FAITHFUL REMNANT WHO HONOR GOD

(MALACHI 3:8 - 4:6)



CONTEXT:

MALACHI WAS ADDRESSING
THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S COVENANT
BECAUSE THEY HAD STOPPED
FOLLOWING COVENANT NORMS,
AND THE WHOLE CULTURE
SUFFERED BECAUSE OF IT.

A photograph of a church interior, showing rows of wooden pews and a carpeted aisle leading towards a brightly lit altar area. The ceiling features ornate architectural details and stained glass windows. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent blue rectangular area.

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(AND RUNAWAY INFLATION, DEFICIT SPENDING, FAILED
INFRASTRUCTURE, INCONSISTENT FOOD SUPPLY...)

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AS A RESULT, THE WHOLE CULTURE
WAS UNDER GOD'S JUDGMENT.





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IN THE MIDST OF HIS MINISTRY,
MALACHI FOUND...

... A FAITHFUL REMNANT.

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2 COR. 8-9: NEW TESTAMENT OFFERINGS



2 COR. 8-9 - PRINCIPLES OF NEW TESTAMENT GIVING

8:2 ABUNDANTLY, OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY

8:3 FROM YOUR ABILITY, AND BEYOND YOUR ABILITY

8:4 IT IS A FAVOR TO PARTICIPATE IN GIVING OFFERINGS TO GOD

8:7 ABOUND IN THIS WORK OF GRACE

8:12 GIVE ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU HAVE, NOT OUT OF DEBT

8:14 GIVE WHEN YOU HAVE IT; RECEIVE WHEN YOU NEED IT

8:24 BE MOTIVATED BY ABOUNDING LOVE

9:1-5 MAKE PREPARATIONS TO GIVE; HAVE A FAMILY PLAN

9:6 SOWING & REAPING: SPARINGLY OR BOUNTIFULLY?

9:7 ALWAYS GIVE CHEERFULLY & WILLINGLY, NOT BY COMPULSION

9:8 GIVE BY MEANS OF GOD'S GRACIOUS PROVISION

9:10 LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING = MULTIPLICATION/INCREASE

9:11 YOU WILL BE ENRICHED IN EVERYTHING FOR LIBERALITY

9:13 GIVING IS AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE THAT GLORIFIES GOD

9:14 GIVE BY AND FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT, INDESCRIBABLE GRACE

HOW TO BE A FAITHFUL REMNANT:

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2 HUMBLY HONOR GOD'S SOVEREIGN JUSTICE
(3:13-15) - IN CONTRAST TO THE ARROGANT
GROUP HERE

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PSALM 73:1-16 *MUST GO ON TO VV.17-28*

1 PETER 1:1-9

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COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

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“MAKE THE CULTURE *IN HERE*
STRONGER THAN THE CULTURE *OUT THERE*”

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HEBREWS 10:19-25

APPLICATION:

Q: ARE WE SEASONING OUR CULTURE OR
MARINATING IN IT?

Q: DO WE WANT TO BE A
FAITHFUL REMNANT?

APPLICATION:

ENCOURAGE EVERYONE

FOCUS FORWARD

GIVE GENEROUSLY

HUMBLY HONOR GOD



“THE “ONE ANOTHER” COMMANDS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT INCLUDE NOT ONLY “ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER” BUT ALSO “LOVE ONE ANOTHER”, “WELCOME ONE ANOTHER”... AND MORE. IT’S A TOTAL WAY OF ENJOYING CHRIST TOGETHER.

WHO WOULDN’T LOVE TO JUMP IN?

AT THE SAME TIME, HAVE WE NOTICED THE “ONE ANOTHERS” THAT DO *NOT* APPEAR IN SCRIPTURE BUT SOMETIMES APPEAR AMONG US? FOR EXAMPLE, “SCOLD ONE ANOTHER,” “HUMBLE ONE ANOTHER,” “PRESSURE ONE ANOTHER...”

–RAY ORTLUND, DESIRINGGOD.ORG

“A MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN LOOK LIKE:
STANDING WITH ONE ANOTHER, BRINGING A
LIFE-GIVING PRESENCE TO ONE ANOTHER...
REAL ENCOURAGEMENT IS ONE WAY WE EXPERIENCE
THE HOLY SPIRIT TOGETHER. IT’S HOW WE EXPERIENCE
REAL COMMUNITY TOGETHER. AND THIS KIND OF
COMMUNITY IS NOT LIFE-DEPLETING BUT
LIFE-ENRICHING, NOT GUARDED AND ALOOF BUT
ALL-IN AND INVOLVED, NOT SCRUTINIZING AND
CRITICIZING BUT AFFIRMING AND STRENGTHENING.”

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“BUT IF WE PREACH THE DOCTRINE WHILE NEGLECTING THE CULTURE, WE END UP — WELL, THE WAY SOME OF US ARE NOW: ORTHODOX AND EXHAUSTED. WHATEVER SWEEPED OVER THE ROMAN EMPIRE IN THOSE EARLY CENTURIES, IT WASN’T THAT. WHAT CAPTIVATED THE ANCIENT WORLD WAS A NEW KIND OF COMMUNITY. THOSE DISADVANTAGED BUT CONFIDENT CHRISTIANS KNEW WHAT THEY BELIEVED, AND THEY KNEW THE BEAUTY THEIR BELIEFS CREATED, AND THE ROMAN WORLD LOOKED ON WITH ASTONISHMENT. TERTULLIAN (CA. 160–220) REPORTED WHAT PEOPLE WERE SAYING ABOUT CHRISTIANS:

“HOW THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER!
HOW THEY ARE READY TO DIE FOR ONE ANOTHER!”
IS ANYONE SAYING THAT ABOUT US TODAY?”

—RAY ORTLUND, DESIRINGGOD.ORG