

Malachi 2

Marriage and Covenant, Law and Love

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Marriage, Part Three

Introduction - Parish Groups, Makers and Couple Checkups
Who Needs A Piece of Paper?

- I. The Text
 - A. The Addressees
 - B. The Command
 - C. The Threat
 - D. Past Faithfulness
 - E. The Charge
 - F. The Specifications of the Charge
- II. Marriage Is A Covenant - Mal. 2:14; Ezek. 16:8; Pr. 2:17
 - A. Consumer/Bargain vs. Covenant, Marketing vs. the Gospel
 - B. Pledge of Future Love - Song of Songs 8:6,7
Ulysses, 2/3, Divorce (1 Cor. 7:15; Jer. 3:8)
 - C. Vertical and Horizontal - Questions and Vows, A- Frame
 - D. Controlling the Unpredictable - The Power of Promising by Lewis Smedes
Promising, Identity and Freedom
 - E. From Childish (Aesthetic) to Mature (Ethical) Love - Soren Kierkegaard
- III. Commanded Love Is First; Actions Then Feeling (Both Ways)



The Goodness and Importance of Proper Feelings and thus, Proper Actions

Love, Actions and Attitudes - Lev. 19:15-18

Conclusion - He Stayed

Children's Notes for Marriage and Covenant, Law and Love, Malachi 2

1. Parish groups are becoming more _____.
2. God talks to the _____ in Malachi 2
3. He tells them (and us) to _____ His name.
4. If we don't, He will _____ our blessings.
5. To honor God, we should also _____ Him and walk with Him.
6. They had broken God's covenant by not being _____.
7. They had sinned against their _____.
8. They had sinned against the Holy Spirit, the _____.

9. Getting married is not like hiring a _____.
10. Getting married is a promise of _____ love.
11. Being married is like Ulysses who stayed tied to the _____.
12. Even God got _____.
13. Marriage is like an A-frame house, our promise to _____ is the base.
14. Promising gives us _____.
15. Getting married is a promise of _____ love.
16. Love is often a _____, something to be done, not felt.
17. Godly love gives us good _____ later.
18. Jesus loved and died for us when we were His _____.