

Daily Devotional, February 8, 2021

“Where is My Reverence?”, (Malachi 1:6, NKJV)

*“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)*

“Where is My reverence?” This is a very good question to meditate upon. We profess Christ, we pray privately and publicly, we praise His name, we read the Bible, hear His Word preached, and we sing commitments of obedience to Jesus Whom we call “Father”, “Master”, and “Lord.” If God were to look down into our church services, “will He really find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). Would He find true hearts of worship there? I suspect that in most evangelical church ‘gatherings’- Christian PC for ‘services’, the place would be so obscured by loud music, dim lighting, fog and haze, imitation of the culture, sinful thoughts and behavior amongst the young people who attend “cool churches” like this, and lack of sound and wholesome Bible doctrine, that Jesus would pass right by in disgust, and say, “Where is My reverence?” This, friends, is easy to remedy on the outside. We do not operate after this manner, nor do many other Bible-believing churches. But that is just an outward remedy. Israel was also doing a fairly good job outwardly in the days of Malachi, but inwardly they were a spiritual mess. This is God’s point of indictment to the leaders and people of Israel in our text, and that theme runs through the whole Book of Malachi. So now let us allow the question asked by God to penetrate our hearts. “Where is My reverence?” The priests in Malachi’s day made excuses and debated with God when they were challenged by this. But it would have been better for them to agree with God. “Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?” (Amos 3:3). And then get about the business of repentance. Let each one of us take up the challenge. Are you showing God reverence in your prayers, your priorities, and your actions? Answer that one honestly. Better to come clean before God than to get called out by Him later, when you are doubly guilty. Let us revere the Lord our God today in all we do.