

# DEAD ORTHODOXY

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

## CONTEXT

AUTHOR

POLITICAL

ECONOMIC

SPIRITUAL

- Haggai 2:7 ESV
- Zechariah 8:1-8 ESV

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COVENANTS

- “A covenant is an enduring agreement which defines a relationship between two parties involving a solemn, binding obligation(s) specified on the part of at least one of the parties toward the other, made by oath under threat of divine curse, and ratified by a visual ritual.”

LOVE

FAITHFULNESS

INNER REALITY

## CRUCIAL CONTRAST

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE VS. COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ESV

DEAD ORTHODOXY VS. LIVING FAITH

## CONSIDER

- God speaks an unchanging Word ... calling us to Him
- God requires an authentic repentance
- God requires a living faith

## CHRIST

- All Scripture points to Christ - Luke 24:27 ESV And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
- Malachi was, by name, God's messenger who brought God's Word: Jesus is the true and better messenger who doesn't just bring God's revelation but IS God's revelation
- Malachi was a prophet who explained the obligations of God's covenant, but Jesus is true and better prophet who doesn't just explain the obligations of God's covenant, but actually fulfills the obligations on behalf of his people
- The Israelites in Malachi's time were looking for a Davidic king to rule over them, but Jesus is the true and better Davidic king who first dies for his people so he might rule over them eternally
- The Israelites in Malachi's time were yearning for a glorious temple, but Jesus is the true and better temple who was destroyed in death, rebuilt in resurrection, and will never be destroyed again
- Malachi's countrymen desired the presence of God, but Jesus is the true and better presence, Emmanuel-God with us, who never leaves his people
- Malachi called his people to obey the covenant, but Jesus is the true and better covenant who through his life, death, and resurrection gives his people a new heart that they might love God with faithfulness and loyalty