

Heavy Lifting  
Malachi...The Sarcastic Messenger  
Malachi 1:11-14

Introduction – A father’s children have a responsibility to uphold the family name.

I. Respectable worship – v. 11

- The heathen are true worshippers?
- Paul clarifies – Romans 1:19-20
- Example – Acts 17:22-34
- Context is the future millennium – rebuilt temple with all peoples purely worshipping

II. Actions louder than words – v. 12

- Their insincerity is revealed by actions
- Their actions disputed against God’s name and service

III. The proof text – vv. 13-14a

- Attitudes towards their offering
  - Weariness – tedious; empty religion
  - Snuffed – snorted; sniffed with contempt
  - Since they didn’t care, God didn’t either...Right?
- Substitution of offerings
  - Vowed; promised but didn’t deliver
  - Much like Annanias and Sapphira
  - Insult is heightened by the greatness of the God it is perpetrated upon

#### IV. False witness – v.14b

- Israel was set apart as a witness to Gentiles; instead they mock God

Conclusion – His name will be great one day. Is it today in our lives?