

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: January 12, 2020**  
**Intro to Malachi & 1:1-14**

1. Who, spoke to Israel, according to 1:1?
  - a. Malachi
  - b. This is the word of the Lord.
  
2. When was the book of Malachi written?
  - a. There is no clear reference within the book that can be used to date it.
  - b. After the reconstruction of the temple, which happened in about 515.
  - c. Not long after the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, since Malachi deals with the same sins that they do.
  - d. After Haggai & Zechariah, making it the last of the Old Testament writings.
  
3. What is the first message from the Lord to Israel, according to 1:2? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How to God's people respond to this, according to 1:2? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have trouble believing that God loves you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. How does God respond to this question, according to 1:3-5?
  - a. He reminds Israel of the times when he gave them undeserved favor.
  - b. He shows them their life and history from another perspective.
  
6. Why was Israel suffering during this time, if they were "loved" or "chosen", according to 1:6?
  - a. They didn't know! Things were supposed to get better when they returned and rebuilt the temple.
  - b. They had been disobedient and were suffering the consequences of their sin. Being obedient in one area doesn't make God ignore other areas of disobedience (James 2:10)
  - c. Sometimes, we suffer because we are doing what is right (John 15:1-4, 1 Peter 1:6-9).
  
7. What does the Lord say through Malachi in 1:6a?
  - a. A son honors his father.
  - b. A slave honors his master.
  - c. If I am a father...or a master, where is the honor and respect due me?
  - d. It is even the priests who show contempt for my name.How did they respond, according to the end of 1:6? \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. What had the priests done that showed contempt for the name of God?
  - a. They had cursed him out loud.
  - b. They had offered him blind, lame, or diseased animals for sacrifice.What does Malachi suggest in verse 8b? \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. In what ways might we still show contempt for God by offering him less than our best?
  - a. I don't! I love God and respect him. Just watch me during worship!
  - b. Maybe when God tells me to do something and I do it, but my heart isn't really in it so I give him less than my best.
  - c. Perhaps when I give an offering after I've made sure that I have all my other bills paid and the offering is just what's left over...or maybe there isn't anything left over.
  
10. What does God call these offerings according to verse 10? \_\_\_\_\_  
What are you offering to God? \_\_\_\_\_