

### Lesson 3

#### **Godliness - the Calling of Every Man**

Being a godly man is the foundation stone to being a loving husband and faithful father!

**1.**

- a.** Read Malachi 2:1-9 and compare Israel's ungodly priests with the godly Levi (Aaron).
- b.** Explain at least three specific differences between the two by defining what made Levi godly and what made the priest ungodly. What does the text mean in verse 2 when it says "you will not take it to heart..." and when it says "give honor to my name"?
- c.** Consider that as compared to the end of verse 5. What was the benefit of Levi walking with God?
- d.** How specifically, from this passage, did Levi "walk with God"?
- e.** What kind of impact did Levi have on those around him and what impact did the ungodly priests have on the people?
- f.** Have you considered that believers in Jesus Christ serve in a holy priesthood (1 Pet 2:9; Rom 12:1-2)?

2. Now after answering the questions from Malachi read Titus 1:9-16 and consider the comparisons.
  - a. What must the faithful elder and the godly man hold firm to? What does “hold firm to” mean?
  - b. What are the comparisons in both passages to swerving away from the truth (Mal 2:7-9 & Titus 1:10-16) and what are the negative results personally as well as for the people that follow us?
  - c. Also in connection with this read Ephesians 4:14 and explain what the immature man who does not know the truth or hold firmly to the truth is susceptible to?
3.
  - a. Consider Levi in Malachi 2:5, Noah in Hebrews 11:7, Job in Job 1:1, and Paul in 2 Cor 5:9 and name the one specific common connection between all these godly men.
  - b. Explain how that one trait in their lives directed how they lived in their world and walked with God.
  - c. Now read 2 Cor 7:1 and explain the connection between the lives of the godly men listed in lessons 1-2, your calling to “train yourself unto godliness” (1 Tim 4:7-8), and the character of God which drives the context (2 Cor 6:14-18).
4. Memorize Micah 6:8

"Get your texts from God—your thoughts, your words, from God. In great measure, according to the purity and perfection's of the instrument, will be success. It is not great talents God blesses so much as great likeness to Jesus. **A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God. A word spoken by you when your conscience is clear, and your heart full of God's Spirit, is worth ten thousand words spoken in unbelief and sin.**" Robert Murray M'Cheyne