

## **BROKEN COVENANT ~ Malachi 2:10-16**

→ Scripture Reading Malachi 2:10-16 NLT

### **DO NOT MARRY OUTSIDE THE FAITH ~ Malachi 2:10-12**

[10] Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our fathers by breaking faith with one another?

**Deuteronomy 4:13-14** (NIV) He declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. [14] And the Lord directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess.

[11] Judah has broken faith. A detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: Judah has desecrated the sanctuary the Lord loves, by marrying the daughter of a foreign god. [12] As for the man who does this, whoever he may be, may the Lord cut him off from the tents of Jacob--even though he brings offerings to the Lord Almighty.

### **APPLICATION**

**Deuteronomy 7:3-4** (NIV) Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, [4] for they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods, and the Lord's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.

**Ezra 9:2-4** (NIV) They have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, and have mingled the holy race with the peoples around them. And the leaders and officials have led the way in this unfaithfulness." [3] When I heard this, I tore my tunic and cloak, pulled hair from my head and beard and sat down appalled. [4] Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel gathered around me because of this unfaithfulness of the exiles. And I sat there appalled until the evening sacrifice.

**Nehemiah 13:25-26** (NIV) I rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair. I made them take an oath in God's name and said: "You are not to give your daughters in marriage to their sons, nor are you to take their daughters in marriage for your sons or for yourselves. [26] Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon king of Israel sinned? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel, but even he was led into sin by foreign women.

**2 Corinthians 6:14-15** (NIV) Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? [15] What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

## I HATE DIVORCE ~ Malachi 2:13-17

[13] Another thing you do: You flood the Lord's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. [14] You ask, "Why?" It is because the Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. [15] Has not [the Lord] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. [16] "I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the Lord Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.

## APPLICATION

### **Broke God's Covenant by:** (Apple)

- marrying Unbelieving wives vs. 11
- divorcing the wives of their Youth vs. 14

### **God Hates Divorce Because it...** (Ebie)

- is Direct Disobedience
- Dishonors our Worship
- Distorts the Gospel message

➔ God is more interested in our godliness than in our happiness

➔ Temporary Quick Happiness - OR - Long Lasting Growing Joy

➔ Easy is NOT always Good - AND - Hard is NOT always Bad

## TAKE AWAY ??

### **We cannot Win Any Spiritual unless we...**

- admit it is Sin
- learn Total Dependence on God's Strength
- hate for OUR sin
- develop a growing Desire for Holiness

**Psalm 51:16-17** (NIV) You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. [17] The sacrifices of God are **a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart**, O God, you will not despise.