

Malachi 1:6 (NLT)

The Lord of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: "A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name! "But you ask, 'How have we ever shown contempt for your name?'"

Malachi 1:7-8 (NLT)

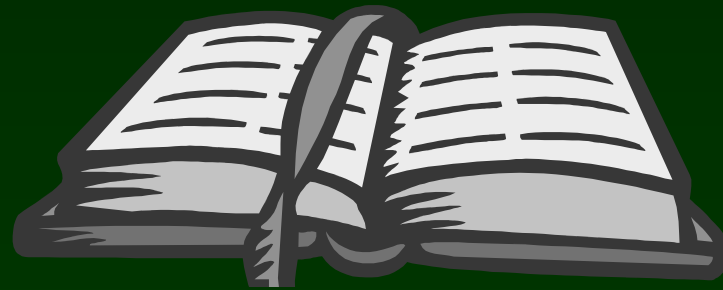
“You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. “Then you ask, ‘How have we defiled the sacrifices?’ “You defile them by saying the altar of the Lord deserves no respect. [8] When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn’t that wrong? And isn’t it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

Malachi 1:9-10 (NLT)

“Go ahead, beg God to be merciful to you! But when you bring that kind of offering, why should he show you any favor at all?” asks the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. [10] “How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “and I will not accept your offerings.

SHUT THE TEMPLE DOORS!

Malachi 1:6-10



Ritualism/Formalism - do the rituals and ceremonies

Skepticism - doubting God's Power and His Word

HONOR - to lift up to be
Admired, to be in AWE of

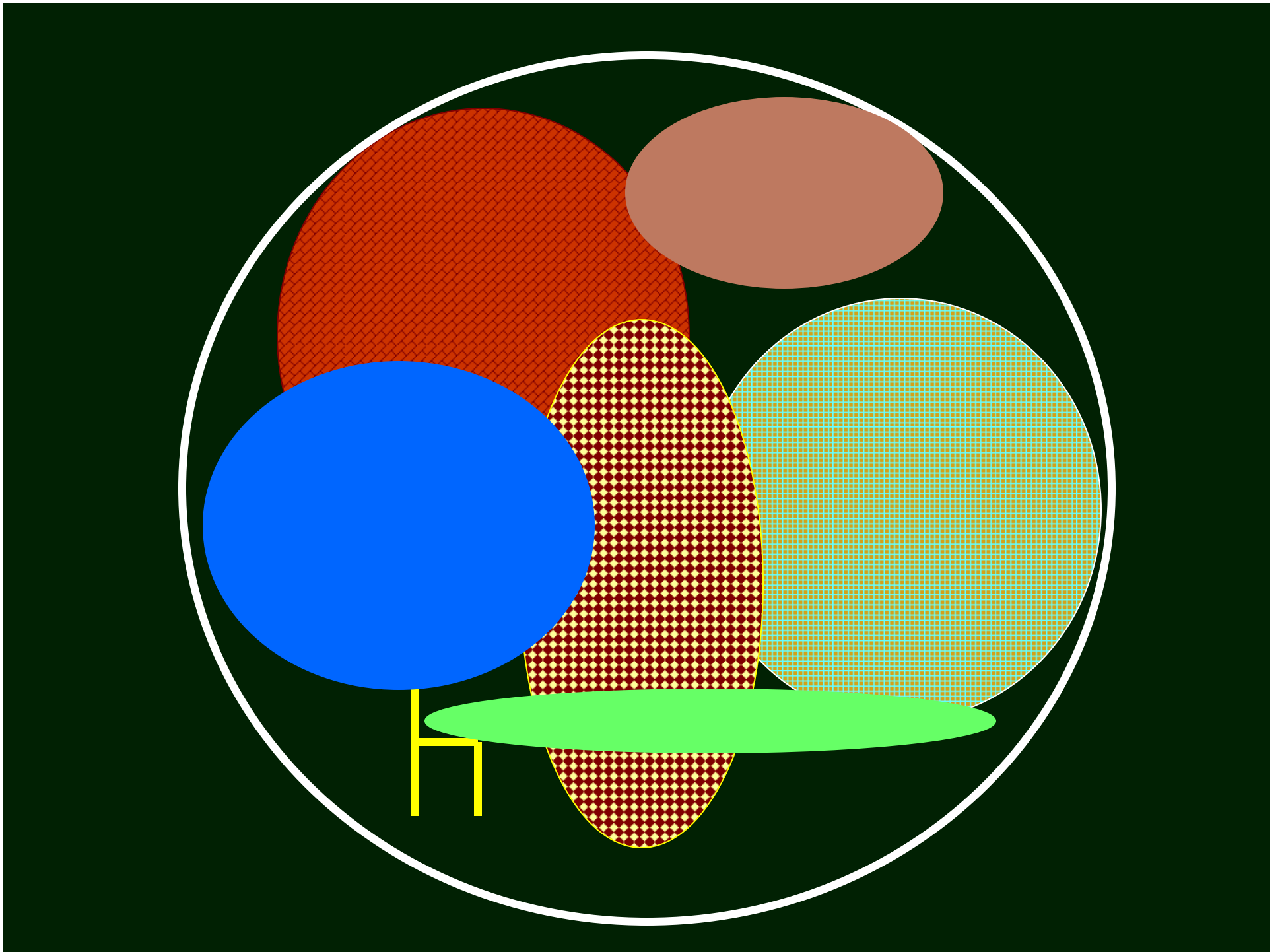
RESPECT - a deep sense of
reverence, awe, fear

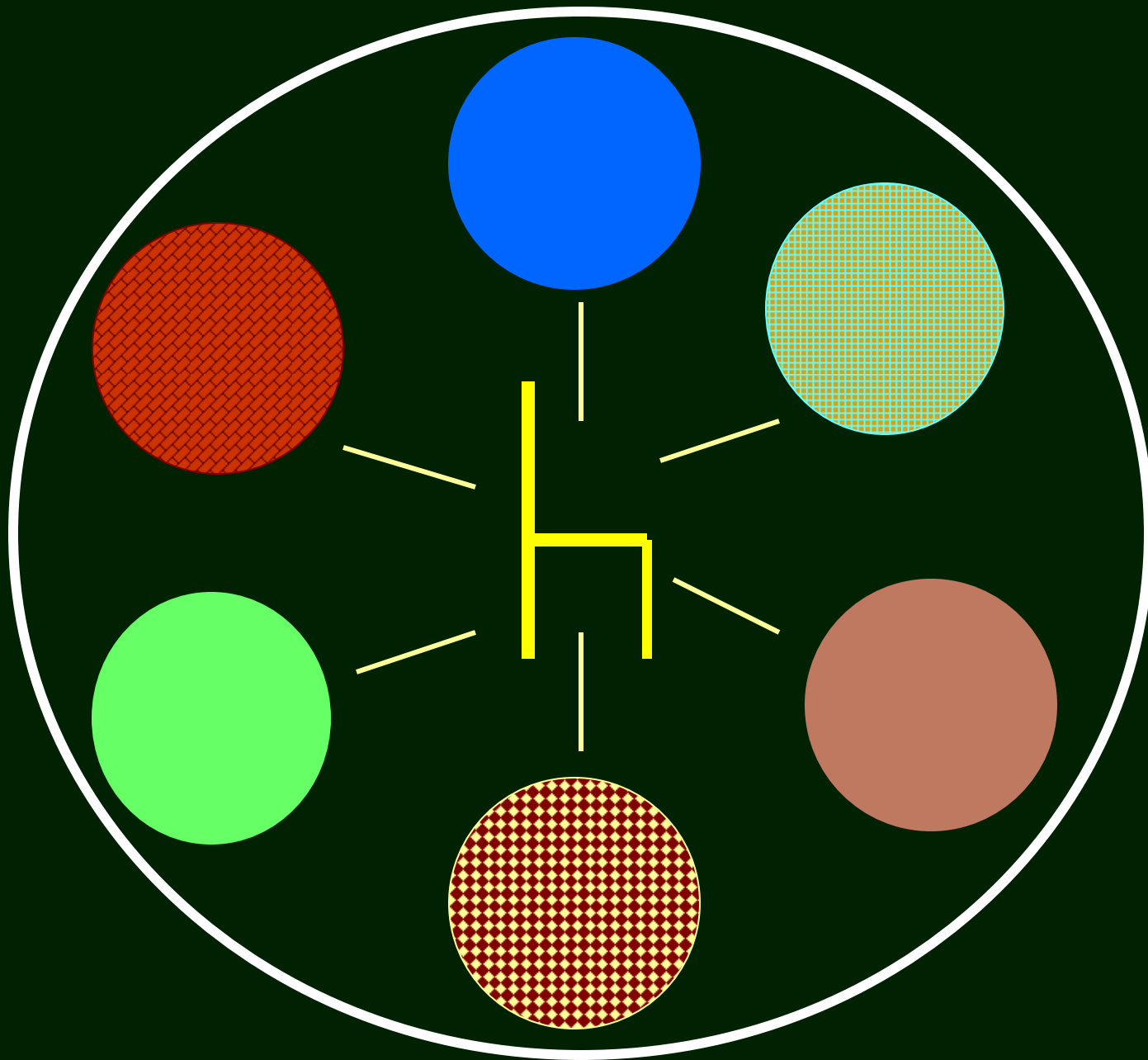
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DISRESPECT- to show
Contempt or Disgust for

HONOR- to lift up to be
Admired to be in AWE of





Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

And **whatever you do**, whether in
WORD or **DEED**, do it **ALL**
in the NAME OF the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father
through him.

Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

And whatever you **DO or **SAY**,
do it as a **representative of the**
Lord Jesus, giving thanks through
him to God the Father.**

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

And **whatever you do**, whether in
WORD or DEED, **DO IT ALL**
in the **NAME OF** the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father
through him.

Matthew 15:1-2 (NIV)

Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, [2] "Why do your disciples **break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!"**

Matthew 15:8-9 (NIV)

**...“These people HONOR ME
with their lips,**

but their HEARTS are FAR from me.

**[9] They worship me in vain; their
teachings are but rules taught
by men.”**

Matthew 15:32 (NIV)

...Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; **they have already been with me THREE DAYS** and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is it so easy for us to slip into Ritualism rather than to pursue God with all our hearts?**
- 2. How can we stop giving God the Leftovers in our lives?**
- 3. In what ways can we honor the Lord Jesus in the real world?**
- 4. How can we make sure we are not just going through the motions in our faith?**