

SERMON CHALLENGE
The Sin of Betrayal
Malachi 2:10–17

Name: _____ Date: _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

1. According to the sermon, why does treachery against a brother or sister in Christ matter so much to God?

- A. Because it breaks a church rule about kindness
- B. Because it is a betrayal of the God who made us one family
- C. Because it damages a person's reputation in the community
- D. Because it was only a concern for ancient Israel

2. Why did God stop regarding the offerings brought with tears and weeping at the altar?

- A. The offerings were the wrong kind of animal
- B. The people were not weeping loudly enough
- C. Their worship was not received while treachery went unaddressed
- D. The altar itself had become unclean

3. What does the sermon say marriage truly is, based on Malachi 2:14?

- A. A private arrangement between two people
- B. A covenant to which God Himself is witness
- C. A social custom with no spiritual significance
- D. A temporary agreement that can be ended without consequence

4. What was the deeper problem behind the people's question, Where is the God of judgment?

- A. They genuinely did not know the answer
- B. They were asking out of sincere curiosity about the future
- C. They mistook God's patience for God's absence
- D. They were quoting a teaching from a false prophet

5. According to the sermon conclusion, how does a person's place before God get secured?

- A. By faithfully repairing broken relationships
- B. By offering sincere worship with tears
- C. By faith in Christ, who kept every covenant we have broken
- D. By taking heed to one's spirit over time

TRUE OR FALSE

Write T for true or F for false.

- _____ 1. The sermon teaches that treachery toward a brother is really just a personal disagreement and does not involve God at all.
- _____ 2. The sermon explains that real grief over sin leads to change, while grief over consequences alone does not.
- _____ 3. According to the sermon, being active in worship automatically protects a person from the consequences of unaddressed sin.
- _____ 4. The sermon uses the image of a written and witnessed promise to explain how seriously God views the marriage covenant.
- _____ 5. The sermon teaches that good works and covenant faithfulness are what ultimately earn a person's place before God.

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SHORT ANSWER

Answer each question in your own words.

1. What is the central truth this sermon wants us to remember about the sin of treachery?

2. How did the sermon explain the difference between the tears offered at the altar and true repentance?

3. What warning does the sermon give about questioning whether God notices wrongdoing?

4. What personal step does the sermon call listeners to take this week regarding a relationship they have damaged?

MEMORY VERSE

Malachi 2:16

For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.