GOD HAS GIVEN US A PRIESTHOOD OF RESPONSIBILITY

BOOK THEME: A MESSAGE OF LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS

OBJECTIVE: LEARN HOW WE ARE IN A COVENANT OF RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH

THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS

MALACHI 2:1-17

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COMMITMENT MEANS STAYING LOYAL TO WHAT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO DO, LONG AFTER THE MOOD YOU SAID IT IN HAS LEFT YOU.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21, "FOR TO ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN."

2. OUR COVENANT RESPONSIBILITY IS TO LIVE A LIFE OF COMMITMENT V.4-5

A <u>COVENANT</u> IS AN OATH-BOUND PROMISE WHERE ONE PARTY SOLEMNLY PLEDGES TO BLESS OR SERVE ANOTHER PARTY IN A SPECIFIC WAY.

LUKE 22:20, "THIS CUP THAT IS POURED OUT FOR YOU IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD."

ISAIAH 54:10, "FOR THE MOUNTAINS MAY DEPART AND THE HILLS BE REMOVED, BUT MY STEADFAST LOVE SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOU, AND MY COVENANT OF PEACE SHALL NOT BE REMOVED, SAYS THE LORD, WHO HAS COMPASSION ON YOU."

THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM IS THE SIN PROBLEM IN OUR HEART.

IT IS <u>EVIDENT</u> THAT A <u>PERSON</u> IS IN A <u>COVENANT</u> WITH <u>GOD</u> WHEN THEY <u>LIVE</u> A LIFE THAT IS COMMITTED TO OBEY GOD'S WILL.

WE KNOW THAT WE ARE TAKING OUR COVENANT RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY WHEN WE ARE DEVOTED TO HEAR AND HEED THE WORD OF GOD.

<u>NOT</u> TO <u>FEAR GOD REVEALS</u> YOU DO <u>NOT KNOW ANYTHING</u> ABOUT <u>COVENANT RESPONSIBILITY SINCE</u> THE <u>FEAR</u> OF <u>GOD</u> IS <u>FOUND THROUGHOUT</u> THE SCRIPTURES.

PROVERBS 28:1, "THE WICKED FLEE WHEN NO ONE PURSUES, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ARE BOLD AS A LION."

PROVERBS 14:2, "WHOEVER WALKS IN UPRIGHTNESS FEARS THE LORD, BUT HE WHO IS DEVIOUS IN HIS WAYS DESPISES HIM."

THE FEAR OF GOD GIVES US CONFIDENCE (**PROVERBS 14:26**).
THE FEAR OF GOD IS A FOUNTAIN OF LIFE AND PROTECTS US (**PROVERBS 14:27**).
THE FEAR OF GOD KEEPS US FROM EVIL (**PROVERBS 16:6**).
THE FEAR OF GOD GIVES LIFE AND RESTFUL SLEEP (**PROVERBS 19:23**).
THE FEAR OF GOD BRINGS BLESSINGS (**PROVERBS 28:14**).

THOSE WHO FEAR GOD NOW CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE A COVENANT OF LIFE AND PEACE FROM GOD.

PROVERBS 3:1-2, "MY SON, DO NOT FORGET MY TEACHING, BUT LET YOUR HEART KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, FOR LENGTH OF DAYS AND YEARS OF LIFE AND PEACE THEY WILL ADD TO YOU."