## **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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<u>GOD</u> HAS <u>GIVEN</u> US THE <u>DIVINE</u> <u>PRIVILEGE</u> THAT WILL EITHER <u>BLESS</u> OR <u>HARM OTHERS</u>, AS WE <u>EITHER</u> <u>STRENGTHEN</u> OR <u>WEAKEN</u> OTHERS UNDERSTANDING OF GOD.

## 4. OUR COVENANT RESPONSIBILITY IS TO LIVE A LIFE OF <u>CONSECRATION</u> V.10-12

CONSECRATION MEANS THE <u>SEPARATION</u> OF <u>YOURSELF</u> FROM <u>THINGS</u>
THAT ARE <u>UNCLEAN</u> SO THAT <u>YOUR</u> <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> WITH <u>GOD</u> WILL <u>NOT</u> BE CONTAMINATED.

**LEVITICUS 11:44**, "FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. CONSECRATE YOURSELVES THEREFORE, AND BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

 $\underline{\sf BEFORE}$  WE CAN  $\underline{\sf TRULY}$  WALK WITH  $\underline{\sf GOD}$  WE  $\underline{\sf HAVE}$  TO BE  $\underline{\sf CLEANSED}$  FROM THE DEFILEMENT OF SIN.

**1 JOHN 2:15**, "DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD OR THE THINGS IN THE WORLD. IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM."

A <u>WILLFUL</u> <u>CHOICE</u> TO <u>SIN ENTRENCHES YOU</u> IN <u>MIRE</u> THAT <u>REVEALS</u> THE <u>FILTHINESS</u> THAT IS IN <u>YOUR HEART</u>.

WE KNOW THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN A PERSON'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WHEN THEY HAVE INTENTIONAL DISCORD WITH ANOTHER DISCIPLE OF JESUS.

CHRISTIAN, WHAT DOES THE MENTION OF YOUR CONSECRATED CALLING PROMPT YOU TO DO?

EACH <u>DAY</u> <u>WE</u> ARE TO <u>LIVE</u> OUR <u>LIVES</u> <u>ACCORDING</u> TO WHO <u>WE ARE SET APART</u> TO <u>BE</u> IN <u>JESUS</u>. **1 PETER 2:9**, "BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT."

AS <u>AMBASSADORS</u> FOR <u>CHRIST</u>, WE ARE TO <u>FORTIFY NOT DIMINISH</u> THE REPUTATION OF GOD.

THE  $\underline{\mathsf{PROOF}}$  OF WHAT A  $\underline{\mathsf{PERSON}}$  SAYS THEY  $\underline{\mathsf{BELIEVE}}$  IS  $\underline{\mathsf{REVEALED}}$  IN THE WAY THEY LIVE.