Worthless Worship

(Malachi 1:6-14)

Introduction:
1. Have you ever driven somewhere familiar and upon arriving you couldn't remember anything about your trip?
2. Let's be truthful. This can also be said of our worship experience.
3. What about this evening's worship up to this point? Have you been engaged, or were you "coasting?"
4. Attempts at worship can incur the wrath of God.
   a. Cain & Abel (Genesis 4; Hebrews 11:4).
   b. Nadab & Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-11).
   c. Days of Jesus (Matthew 15:8-9).
   d. New Testament Church (Colossians 2:23).
5. Let's examine the book of Malachi and see if there are some lessons to learn about worship.

I. They Were Not Giving God What Was Due

A. The idea behind worship is praise and homage paid to one who is worthy of receiving that praise.
B. (Revelation 5:11-14).
C. (Malachi 1:6,14) "Where is my honor?
D. (Ephesians 1:3) We have an infinite number of reasons to praise God.

II. They Were Not Giving What Was True

A. Man has never been left to his own devices with regard to worship.
B. (John 4:24).
C. (Colossians 3:17).
D. Worship had become a weariness to them (Malachi 1:13).
F. Do we think that going through the motions is acceptable to him?
G. (Acts 10:33).

III. Practical Helps for Worship

A. Prepare yourself for worship.
   1. Get sufficient rest.
   2. Make preparations that will settle your mind.
B. Intentionally, be more present.
C. Bring your Bible.
D. Bring a note pad.
E. Put your phone away.
F. Avoid Distractions.

Conclusion:
1. Let's make certain we are giving God what is "Due," and "True.
2. Otherwise, we will incur God's displeasure.