



SUNDAY TEA & BISCUITS

Please join us after worship next Sunday, 25 January, for a time of fellowship, while enjoying coffee, tea and biscuits! Ladies on duty are Brenda and Gill du Preez.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

All the ladies are invited to join in the Ladies' Bible study classes. The ladies are encouraged to bring a friend.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the four Gospels. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux

Scripture Reading: Braam Le Roux

Opening Prayer: Rudi Le Roux

Lord's Table: Jan Roberts

Closing Prayer: Ordene Engelbrecht

Attendance last Sunday: 27

Servers: Braam, Rudi, Ordene & Jan

The Prophet Malachi, which means "My Messenger"

Malachi was the final Old Testament prophet (450 - 432 B.C.) who bridged 400 years of silence before John the Baptist. His name means "My Messenger" and he is known for using a unique question-and-answer dialogical style to rebuke post-exilic Judah for spiritual apathy, corrupt worship and divorce.

Key facts about the prophet Malachi:

- **Meaning of Name:** Malachi (Hebrew: *Mal'akhi*) means "My Messenger," which some scholars interpret as a title rather than a personal name, though it is generally considered a proper name.
- **The "Seal" of the Prophets:** As the final author of the Old Testament, he is called the "seal of the prophets" by Holy Fathers.
- **Historical Context:** He likely ministered in Jerusalem alongside Nehemiah, during the Persian period (432 - 425 B.C.), addressing issues like corrupt priests, intermarriage with pagans and neglect of tithes.
- **Unique Literary Style:** Malachi's book is characterized by a distinctive "disputation" style, featuring a series of six dialogues where God makes a charge, the people respond with a question and God explains the charge.
- **Foretelling of John the Baptist:** Malachi 3: 1 explicitly predicts a messenger who would "prepare the way" before the Lord, a prophecy that Jesus directly applied to John the Baptist.
- **Theological Themes:** His message centers on God's unwavering love, the necessity of pure worship and warnings of coming judgment.
- **Identity Speculation:** While little is known about his background, some Jewish traditions in the Talmud suggest Malachi might have been a pseudonym for Ezra or even Mordecai.
- **Solemn Ending:** The Book of Malachi concludes with a warning of a "curse" if the people do not repent, serving as a stark ending to the Old Testament.

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SUNDAY TIMES:

BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00

WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00

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Preacher: Chris du Preez

Sermon Topic: "Give me this mountain"

Scripture reading: Joshua 14: 6 - 12

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the members in our congregation who are in need of God's grace, healing and strength through difficult times. Please pray for Taida Marembo (Geraldine's mother), Petro and Kate, as they are going through a very difficult time.

Condolences to Erika & her family

Please keep Erika and her family in your prayers after the loss of her brother. Erika, we're sending you and your family so much love and support during this heartbreaking time.

BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Wood – 21 January

Ordene Engelbrecht – 23 January

Happy birthday! May God bless you with another year filled with happiness, love and good health!

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris and Gill du Preez – 19 January

May God bless this special couple with another year of love and happiness!

WELCOME

We welcome all visitors this morning. We believe that you will be blessed as we worship God. Please feel free to ask any questions regarding our worship or about God's Word.

Welcome back to the fold, Paul. May God be with you as you dedicate your life to Him.

It is also great to meet Paul's wife, Jean!

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Malachi 4: 2: "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings..."

"WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU?"

The phrase "What's troubling you?" is a common expression used in Christian devotionals as a prompt for self-reflection and prayer.

The devotional context implies encouraging an individual to turn their anxieties, fears and problems over to God.

The general message found in these devotionals is that rather than being overwhelmed by problems, people should:

- **Pray honestly:** Tell God what is causing distress or worry, as He is not surprised by human fears.
- **Trust God's plan and timing:** Believers are encouraged to trust that even when circumstances seem impossible, God has a purpose and will work things out for their good.
- **Seek peace:** The goal is to find inner peace and rest for the soul by relying on God's power and promises, rather than trying to handle everything alone.
- **Focus on faith over fear:** The phrase is often used to remind people to choose faith and belief in God's ability to provide strength and support, even during difficult times.

Essentially, the question serves as an invitation to engage in honest conversation with God and surrender worries to a higher power for peace and guidance.