



God's Covenant People




Living with God as His chosen people

Amos | Micah | Habakkuk | Malachi

Lukewarm drinks or food?




God's Covenant People Amos | Micah | Habakkuk

- 
- Malachi confronts a spiritually lukewarm people who offer God leftovers—half-hearted worship, broken marriages, and withheld generosity.
 - Yet God promises to refine His people and send a messenger to prepare the way for the coming Lord.

Key Verse Malachi 3:6 — *“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.”*





A community that is shaped to belong to God and reflect His character, this is how it looks:

God's covenant people are marked by


- justice (Amos),
- humility (Micah),
- faith (Habakkuk), and
- devotion (Malachi).





(SEE EZRA-
NEHEMIAH)





The book's designed as a series of disputes: most sections begin with God saying something, then Israel disagrees or questions God, and then God will respond and offer the last word. This happens six times.

Main Points:

1. God's unchanging love invites His people to fully devoted worship
2. God's unchanging love invites His people to return to Him
3. God's unchanging love invites His people to receive His Messenger





GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FULLY DEVOTED WORSHIP (CH. 1-2)

- **Worship without devotion is dishonouring to God.**
- **When worship becomes an insult to God**



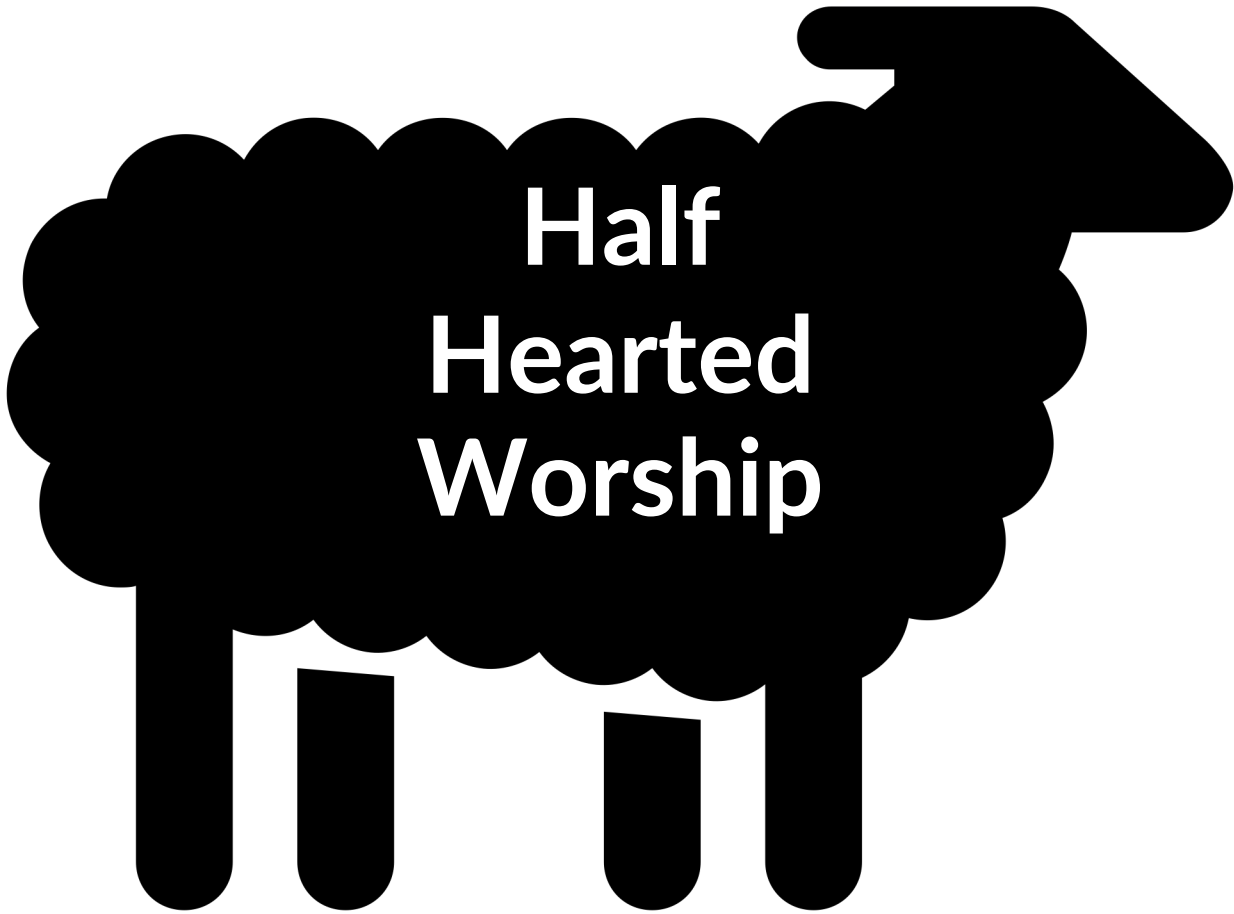
"I have always
loved you,"
says the Lord.
— Malachi 1:2 —

God's Covenant People Amos | Micah | Habakkuk | Malachi



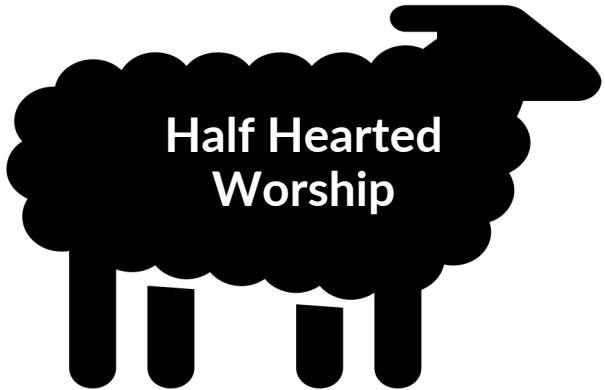
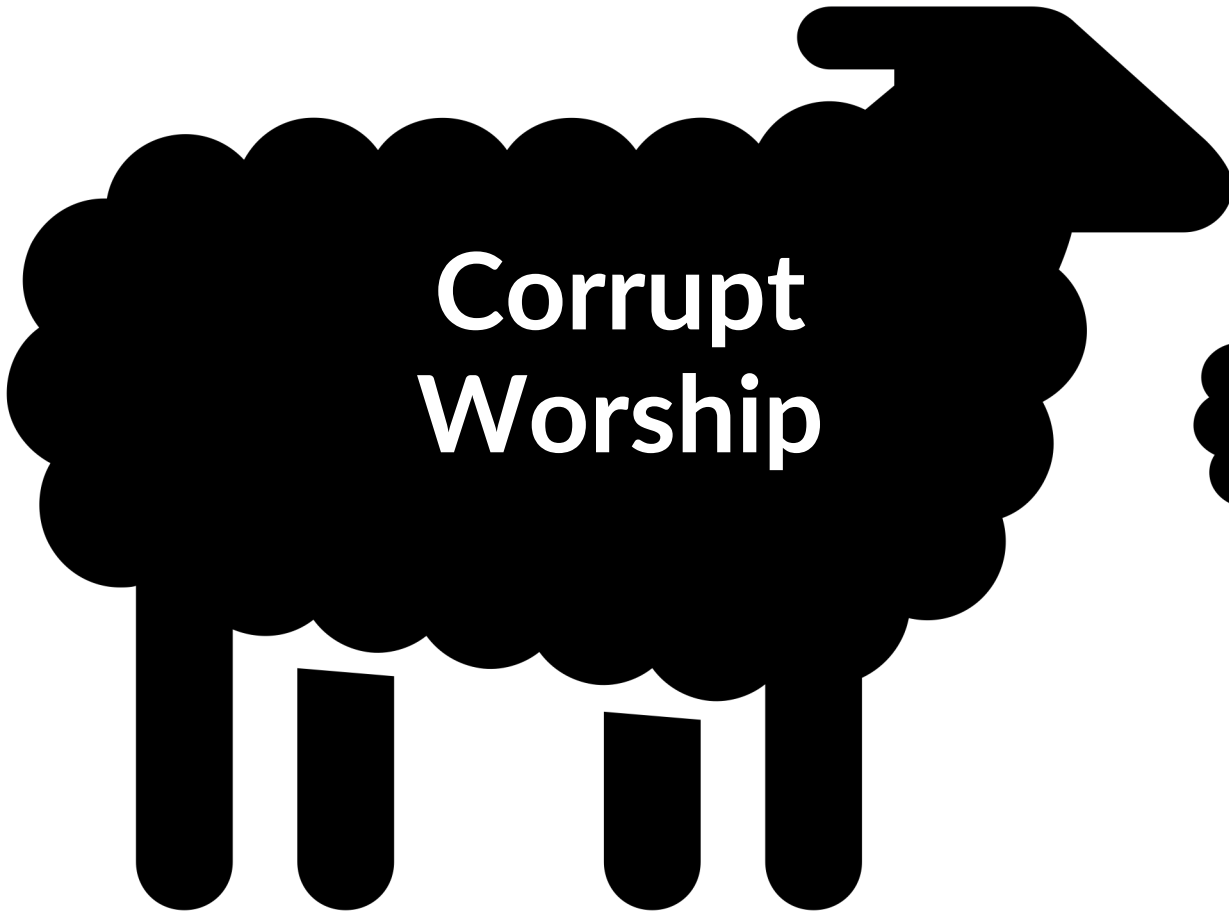
God's Covenant People Amos | Micah | Habakkuk | Malachi





God's Covenant People Amos | Micah | Habakkuk | Malachi





God's Covenant People Amos | Micah | Habakkuk | Malachi





A Prophetic Challenge for Today

- Have I replaced devotion with routine?
- Am I giving God my best—or what's convenient?
- Is my worship shaped by love or obligation?



GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO RETURN TO HIM (Ch. 3)

Malachi 3:6–7 *“I the Lord do not change... Return to me, and I will return to you.”*

Key Theme for TCC in 2026: RELATIONSHIPS

Our relationship to God, what it should look like and then how that translates into everyday life.





This is our anchor:

- * God's character doesn't change
- * But people drift
- * So God invites restoration, not destruction

The unchanging God invites them to return in very practical areas: worship, marriage, giving, honour





1. Return in Worship (Malachi 3:1–5)

God isn't rejecting worship—He's refining it.

Psalm 24:3–4 John 4:23–24 Hebrews 12:28–29



2. Return in Marriage (Malachi 2:13–16 context into ch. 3)

From Malachi:

- * God rejects offerings because of faithlessness in marriage
- * “The Lord is witness between you and the wife of your youth” (2:14)
- * “Do not be unfaithful” (2:16)

Spiritual life and relational integrity are connected:

Ephesians 5:25 Hebrews 13:4 1 Peter 3:7





3. Return in Giving (Malachi 3:8–12)

Surveys suggest average weekly giving in UK churches is £5–£10 per person

From Malachi:

- * “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me... in tithes and offerings” (3:8)
- * “Bring the whole tithe... test me in this” (3:10)
- * Promise: overflowing blessing





Giving reveals:

- * Trust in God
- * Priority of God
- * Heart condition

This is one of the few places God says, “Test me.”

- * **Proverbs 3:9–10** – *“Honour the Lord with your wealth”*
- * **2 Corinthians 9:6–8** – *“God loves a cheerful giver”*



Returning to God means in our giving means:

- Moving from withholding → trusting
- From fear → generosity





4. Return in Honour (Malachi 3:13–18)

- People speak harsh words against God (3:13)
- They question whether serving God is worth it (3:14)
- But a faithful remnant fears the Lord (3:16)



God responds:

- A “book of remembrance” is written
- They will be His treasured possession

Honour is shown in:

- Speech
- Attitude
- Perspective about God

The issue wasn't atheism—it was cynicism.

Exodus 20:7

Ecclesiastes 5:1–2

Romans 12:1






**TRUTH DOESN'T OFFEND YOU.
IT OFFENDS THE LIE THAT'S
HIDING OUT IN YOU.
DON'T REJECT TRUTH.
INTERROGATE THE LIE.**



“If you can’t be corrected without being
offended you will never grow in life”

- Psalm 119:165
- Prov 18:19
- Prov 19:11
- Ecclesiastes 7:21-22
- Col 3:13





**GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE INVITES HIS
PEOPLE TO RECEIVE HIS MESSENGER
(CH. 4)**

God's Covenant People Amos | Micah | Habakkuk | Malachi





The opposite of being offended is seen in the final point a sense of *expectation* and *anticipation*.

In this case that of John the Baptist and the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

John points to Jesus (not worthy to untie His sandals)



John 1:12 “as many as received Him”

James 1:21 receiving the "implanted word" = humbly welcoming the gospel message. guiding believers toward salvation and maturity.

- The Act of Receiving: It requires a submissive, humble ("meek") temperament—accepting the Word willingly, even when it corrects behaviour.
- It requires being "doers of the word, and not hearers only," turning the implanted truths into action



CONCLUSION:

When people truly value God's name,
conversations shift

Trivial → Eternal

Complaints → Testimonies

Self-focus → God-focus





JEHOVAH-RAPHA

The Lord My Healer

JEHOVAH-JIREH

The Lord My Provider

JEHOVAH-NISSI

The Lord My Banner

JEHOVAH-SHALOM

The Lord My Peace

JEHOVAH-SHAMAH

The Lord Is There

JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH

The Lord My Sanctifier

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU

The Lord My Righteousness

JEHOVAH-SABBAOTH

The Lord Of Hosts

JEHOVAH-BORE

The Lord My Creator

God's Covenant People Amos | Micah | Habakkuk | Malachi



TRANSFORMATION
COMMUNITY CHURCH