

# I'm Bored!

Malachi 1:13

“You also say, ‘Oh, what a weariness!’ And you sneer at it,” Says the Lord of host. “And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?” Says the Lord.”

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## Malachi

- Last book in the Old Testament
- Named for the prophet who wrote it
- Means “my messenger” or “messenger of Jehovah
- Only place Malachi is mentioned

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- Malachi had a difficult task
- He prophesied during a spiritual famine
- He revealed the sins of the people so they could repent of them
- The people had little desire to hear God's word
- They responded by saying, "Oh, what a weariness!"
- Let's look at the problem of boredom

# Boredom: A Problem In Society

- A reason that so many are unhappy and unsatisfied in a land that is so prosperous
- A reason that sins such as drugs, violence, drunkenness, gangs and juvenile delinquency are so prevalent. “idle hands are the devil’s workshop”
- Boredom destroys homes, marriages, lives and causes people to turn from God

# Boredom: A Problem in Religion

- Why is boredom such a problem in religion?
- We have too many other priorities:  
Family - Jobs - Recreation
- And by the way, I am also a Christian!
- Christianity is an after thought with too many people. Instead of “being their life” it is just a small part of it
- This was also a problem in Malachi’s day

# Boredom: A Problem in Religion

“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master Where is My reverence? Says the Lord of host to you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, ‘In what way have we despised You?’ By saying, ‘The table of the Lord is contemptible.’ And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably? Says the Lord of host.”

*Mal. 1:6-8*

# Boredom Causes Many Problems

- Their worship to God became formal, empty and meaningless
- They failed to give to God as they should *Mal.3:8*
- The priest failed to teach *Mal.2:7,8*
- They offered God their leftovers *Mal.1:6-8*
- They dealt treacherously with one another *Mal.2:10*
- They put away their wives without cause *Mal.2:14-16*
- They saw no benefit in serving God *Mal.3:14*

# Boredom Causes Many Problems

- There was no justice *Mal.3:15*
- As we can see their spiritual lives were a wreck
- Instead of God *“being their life”* God was just a small *“part of their life.”*
- This caused them to become bored with serving God and worshipping, honoring and praising Him as they should.

# Boredom: A Problem In Our Relationship With God

- It brings about an “empty shell” religion and this causes us to lose interest in serving God
- Instead of coming closer to God we move farther away from Him
- This will not only cause us to lose our souls, but how can we convince someone to become a Christian when they see no passion for the Lord in our own lives!
- They may say, “I have enough problems in my life without becoming a Christian!”

# Why Are People Bored With Religion?

- Because we have made religion something that God never intended
- As in Malachi's day, we have offered God our leftovers. We are more interested in what "I" want instead of what "God" wants.
- We try to worship God by doing as little as we think we can get by with and still be pleasing to God
- Is that type of attitude putting God first?

# “I’m Bored!” With Religion

- Have you heard someone say, “Do we *have* to go to services tonight?”
- Rest assured, this is a sure sign of being bored with serving God
- What is really being said is, “What is the least I can do and still get to heaven.”
- Many Christians today are acting just like the people in Malachi’s day

# “I’m Bored!” With Religion

- They wanted to please God, but only if it also pleased them!
- They wanted to follow God, but only if it did not interfere with what they wanted!
- They wanted to give to God, but only if it did not cost too much!
- Are we really any different than the people of Malachi’s day?

# “I’m Bored!” With Religion

- Many today say that they do not get anything out of the “old way” of worshipping. So they turn to “new ways” (their way) of worship
- In our worship, we are more interested in making sure we are “entertained” than in pleasing God
- Anytime we approach worship with an attitude of “what can I get out of it” we are heading in the wrong direction
- We must remember that we are not here to please ourselves but to please God

# “I’m Bored!” With Religion

- Another cause of boredom is that we have turned our religion into a *love – less* religion
- We try to serve God *but* without love
- Nothing is worse than serving or worshipping God without love
- All the service in the world means nothing if it is not done with love
- Notice what the Apostle Paul had to say concerning love

# “I’m Bored!” With Religion

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”

I Cor. 13:1-3

# What Is The Cure For “I’m Bored!”

- We must first give ourselves to God

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” *Rom.12:1*

- We must care about the souls of others

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

*Phil.2:4*

# What Is The Cure For “I’m Bored!”

- We must be willing to pay the price

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

*Matt.16:24,25*

- We must have a desire for heaven to be our home

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

*Col.3:2*

# “I’m Bored!”

- Many want to blame others for their boredom
- But there is only one person to blame, YOU!
- When we began to say, “Oh, what a weariness!” we need to re-examine our relationship with God
- What is your attitude to worshipping God?

Excitement or Boredom?

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