

# MALACHI

1 THE burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. / [2] I have loved you, saith the LORD. / Yet ye say: ‘Wherein hast Thou loved us?’ / Was not Esau Jacob’s brother? / Saith the LORD; / Yet I loved Jacob; / [3] But Esau I hated, / And made his mountains a desolation, / And gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness. / [4] Whereas Edom saith: / ‘We are beaten down, / But we will return and build the waste places;’ / Thus saith the LORD of hosts: / They shall build, but I will throw down; / And they shall be called The border of wickedness, / And The people whom the LORD execrateth for ever. / [5] And your eyes shall see, / And ye shall say: / ‘The LORD is great beyond the border of Israel.’ / [6] A son honoureth his father, / And a servant his master; / If then I be a father, / Where is My honour? / And if I be a master, / Where is My fear? / Saith the LORD of hosts / Unto you, O priests, that despise My name. / And ye say: ‘Wherein have we despised Thy name?’ / [7] Ye offer polluted bread upon Mine altar. / And ye say: ‘Wherein have we polluted Thee?’ / In that ye say: ‘The table of the LORD is contemptible.’ / [8] And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, it is no evil! / And when ye offer the lame and sick, it is no evil! / Present it now unto thy governor; / Will he be pleased with thee? / Or will he accept thy person? / Saith the LORD of hosts. / [9] And now, I pray you, entreat the favour of God / That He may be gracious unto us!— / This hath been of your doing.— / Will He accept any of your persons? / Saith the LORD of hosts. / [10] Oh that there were even one among you that would shut the doors, / That ye might not kindle fire on Mine altar in vain! / I have no pleasure in you, / Saith the LORD of hosts, / Neither will I accept an offering at your hand. / [11] For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same / My name is great among the nations; / And in every place offerings are presented unto My name, / Even pure oblations; / For My name

is great among the nations, / Saith the LORD of hosts. / [12] But ye profane it, / In that ye say: / 'The table of the Lord is polluted, / And the fruit thereof, even the food thereof, is contemptible.' / [13] Ye say also: / 'Behold, what a weariness is it!' / And ye have snuffed at it, / Saith the LORD of hosts; / And ye have brought that which was taken by violence, / And the lame, and the sick; / Thus ye bring the offering; / Should I accept this of your hand? / Saith the LORD. / [14] But cursed be he that dealeth craftily, / Whereas he hath in his flock a male, / And voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a blemished thing; / For I am a great King, / Saith the LORD of hosts, / And My name is feared among the nations.

**2** And now, this commandment / Is for you, O ye priests. / [2] If ye will not hearken, and if ye will not lay it to heart, / To give glory unto My name, / Saith the LORD of hosts, / Then will I send the curse upon you, / And I will curse your blessings; / Yea, I curse them, / Because ye do not lay it to heart. / [3] Behold, I will rebuke the seed for your hurt, / And will spread dung upon your faces, / Even the dung of your sacrifices; / And ye shall be taken away unto it. / [4] Know then that I have sent / This commandment unto you, / That My covenant might be with Levi, / Saith the LORD of hosts. / [5] My covenant was with him / Of life and peace, and I gave them to him, / And of fear, and he feared Me, / And was afraid of My name. / [6] The law of truth was in his mouth, / And unrighteousness was not found in his lips; / He walked with Me in peace and uprightness, / And did turn many away from iniquity. / [7] For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, / And they should seek the law at his mouth; / For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. / [8] But ye are turned aside out of the way; / Ye have caused many to stumble in the law; / Ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, / Saith the LORD of hosts. / [9] Therefore have I also made you / Contemptible and base before all the people, / According as ye have not kept My ways, / But have had respect of persons in the law.

[10] Have we not all one father? / Hath not one God created us? / Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, / Profaning the covenant of our fathers? / [11] Judah hath dealt treacherously, / And an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; / For Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which He loveth, / And hath married the daughter of a strange god. / [12] May the LORD cut off to the man that doeth this / Him that calleth and him that answereth out of the tents of Jacob, / And him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

[13] And this further ye do: / Ye cover the altar of the LORD with tears, / With weeping, and with sighing, / Insomuch that He regardeth not the offering any more, / Neither receiveth it with good will at your hand. / [14] Yet ye say: 'Wherefore?' / Because the LORD hath been witness / Between thee and the wife of thy youth, / Against whom thou hast dealt treacherously, / Though she is thy companion, / And the wife of thy covenant. / [15] And not one hath done so / Who had exuberance of spirit! / For what seeketh the one? / A seed given of God. / Therefore take heed to your spirit, / And let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. / [16] For I hate putting away, / Saith the LORD, the God of Israel, / And him that covereth his garment with violence, / Saith the LORD of hosts; / Therefore take heed to your spirit, / That ye deal not treacherously. / [17] Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. / Yet ye say: 'Wherein have we wearied Him?' / In that ye say: 'Every one that doeth evil / Is good in the sight of the LORD, / And He delighteth in them; / Or where is the God of justice?'

**3** Behold, I send My messenger, / And he shall clear the way before Me, / And the Lord, whom ye seek, / Will suddenly come to His temple; / And the messenger of the covenant, / Whom ye delight in, / Behold, he cometh, / Saith the LORD of hosts. / [2] But who may abide the day of his coming? / And who shall stand when he appeareth? / For he is like a refiner's fire, / And like fullers' soap; / [3] And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, / And he shall purify the sons of Levi, / And purge them as gold and silver; / And there shall be they that shall offer unto the LORD / Offerings in righteousness. / [4] Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem / Be

pleasant unto the LORD, / As in the days of old, /  
And as in ancient years / [5] And I will come  
near to you to judgment; / And I will be a swift  
witness / Against the sorcerers, and against the  
adulterers, / And against false swearers; / And  
against those that oppress the hireling in his  
wages, / The widow, and the fatherless, / And  
that turn aside the stranger from his right, / And  
fear not Me, / Saith the LORD of hosts. / [6] For  
I the LORD change not; / And ye, O sons of  
Jacob, are not consumed. / [7] From the days of  
your fathers ye have turned aside / From Mine  
ordinances, and have not kept them. / Return  
unto Me, and I will return unto you, / Saith  
the LORD of hosts. / But ye say: 'Wherein shall  
we return?' / [8] Will a man rob God? / Yet ye  
rob Me. / But ye say: 'Wherein have we robbed  
Thee?' / In tithes and heave-offerings. / [9] Ye are  
cursed with the curse, / Yet ye rob Me, / Even this  
whole nation. / [10] Bring ye the whole tithe into  
the store-house, / That there may be food in My  
house, / And try Me now herewith, / Saith the  
LORD of hosts, / If I will not open you the windows  
of heaven, / And pour you out a blessing, / That  
there shall be more than sufficiency. / [11] And I  
will rebuke the devourer for your good, / And he  
shall not destroy the fruits of your land; / Neither  
shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in  
the field, / Saith the LORD of hosts. / [12] And  
all nations shall call you happy; / For ye shall be  
a delightsome land, / Saith the LORD of hosts. /  
[13] Your words have been all too strong against  
Me, / Saith the LORD. / Yet ye say: 'Wherein have  
we spoken against Thee?' / [14] Ye have said: 'It is  
vain to serve God; / And what profit is it that we  
have kept His charge, / And that we have walked  
mournfully / Because of the LORD of hosts? /  
[15] And now we call the proud happy; / Yea,  
they that work wickedness are built up; / Yea,  
they try God, and are delivered.' / [16] Then they  
that feared the LORD / Spoke one with another; /  
And the LORD hearkened, and heard, / And a  
book of remembrance was / written before  
Him, / For them that feared the LORD, and that  
thought upon His name. / [17] And they shall be  
Mine, saith the LORD of hosts, / In the day that I

do make, even Mine own treasure; / And I will spare them, as a man spareth / His own son that serveth him. / [18] Then shall ye again discern between the righteous and the wicked, / Between him that serveth God / And him that serveth Him not. / [19] For, behold, the day cometh, / It burneth as a furnace; / And all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble; / And the day that cometh shall set them ablaze, / Saith the LORD of hosts, / That it shall leave them neither root nor branch. / [20] But unto you that fear My name / Shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings; / And ye shall go forth, and gambol / As calves of the stall. / [21] And ye shall tread down the wicked; / For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet / In the day that I do make, / Saith the LORD of hosts.

[22] Remember ye the law of Moses My servant, / Which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, / Even statutes and ordinances. / [23] Behold, I will send you / Elijah the prophet / Before the coming / Of the great and terrible day of the LORD. / [24] And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, / And the heart of the children to their fathers; / Lest I come and smite the land with utter destruction. / Behold, I will send you / Elijah the prophet / Before the coming / Of the great and terrible day of the LORD.