

Authentic Worship

Malachi 1:6-14

Authentic worship is: “astonished reverence, breathless adoration, awesome fascination, lofty admiration of the attributes of God”

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1. **HONOURING** and **FEARING** God (6)

a. “Father”: The LOVE of God (Ex 4:22; 20:12)

b. “Master”: The LAW of God (Luke 6:46)

2. **BRINGING** your best (7-9)

(see Lev 22:20-22; 2 Sam 24:24)

3. **LIFTING** high His name (10-11)

	Malachi's Audience		Church (1 Peter 2:5)
Temple	“close the doors” (1:10)	The temple of his body The curtain of the temple was torn in two (see John 2:21; Mat 27:51)	Living stones are being built up as a spiritual house (see 1 Cor 3:16; Eph 2:21)
Priests	“I have no pleasure in you” (1:10)	We have a great high priest (see Heb 4:14)	A holy priesthood (see 1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6)
Sacrifice	“polluted” (1:7) “evil” (1:8) “vain...I will not accept (1:10)	The lamb of God takes away the sins of the world Christ has offered...a single sacrifice (see John 1:29; Heb 10:12; 1 Pet 1:19)	Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (see Rom 12:1; Heb 13:15-16)

4. **SERVING** with sincerity (12-14)

(see Mat 15:8-9; Rom 12:1; Heb 13:15-16)