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“Minor Prophets: Eternal Questions”
Summary of The Message of Malachi: Does It Matter How I Worship God?
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Malachi

Malachi wrote to the Jewish people who had been restored to their land after exile in Babylon. The temple had been rebuilt, thanks to the faithful preaching of Haggai and Zechariah. Worship at the temple may have recommenced thanks to Ezra’s teaching. Jerusalem’s walls may have been rebuilt, thanks to Nehemiah’s effective leadership. The Jewish nation’s external circumstances looked good. Still, true worship had not been restored. So God inspired Malachi to write this short book. The people were engaged in ‘sincere’ worship; but is ‘sincerity’ enough? Does God how we worship Him? Malachi shows that God is highly concerned with ‘how’ we worship Him. Hence, in a series of six disputes, God demonstrates the heart of true worship.