

Glory
Malachi 1:6-14
Beauty from Chaos, 2
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The struggle to respond to God's greatness ... v. 6-9

- God says, "Where is my glory?"
- The heart claims ignorance.
- God exposes the inconsistency.

OBSERVATIONS

We glory in what we value.

We glorify the Father when we give Him all.

God challenges His people ... v. 10-14

- to cease from meaningless ritual.
"useless fires on my altar" v. 10-11

He wants our hearts.

- to stop minimizing His greatness.
"but you profane it ..." v. 12

His value & greatness is infinite.

- to refuse a monotonous view of the Father.
"and you say, 'what a burden!' and you sniff at it contemptuously" v. 13

His glory is our greatest pleasure.

SUMMARY _____

MAKING THIS REAL IN MY LIFE ...

What is one concrete thing you can do to begin savoring the greatness and majesty of God?

What is one thing you can do to express your satisfaction in the greatness of God above all other things?

Quotes:

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. We all make a god out of what we take the most pleasure in." John Piper

"I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not our compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed." C. S. Lewis

Next week: Malachi 2:1-9