

“My Gain or God’s Glory?”
A Cry for Authentic Faith • pt. 2
Malachi 1:6-14

INTRODUCTION

- are you a thief?

- Malachi’s day: ripe for spiritual thievery

1. Second-rate service, first-degree sin

- context: responsibility & privilege of priests

- kinds of thievery:
 - + “increasing their margin”

 - + “bait and switch”

- justifications...
 - #1: ‘it’ll soon be dead anyway’

why God demanded perfect sacrifices:
Lev. 22:18-25; Deut. 15:21; Heb. 10:4

 - #2: ‘God’ll forgive us anyway’

- bored with worship

2. Zero tolerance

- God will not be mocked
Gal. 6:7

- God’s call through His prophet:
 - #1: ‘stop playing church!’

 - #2: ‘repent!’

MAIN IDEA:

When more interested in my gain than God’s glory, judgment follows.

APPLICATION

1. You have the privileged responsibilities of a NT priest.
1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Heb. 13:15; Rom. 12:1

2. How do you evaluate your service as God’s priest?
 - investment of time...

 - investment of talent...

 - investment of treasure...