

“The Poser & the Promise Keeper”

A Cry for Authentic Faith • pt. 8

Malachi 3:13-18

INTRODUCTION

- a “poser”
- spiritual posers
Mt. 13:24-30, 37-43

1. Anatomy of spiritual posers

- seven challenges in Malachi
 - 1) the people _____ (1:2)
 - 2) the priests _____ God’s name (1:6)
 - 3) they offered _____ to the Lord (1:7)
 - 4) the people questioned _____ (2:17)
 - 5) they denied their need for _____ (3:7)
 - 6) they stood guilty of _____ (3:8)
 - 7) they imposed their _____ on God (3:14)
- spiritual pragmatists
- wheat infested with weed-diseased thinking...

2. Affirmation of spiritual promises

- spiritual promises to spiritual possessors
- God’s *Book of Remembrance*
 - = *Book of Life*
 - Phil. 4:3
 - Rev. 3:4; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27
 - significance of “remembrance”

APPLICATION

- Posers will be _____.
2 Cor. 13:5
- God is in the business of _____.
1 Jn. 3:23
- Outward expressions of piety are _____ by God.
Eph. 2:10; Col. 2:6; Heb. 12:14

“Be who you is. ‘Cause if you ain’t who you is, then you is who you ain’t.”
– Harry Hein