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And if I am a Master, where is My fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?'... ¹¹For from the rising of the sun to its setting My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to My name, and a pure offering.

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For My name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

¹²But you profane it...

¹⁴For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and My name will be feared among the nations."

—Malachi 1:1-2, 6, 11-12a, 14b ESV

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For as the loincloth clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to Me, declares the LORD, that they might be for Me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory, but they would not listen. —Jeremiah 13:11 ESV

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"If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

—John Piper, *A Hunger For God*

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"It is about the greatness of God, not the significance of man. God made man small and the universe big to say something about himself."

—John Piper, *Don't Waste Your Life*

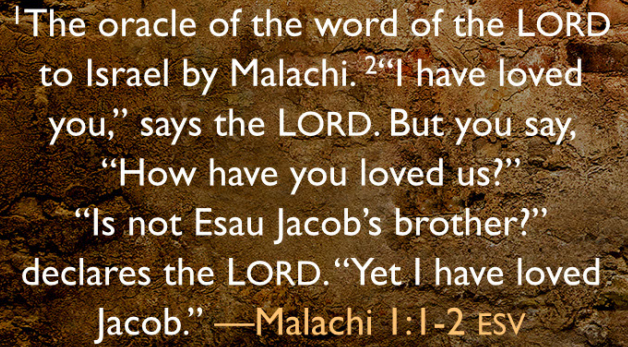
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We Bring Shame to God's Great Name Through...

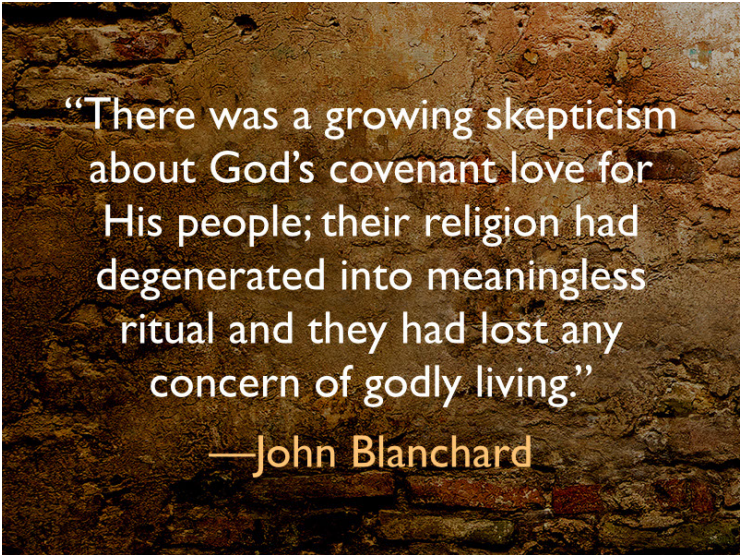
Ingratitude

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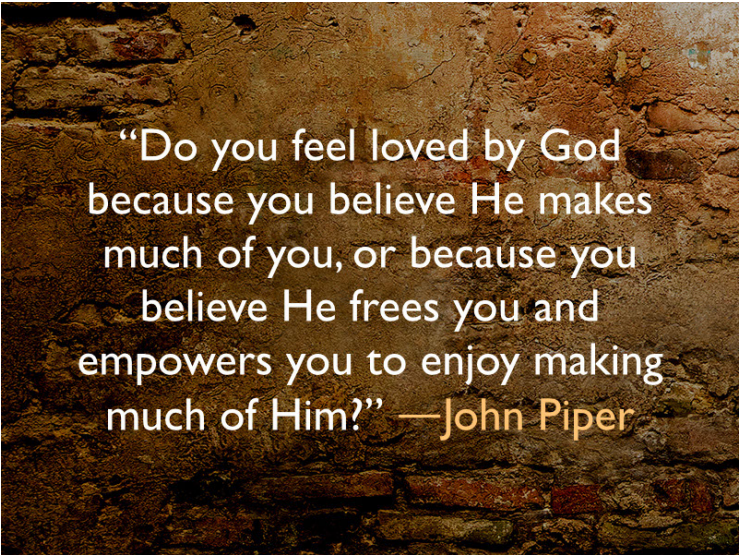
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"There was a growing skepticism about God's covenant love for His people; their religion had degenerated into meaningless ritual and they had lost any concern of godly living."

—**John Blanchard**

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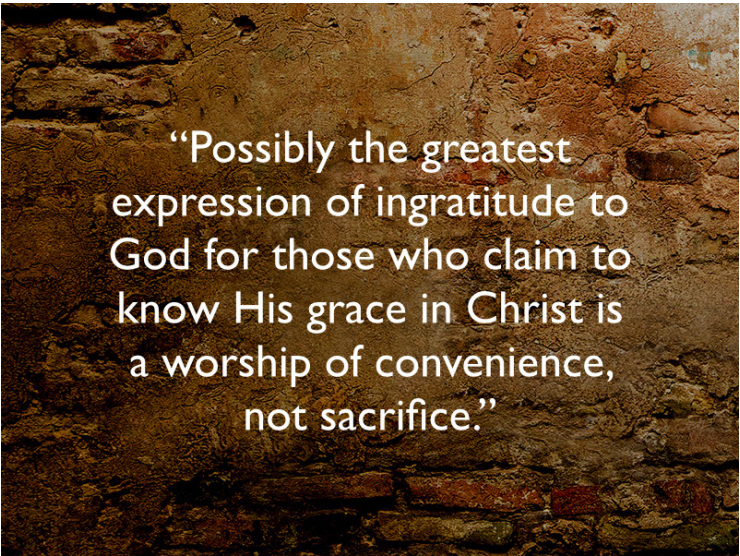
"Do you feel loved by God because you believe He makes much of you, or because you believe He frees you and empowers you to enjoy making much of Him?" —**John Piper**

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Malachi 1:6-10

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"Possibly the greatest expression of ingratitude to God for those who claim to know His grace in Christ is a worship of convenience, not sacrifice."

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Idolatry

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Malachi 2:1-2

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Malachi 2:7-9

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“The Christian preacher is to be neither a speculator who invents new doctrines which please him, nor an editor who excises old doctrines which displease him, but a steward, God's steward, dispensing faithfully God's household truths committed to Him in the Scriptures, nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else.” —**John Stott**

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Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. —**Malachi 2:11** *ESV*

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“What is an idol? Anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.”
—**Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods***

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“Our contemporary society is not fundamentally different from these ancient ones. Each culture is dominated by our own set of idols. Each has its ‘priesthoods,’ its totems and rituals. Each one has its shrines—whether office towers, spas and gyms, studios, shops or stadiums—

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where sacrifices must be made in order to procure the blessings of the good life and ward off disaster. What are the gods of beauty, power and money and achievement but the same things that have assumed mythic proportions in our individual lives and in our society?” —Tim Keller

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Infidelity

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Malachi 2:13-16

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Money

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“Any Christian who would let a Jew do more under the law than they are willing to do under grace is a disgrace to grace.”

—Adrian Rogers

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“Money exerts a certain control over us because it seems to hold out so much (false) promise of happiness. It whispers with great force, ‘Think and act so as to get into a position to enjoy my benefits.’

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This may include stealing, borrowing or working. Money promises happiness and we serve it by believing the promise and walking by that faith.”

—John Piper

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⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

—2 Corinthians 9:6-9 ESV

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“What is sin?

It is the glory of God not honored.
The holiness of God not revered.
The greatness of God not admired.
The power of God not praised.
The truth of God not sought.
The wisdom of God not esteemed.
The beauty of God not treasured.
The goodness of God not savored.

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The faithfulness of God not trusted.
The commandments of God not obeyed.
The justice of God not respected.
The wrath of God not feared.
The grace of God not cherished.
The presence of God not prized.
The person of God not loved.
That is sin.” —John Piper

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