

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Angela Ferguson	16	Rex Rose
4	Mary Vogel	16	Tana Alston
5	Jeffery Meredith	17	Ariana Cruz
10	Aiden Roth	17	Ryan Mejia
10	Isaiah Roth	18	Diane Swatzell
13	Alan Cooley	24	Aiden Meredith
15	Zoe Schroeder		



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

8 Mitch and Sara Peterson

Happy Anniversary!

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 22

SUNDAY AM: 73 SUNDAY PM: 18

WEDNESDAY: 22

OFFERING: \$1666

January 5, 2025

**Welcome to the
Verde Valley Church of Christ**

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Sermon

Reverence and Expectations from the Book of Malachi: Part 1

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Reverence and Expectations from the Book of Malachi: Part 1

Introduction: Written approx. 440-400 B.C. as the last prophetic words from God before the famine of God's Word arrived fulfilling prophecy from Amos 8:11. The Jews have been back in Jerusalem for over a century since they were released from Babylon, but they have become guilty of "going through the motions" of worship and not treating God as "holy," or, "set apart for special purpose and highly valued." Instead, their actions show that they consider God and His instructions to be "profane," or, "regarded as commonplace, inconsequential, valueless, and/or unclean."

Chapter 1 Verses 1-3 — John 3:16 & Luke 14:26 & Matt. 10:37 (Loving something and hating something compared against it is not absolute but relative. God loves all enough to die for all. He shows He comparatively loves His people by choosing them over others, we show we love or hate God by choosing Him over all else or not)

Verses 4-5 — Obad. 1:13-14,18 & Lam. 4:18-22 & 1 Kings 8:6-9 (God will always be glorified, by either His blessings on those who obey Him, or punishment on those who don't. Edom has not obeyed God and the world will glorify God for what He is going to do to them)

Verses 6-7 — (Despite God describing how He will always be honored, in either blessings or punishments and proved it on Edom, the Jews are dishonoring and disrespecting God. They are doing this *in the way they attempt to bring worship before Him*. When they choose to give God less than they give others, it is the same relative hate as described from v. 2-3)

Verse 8 — Lev. 1:4, 22:18-22 & Neh. 5:15 & Lev. 10:1-3,8-10 (What the Jews offered to God was representing themselves, and God deserves, and requests, our best. To offer worship with sub-optimal things meant *the worshipper* was not accepted by God. God demands they compare what they are doing to what they do for humans they are trying to honor. If we would not do, wear, say, something if we are trying to honor a person or event, why would we ever do that to "honor" the Lord of the Angelic Hosts? When Aaron's two sons died, it was because they were not treating God as "holy," that is "set apart for special use." Instead, they were treating His presence as "profane," that is, "commonplace, valueless, not special, or unclean." Our actions and how we present ourselves to God have *massive implications*)

Verse 9 — 2 Cor. 9:6-12 & Isaiah 61:8-9 (God expects that we should honor Him with our best. Not because we are forced to, but because we should want to and desire to show God how much we appreciate Him in all of how we worship Him. If we are not, why should we expect Him to be there for us and prioritize us?)

Verse 10 — Amos 5:21-23 & Matt. 6:1-6 & John 14:15 & 1 John 4:17-19 (God would rather us *cease* worshipping Him than come before Him with either ourselves or the worship which represents us being unacceptable. We need to show God that we love Him by obeying His commandments and templates, and we should love Him, and have every reason to love Him, because He first loved us, when He had no reason to)

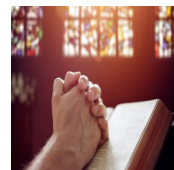
ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE BEING STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ◆ **Classes and sermons are available on Youtube.**
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- ◆ **There is a children's bible study for ages 4 - 10 during the sermon.**
Parents can pick up the kids after service in the classroom building.
- ◆ **Potluck fellowship** after morning worship service is on the 1st Sunday of the month - **The next potluck is February 2.**
- ◆ **Family movie night**—Last Friday of the month at 6:30
- ◆ **Baby Shower for Erica and Ryan Meija! Saturday, January 11th at 11 am here at the church building. Registered on Amazon. Please do not purchase disposable diapers, the family will be using cloth diapers. Registry search info: Erica Dubas, due date Feb 2025, City Phoenix <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/erica-dubas-february-2025-phoenix/1INUR2LJH6F8C>**

PRAY FOR



**Diana Landers
Kathie & Eddie Rose
Jerry Harvey
Wally Dickinson**