

Defiled Offerings



Heaven's just charge was that the hallowed servants of the Lord had purposely elected to present before Him offerings that clearly had been deemed as rejected and unacceptable. They were considered worthless, profane, contemptible, dishonorable and clearly rejected.

The holy directive cited in **Deuteronomy 15:21** declared: **"And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord thy God."**

Moreover, the callous and reckless actions of the priesthood of Malachi's era set the wrong precedent for their generation. Their misguided and selfish actions caused their peers to follow this same despicable pattern, and falsely deceived them into believing that "any offering" would be deemed acceptable before Holy God.

However, the "fiery" prophetic message from the Holy Messenger, clearly informed them that such practices absolutely would not be tolerated.

Here too, we (Christ follower) should take a discerning cue from this same timeless message.



If their actions threaten to provoke the "hammer" of divine chastening to fall upon them, do we foolishly believe that we can transgress in like fashion and avoid the same punitive sentence?

The Word of the God sternly rebuked their ranks (and us) in **Malachi 1:14**: **"But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the Lord of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen."**

And we can be absolutely sure it will be no less the case with respect to each of us when we find ourselves standing in the target sights of the convicting Word of God.