

**Going Through the Motions**  
**Malachi 1:1**  
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**1. The call to God's prophet**

- A. Malachi received God's Word
- B. Malachi spoke God's Word

**2. The context of God's people**

- A. They lost focus of who God is!
  - God is a Father 1:6
  - God is a Master 1:6
  - God is a great King 1:14
  - God is the Lord of Armies 1:6, 14
    - 3 key passages on the Lord of Armies (Hosts):
      - Seraphim crying out in worship Isaiah 6:3
      - Hannah in prayer in 1 Samuel 1:11
      - David fighting Goliath 1 Samuel 17:45

**B. They lived in spiritual apathy**

Their sarcastic questions:

"In what way have you loved us?" 1:2

"In what way have we despised Your name?" 1:6

"In what way have we defiled You?" 1:7

"In what way have we wearied Him?" 2:17

"In what way shall we return?" 3:7

"In what way have we robbed You?" 3:8

"What have we spoken against You?" 3:13

**3. The challenge of God's Word**

- A. God sees when we apathetically go through the motions
  - Look in: Examine your heart
  - Look up: Honor God 1:6, 11
- B. God knows when we would rather argue than repent
  - Look in: Quit justifying your sin
  - Look up: Return to God 3:7
- C. God loves when we don't even deserve it
  - Look in: Receive God's love 1:2
  - Look up: Trust God 3:16-17