



# Defiled Food on God's Altar

Holy Bible Scripture Focus: **Malachi 1: 6 -14**

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**Malachi 1: 6 -14 HCSB - <http://www.biblestudytools.com/csb/malachi/1.html>)**

6 "A son honors [his] father, and a servant his master. But if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is [your] fear of Me?" says the Lord of Hosts to you priests, who despise My name." Yet you ask: "How have we despised Your name?" 7 "By presenting defiled food on My altar." You ask: "How have we defiled You?" When you say: "The Lord's table is contemptible." 8 "When you present a blind [animal] for sacrifice, is it not wrong? And when you present a lame or sick [animal], is it not wrong? Bring it to your governor! Would he be pleased with you or show you favor?" asks the Lord of Hosts. 9 "And now ask for God's favor. Will He be gracious to us? [Since] this has come from your hands, will He show any of you favor?" asks the Lord of Hosts. 10 "I wish one of you would shut the [temple] doors, so you would no longer kindle a useless [fire on] My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the Lord of Hosts, "and I will accept no offering from your hands. 11 "For My name will be great among the nations, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Incense and pure offerings will be presented in My name in every place because My name will be great among the nations," says the Lord of Hosts. 12 But you are profaning it when you say: "The Lord's table is defiled, and its product, its food, is contemptible." 13 You also say: "Look, what a nuisance!" "And you scorn it," says the Lord of Hosts. "You bring stolen, lame, or sick animals. You bring this as an offering! Am I to accept that from your hands?" asks the Lord. 14 "The deceiver is cursed who has an [acceptable] male in his flock and makes a vow but sacrifices a defective [animal] to the Lord. For I am a great King," says the Lord of Hosts, "and My name will be feared among the nations.

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY YAHWEH desires for us to give Him pure and sincere worship from our heart. Many people will give more honor to a person rather to the LORD, which the LORD said in verse six of Malachi chapter one.

The priests had despised the name of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY YAHWEH by giving to Him defiled food on His altar.

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**Definition of “defiled”:** *to make foul, dirty, or unclean; pollute; taint; debase; to violate the chastity of; to make impure for ceremonial use; desecrate* ([www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com), 2012).

Page | The priests were to bring their best to offer upon the altar of the LORD, but instead they were selfish wanting to  
2 keep their best for themselves. In verse seven of Malachi chapter one, the priests made God's altar foul, dirty, unclean, tainted, violated its chastity, impure for ceremonial use and desecrated it by presenting a blind, lame and sick animal for sacrifice.

The priests would show more favor to a governor or another person in a high political office, rather than show honor to the Most High One, Creator of heaven and earth, and the King of kings and LORD of lords, verse 8.

The LORD of HOSTS desired for the closing of doors of the temple (or church) because of the defilement of God's altar with inferior offerings upon it. The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY will no longer accept any offerings from the ungodly priests because of their half-hearted hypocritical offering and worship, verse 10- ***"I wish one of you would shut the [temple] doors, so you would no longer kindle a useless [fire on] My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the Lord of Hosts, "and I will accept no offering from your hands.***

The priests considered serving the LORD an annoyance, so they brought to God's altar stolen, lame and sick animals to sacrifice to Him.

**Malachi 1:** Verse: 13 *You also say: "Look, what a nuisance!" "And you scorn it," says the Lord of Hosts. "You bring stolen, lame, or sick animals. You bring this as an offering! Am I to accept that from your hands?" asks the Lord.*

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY YAHWEH will bring curses upon anyone, whom He calls the person a *deceiver*, who has an acceptable male flock and makes a vow, but instead to God the person (*deceiver*) brings a defective animal to sacrifice on His altar.

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**Malachi 1: Verse: 14** *"The deceiver is cursed who has an [acceptable] male in his flock and makes a vow but sacrifices a defective [animal] to the Lord.*

We should bring our best to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY YAHWEH to sacrifice on His altar. This means we are contrite in our heart, bringing our true and sincere praise and worship to Him. We do not bring false, pretense sacrifices to the LORD upon His altar.

## What is God's Altar?

From *The Tabernacle Place*, [http://the-tabernacle-place.com/articles/what is the tabernacle/tabernacle brazen altar](http://the-tabernacle-place.com/articles/what_is_the_tabernacle/tabernacle_brazen_altar), 2012.

*The brazen altar, bronze altar, or altar of sacrifice was situated right inside the courtyard upon entering the gate to the tabernacle. The Hebrew root for altar means "to slay" or "slaughter." The Latin word alta means "high." An altar is a "high place for sacrifice/slaughter." The altar stood raised on a mound of earth, higher than its surrounding furniture. This is a projection of Christ, our sacrifice, lifted up on the cross, His altar, which stood on a hill called Golgotha.*

*The altar was made of wood from the acacia tree and overlaid with bronze (usually symbolic of judgment on sin in the Bible), measuring 7.5 feet on all four sides and 4.5 feet deep. Four horns projected from the top four corners and a bronze grating was inside to hold the animal.*

*The altar was the place for burning animal sacrifices. It showed the Israelites that the first step for sinful man to approach a holy God was to be cleansed by the blood of an innocent creature. For a sin offering, a person had to bring an animal — a male one without blemish or defect from the flock or herd — to the priest at the tabernacle gate.*

***"He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him."*** (Leviticus 1:4)

***"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life."*** (Leviticus 17:11)

***"The law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."*** (Hebrews 9:22)

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The atonement of our sins is from the blood. If we bring our defiled sacrifice to God's altar, this will cause defilement in our atonement for our sins. If our sacrifice to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is lame, diseased, and unclean, our heart condition will reflect in parallel the type of sacrifice given to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

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4 If we give to God Almighty a sacrifice on His altar that is tainted with wrong motives such as, giving more money will give me more favor with the Pastor, Reverend, Rabbi or any religious leader, or a person's high-level position with extraordinary skills at his or her job may think he or she will receive special favor, or having a title in church or place of worship thinking it will give a person distinctive privileges in meetings, places of worship, etc. then our sacrifice on God's altar is null and void of His approval and blessings.

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY gave the blood, in the creature, to make atonement for ourselves, and the Blood of the Messiah Jesus / Yeshua makes atonement for a person's sinful life. Jesus / Yeshua had to die in our place to shed His Blood, rise from the grave in three days, and ascend to our Heavenly Father for our sins so that we could have atonement for our sins.

The spiritual *altar* today is our heart, body, mind, soul, and spirit, and not an altar made of wood from the acacia tree and overlaid with bronze. In addition, the Holy Bible states our flesh is crucified when we become a true born again believer, follower, and doer of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY and His Son, Jesus / Yeshua, by the Holy Spirit.

## What is the definition of "Crucify?"

*cru-ci-fy* [kroo-suh-fahy] verb (used with object), -fied, -fy-ing. 1. to put to death by nailing or binding the hands and feet to a cross. 2. to treat with gross injustice; persecute; torment; torture. 3. to subdue (passion, sin, etc.) [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com), 2012.

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Jesus Christ of Nazareth / Yeshua the Messiah **shedding His Blood** has put our sins to death through His flesh and binding our sins with His hands and feet bound to a cross or tree. The LORD'S Son, Jesus Christ / Yeshua Messiah **shedding His Blood** was treated with gross injustice, persecuted, tormented, and tortured for our sins which was placed upon Him as He died on the cross or tree. All of our lustful passions, sins were subdued upon the flesh of Jesus Christ / Yeshua Messiah by **shedding His Blood** upon the cross or tree.

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY said we are to love Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We need to have the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY use the Holy Spirit through the Messiah Jesus Christ / Yeshua to circumcise our heart and crucify our flesh to love, obey, fear, and serve the Most High One and walk in His ways. Before we became servants of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we had a lot of defilement in our heart that either the world and/or we have place inside it.

Therefore, because we live in this world many people are swayed by outwardly and inwardly distractions pulling us away from true servanthood toward the LORD.

As we diligently seek the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY with all our heart, ask Him forgiveness of all our sins, and repent by turning away from habitually committing premeditated hurtful sins against Him, the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY will perform Spiritual "surgery" by the Holy Spirit through the Messiah, God's Son, to remove all works of the flesh from our heart, and replace it with the Fruit of the Spirit of God. This is the renewing of our minds, which in turn will renew our heart, body, and soul to live a Godly Spirit-filled life seeking to please Him in every way. We must continue daily to keep renewing our hearts and minds with the Word of God, the Holy Bible, and pray reverently and sincerely, and doing the Word of God so as not to become entangle again in sin.

We must continually bring our true, selfless, honest, pure, humble, defected-free, determined, dedicated and obedient praise and worship to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY'S altar.

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6 *For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

## **Sinning is equal to yoke of slavery.**

Christ Jesus / Yeshua shedding His Blood for our sins have made us free from the yoke of slavery, which is sin. Every time we commit a known sin, we are placing the yoke back upon our neck and becoming a slave to that particular sin. The word "Yoke" definition is *an immense oppressive force or burden* ([www.dicionary.com](http://www.dicionary.com), 2012). Anyone who purposely plots to commit a sin will cause an immense oppressive force or burden in his or her life that will result in financial hardship and / or physical and emotional difficulties. The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY knows our every thought in our brain, our every word in our mind, and our every deed and the motivation behind that deed. When a person strategizes to sin, he or she initially does not see or feel the aftermath of that sin until later; the repercussions of sinning may come immediately or months or years later upon the person, but only the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY has control over the timing and type of the consequences of deliberate sinning.

## **What are the works of the flesh that are circumcised and crucified by the Hand of God, Jesus Christ / Yeshua the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit?**

### **Galatians 5 ESV**

*19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

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7 flesh?**

## ***Galatians 5 ESV***

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

As the Holy Bible states from the writings of Paul the Apostle in Galatians 5 verse 24 we true born again by the Blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ / Yeshua the Messiah will *belong to Christ Jesus*, and *have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires*. After our Holy Spirit “surgery” from our works of the flesh, we will live by the Spirit of God, and walk by the Spirit of God, as God’s Word the Holy Bible states in *Galatians 5 verse 25*.

## ***Colossians 3:17 ESV***

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

## ***Deuteronomy 6:5 ESV***

*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

## ***Deuteronomy 10:12 ESV***

*[Circumcise Your Heart] "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*

## ***Deuteronomy 11:13 ESV***

*"And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,*

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*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.*

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*And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

*Aramaic Bible in Plain English (©2010)*

*But those who are of The Messiah have crucified their flesh with all its weaknesses and its cravings.*

*King James 2000 Bible (©2003)*

*And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

**Romans 6:6:** <http://bible.cc/>

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*We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.*

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*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*

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*For we know that our old person was crucified with him, that the body of sin would be destroyed, that we shall not again serve sin.*

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**Galatians 2:20:** <http://bible.cc/>

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*My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

*English Standard Version (©2001)*

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

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*And I have been crucified with The Messiah, and from then on I myself have not been living, but The Messiah is living in me, and this that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of The Son of God, he who has loved us and has given himself for us.*

When we bring our true sincere genuine humble sacrifice of praise and worship on the altar of the ONE MOST HIGH, YAHWEH, JEHOVAH, EL ELYON, EL SHADDAI, ADONAI, ROCK, REFUGE, STRONG TOWER, DELIVERER, SALVATION, LORD OF HOSTS, CREATOR of the heavens, earth, seas, and universe, it will become a sweet aroma into His nose and He will delight in us as we delight in Him.

However, if we bring to the altar of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY a diseased, sick, lame, dirty, unclean, polluted, tainted, debased sacrifice of praise and worship, the aroma will have a smell of foul stench into His nose, and He will cause a distasteful disaster upon the person because he or she felt contempt to serve, obey, and seek the KING of kings and LORD of lords with all his or her heart, mind, soul, and strength.

**Leviticus 26: Hebrew Names Version**

*27 If you won't for all this listen to me, but walk contrary to me; 28 then I will walk contrary to you in wrath; and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins. 31 I will make your cities a waste, and will bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I won't smell the savor of your sweet odors.*

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**Hebrews 4:13:** <http://bible.cc/>

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*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.*

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*And there is no created thing hidden from before him, but everything is naked and open before the eyes of him to whom we give an account.*

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*Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

**Placing untarnished, pure, and respected “food” upon the altar of God results in a sweet aroma to our Heavenly Father that He desires to smell and bless us, accordingly.**

**2 Corinthians 2 (Hebrew Names Version)**

*14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Messiah, and reveals through us the sweet aroma of his knowledge in every place. 15 For we are a sweet aroma of Messiah to God, in those who are saved, and in those who perish; 16 to the one a stench from death to death; to the other a sweet aroma from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as so many, peddling the word of God. But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, we speak in Messiah.*

**Genesis 8 (Hebrew Names Version)**

*20 Noach built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 The LORD smelled the sweet savor. The LORD said in his heart, "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, because the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I ever again strike everything living, as I have done.*

**Exodus 29 (Hebrew Names Version)**

*18 You shall burn the whole ram on the altar: it is a burnt offering to the LORD; it is a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to the LORD.*

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## ***Ephesians 5 (Hebrew Names Version)***

*2 Walk in love, even as Messiah also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance.*

Page | ***Philippians 4 (Hebrew Names Version)***

**11** *18 But I have all things, and abound. I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable and well-pleasing sacrifice to God. 19 My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Messiah Yeshua.*

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY YAHWEH will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in the Messiah Yeshua / Jesus when we:

1. Bring a sweet-smelling fragrance to God with sincere-to-God-spiritual life.
2. Bring an acceptable and well-pleasing sacrifice (earnest praise and worship) to God through Godly-seeking motivations.
3. Bring a true, honest, humble, obedient, serving, seeking-God, forgiving, and loving heart to God's altar.
4. Bring pure, unblemished, untainted, no diseased, righteous, rightly-motivated sacrifice to God's altar.
5. Remain free from slavery to sin by repenting of sins and turning toward God, asking God forgiveness of all sins, living a life righteously hungry and thirsty to please God through His Word, Jesus / Yeshua the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit.

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