

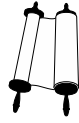
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CHAPTER 1



Keyword

Jehovah's Displeasure



¹⁰Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. ... ¹³Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD. " (MI.1:10, 13)



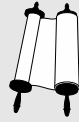
God desires that His people know that He loves them. However He finds that they take little thought of His love. Because of this they abuse His ordinances with hypocrisy. Those who approach God's holy ordinances in an unholy way do not go away better, and in effect say, "The table of the Lord is contemptible."

CHAPTER 2



Keyword

Israel's Abominations



"Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god." (MI.2:11)



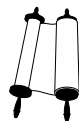
God pronounces a woe to those who should be God's mouth to the people. Instead they are stones of stumbling. Those who put confidence in external religious performances will not please God. Instead they will be filled with shame and confusion.

CHAPTER 3



Keyword

Return



⁷Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? ... ¹⁸Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." (MI.3:7, 18)



Those who deny God His part of their estates may justly expect a curse upon them. Those who rob God rob themselves of His benefits and protection often seen as a loss of His benefits and protection.

CHAPTER 4



Keyword

Day of the Lord



"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD" (MI.4:5)



The great day of the Lord is coming. It is a time of terror and destruction for unbelievers. However, Christ's return is a time of blessing for those who believe.