We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

**Lessons from Malachi**

Introduction: The book of Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament. Malachi was a prophet over 400 years before the time of Christ. He is the last prophet we hear from in the Bible until John the Baptist. For a book of only four chapters, there is a lot we can learn. Please open your Bibles in whatever form and study with us the book of Malachi.

**Malachi 1-2:9** – Malachi assesses how the priests are doing and finds them to be hypocritical. They claim to put God first but they do not. There is a coming time when the Gentiles and all nations shall make God’s name great.

* Today the Lord also has priests. Priests today are disciples of Jesus Christ and are also expected to offer acceptable sacrifices (**1 Peter 2:1-10**).

**Malachi 2:10-16** – Malachi tells us how God feels about spiritual and physical adultery and divorce.

* We see Jesus also teaching about divorce in **Matthew 19:3-10**.

**Malachi 2:17-3:6** – God will send His messenger.

* The prophet John the Baptist (**Matthew 11:7-11**).

**Malachi 3:7-12** – God will bless His children if we serve Him sincerely.

* Notice what true worshippers look like (**Romans 2:17-29**).

**Malachi 3:13-18** – Man’s wisdom vs. God’s wisdom.

* **Romans 1:20-25** shows what happens when men trust in their own wisdom.

**Malachi 4:1-6** – There is a judgment coming for all!

* The message of the Lord’s Messenger (**Luke 3:1-18**).

Closing: What about you? Are you ready for the judgment? Are you a sincere disciple of Jesus? We see from Malachi that God knows the hearts and intents of all. Why not repent of your sins and be baptized so you can be forgiven of your sins? And then start your walk with him. As you sincerely obey Him, He will surely bless you!

We invite all in our audience to our Bible studies on Wednesday at 7pm and Sunday morning at 9am. We would love to study God’s together with you!

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com, murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com; (865) 693-1416.

We plan to have a re-airing of this program on Monday, October 17, 2022 and our next live program is planned for November 7, 2022 when we hope to study, **"Perfect Love Casts Out Fear”.** We hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**