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Sunday, August 5, 2012

**“OUR BEST”**

(Malachi 1:6-14)

Today begins a new series of messages from the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi. The prophet’s message speaks to a time when heart-felt worship and commitment to God were rare. Our Bible study today will identify some key things that keep us from giving God our best in worship.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **HINDER WORSHIP (v. 6).**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 6b-7).**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 8).**
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 9-10).**
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 13).**
6. \_\_\_\_\_ **HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 13).**
7. \_\_\_\_\_ **HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 12, 14).**

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*“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it” (Mark 8:34-35, ESV).*

*“Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good” (Titus 1:16, NLT).*

*“Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power” (2 Timothy 3:4-5, NASB).*

**1. MISPLACED PRIORITIES HINDER WORSHIP (v. 6).**

**2. SPIRITUAL HARDNESS HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 6b-7).**

*“Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush” (Jeremiah 6:15, NIV).*

**3. HALF-HEARTED SINCERITY HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 8).**

**4. SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 9-10).**

**5. WEARINESS HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 13).**

**6. UNBELIEF HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 13).**

## **7. FAILING TO FEAR GOD HINDERS WORSHIP (v. 12, 14).**

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