

TRUSTING

Malachi 2:10-17



spiritual – broken covenant; idol worship

social – same careless/carefree attitude
toward marriage covenants

God's Response

- a) I HATE when good faith is violate or trust is betrayed.
- b) I am SICK of being portrayed as “not caring” about this issue.

“break faith” (NIV)

bgd = robe/covering > to conceal true
identity or true intention

i.e. to *trick* or *deceive* using fake gestures
or promises.

The POWER of Promise

- The marriage vow provides **agenda** and **direction**
- All issues are either **supportive** or **subversive** of that vow
- This actually provides great **simplicity** and **freedom** for life.

The COMMITMENT of Covenant

- The issue of marriage must be thoroughly examined and sincerely heartfelt.
- You must be willing to trust and be trusted COMPLETELY
- “*guard yourself in spirit*” = Do not accept anything less than this ideal!



WHEN YOU TRUST, you will either
be ripped off or rewarded. This is the
nature and **reality** of trust.

PAINFUL PARADOX

- We cannot have **union** if we withhold our heart.
- When trust is broken, it can be **mended** and **restored!**



TRUSTING GOD WITH MARRIAGE ISSUES?

- ✓ Trust his advice...
- ✓ Trust his guidance...
- ✓ Trust him when your companion is untrustworthy.
- ✓ Trust his motive (even) when you do not understand his plan.