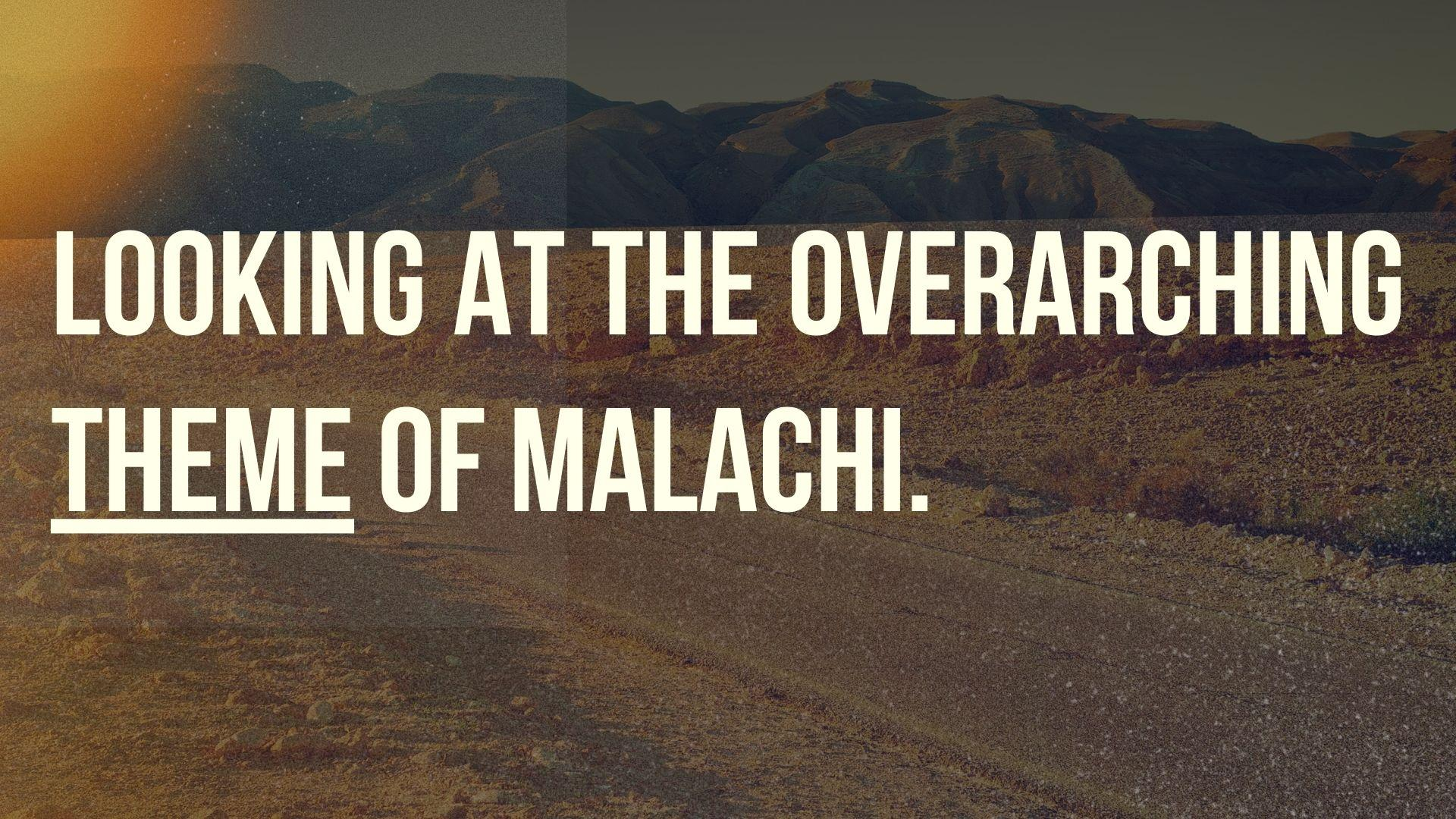


MAJORING ON THE MINOR

MALACHI

MALACHI 1:1 NLT

This is the message that the Lord gave to Israel through the prophet Malachi.

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dark, gravelly road curves from the bottom right towards the center. The middle ground is a vast, arid plain with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of rugged, dark mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The overall color palette is dominated by earthy tones like browns, tans, and greys, with a slight blue tint in the sky and mountains.

**LOOKING AT THE OVERARCHING
THEME OF MALACHI.**

**GOD'S LOVE FOR US IS SO GREAT THAT HE
WILL EXPOSE OUR IDOLATRY AND
UNFAITHFULNESS AND SEND A FUTURE
DELIVERER.**

A desert landscape with a winding road and mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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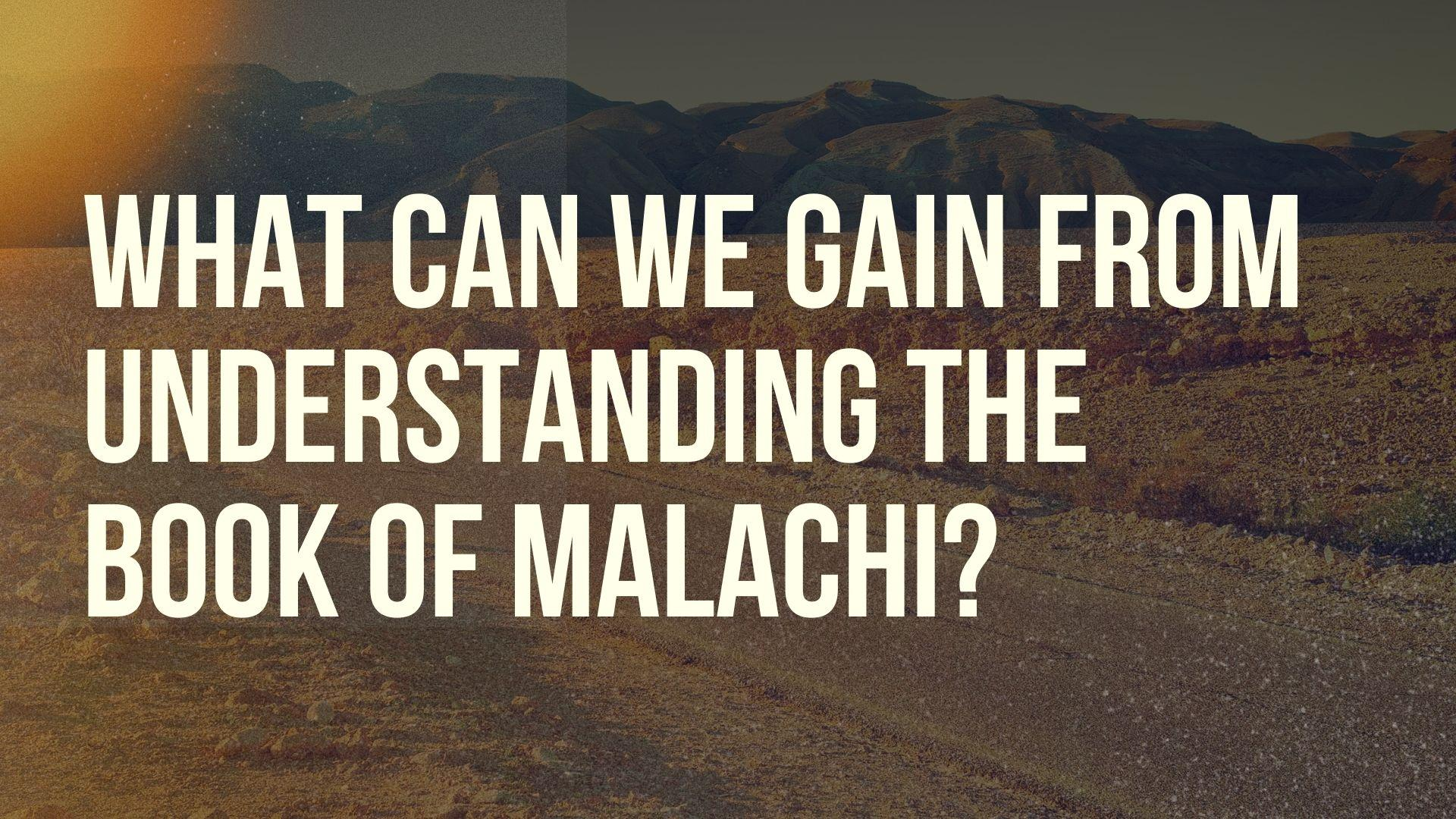
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A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a path leading into the distance. The text is overlaid on the image.

**WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM
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- WE NEED TO REMEMBER GOD'S LOVE.

MALACHI 1:2-3 NLT

2 “I have always loved you,” says the Lord.
But you retort, “Really? How have you loved us?”
And the Lord replies, “This is how I showed my love
for you: I loved your ancestor Jacob, 3 but I rejected
his brother, Esau, and devastated his hill country. I
turned Esau’s inheritance into a desert for jackals.”

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF MALACHI?

- WE NEED TO HONOR GOD.

MALACHI 1:12-13 NLT

12 “But you dishonor my name with your actions. By bringing contemptible food, you are saying it’s all right to defile the Lord’s table. 13 You say, ‘It’s too hard to serve the Lord,’ and you turn up your noses at my commands,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “Think of it! Animals that are stolen and crippled and sick are being presented as offerings! Should I accept from you such offerings as these?” asks the Lord.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF MALACHI?

- WE NEED TO REEVALUATE OUR FAITHFULNESS.

MALACHI 2:11 NLT

11 Judah has been unfaithful, and a detestable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem. The men of Judah have defiled the Lord's beloved sanctuary by marrying women who worship idols.

MALACHI 2:14 NLT

14 You cry out, “Why doesn’t the Lord accept my worship?” I’ll tell you why! Because the Lord witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF MALACHI?

- WE NEED TO RESPOND TO GOD'S JUSTICE.

MALACHI 3:2-4 NLT

2 “But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. 3 He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the Lord. 4 Then once more the Lord will accept the offerings brought to him by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as he did in the past.”

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF MALACHI?

- WE NEED TO REFUSE TO CHEAT GOD.

MALACHI 3:7-8 NLT

7 “Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “But you ask, ‘How can we return when we have never gone away?’” 8 “Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!” “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’” “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.”

MALACHI 3:10 NLT

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF MALACHI?


- WE NEED TO REJOICE CONCERNING WHAT GOD HAS DONE AND WILL DO FOR US.

MALACHI 3:16-18 NLT

16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke with each other, and the Lord listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name. 17 “They will be my people,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient child. 18 Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.”

MALACHI 4:2-3 NLT

2 “But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. 3 On the day when I act, you will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

The background of the image is a desert landscape. A dirt road winds through the foreground and middle ground, leading towards a range of mountains in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is dramatic and contemplative.

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FOUR THINGS:**

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dark, winding road leads into the distance. The ground is dry and rocky, with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall tone is warm and arid.

**AS THE MINOR PROPHETS CLOSE AND TURN
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- **HEALING**

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