Major Profit from Minor Prophets

(Zechariah & Malachi)

Introduction: 1. For too long, we have neglected the Old Testament prophets, and are ignorant of their messages.

- 2. Hopefully, this series will have whetted your appetite to learn more from these courageous men.
- 3. Their messages are far from irrelevant, for John said that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10).

I. Brief Background to the books of Zechariah & Malachi

- A. Both were Post-Exilic Prophets; as well as Haggai.
- B. Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai and pleaded for people to consider their ways and refocus.
- C. Malachi was the last Old Testament prophet and prophesied about 100 years after Zechariah.
- D. Surprisingly, the people had fallen back into sin.

II. Practical Lessons to Learn from Zechariah & Malachi

- A. Remember (Consider your ways)
 - 1. (Zechariah 1:3-6).
 - 2. (Zechariah 7:5-12).
- B. The coming Messiah.
 - 1. (Zechariah 3:8, 12-13).
 - 2. (Zechariah 9:9).
 - 3. (Zechariah 11:12-13).
 - 4. (Zechariah 12:10).
 - 5. (Zechariah 13:1, 7).
- C. Ingratitude.
 - 1. (Malachi 1:2, 6, 8).
 - 2. (Malachi 3:8-13).
- D. Book of Remembrance.
 - 1. (Malachi 3:16).
 - 2. (Revelation 20:12, 15).
- E. The coming of John and Jesus.
 - 1. (Malachi 4:2, 5).
 - 2. (Luke 1:17).
- Conclusion: 1. If there is one thing we learn from the prophets, it is that God is sovereign and he is in control.
 - 2. We will either willingly acknowledge him as Lord or we will unwillingly acknowledge him as Lord at the judgment.
 - 3. How will you acknowledge him?