LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES
8:00 AM | 9:30AM | 11:30AM
February 9, 2024

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jin Ahn

SONGS OF PRAISE

Robby Jung

SCRIPTURE READING

Jay Do

MESSAGE

Minor Prophets with Major Messages, Part 5

"Why Do We Keep Drifting? Breaking the Cycle of Spiritual Decline"

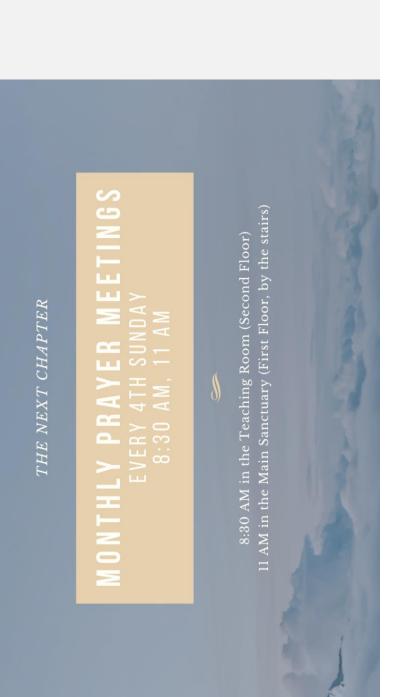
Malachi 1:1-3:15

Pastor Ben Tabbal

SONGS OF REFLECTION AND OFFERING

CLOSING PRAYER

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Help those impacted by the L.A. Wildfires:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. LA Wildfire Support & Donations

Living Hope is partnering to help those impacted by the LA wildfires by preparing food care packages and providing supplies to organization on the frontlines. If you would like to support this effort, please donate using this form. We also received information from our Brea Fire Chief, Mark Terrill, on other ways our church can help the relief efforts for the fire devastation (info in the form).

2. Valentines Day Date Night | Feb 14

Please enjoy a romantic date night with LHCC college ministry providing childcare in February 14, from 730-10. We will provide a snack for your potty-trained kids. Sign ups are available online through the link or in the hallway between 930 & 1130 services. Please sign up soon as space is limited!

SIGN UP FORM FOR VALENTINE'S DATE NIGHT

3. Cell Group | Feb 16

A new season of Cell Groups is starting soon at Living Hope! For those new to Cell Groups, our First Cell experience kicks off on February 16, designed to help you connect with God, our community, and your purpose. Registration is now open!

4. The Next Chapter Monthly Prayer Mtg | Feb 23

We are hosting monthly prayer opportunities during this time of transition: every 4th Sunday of the Month at 8:30 AM in the teaching room (second floor) and 11 AM in the main sanctuary (first floor, by the stairs). These meetings are in addition to the monthly Prayer Chapel (first Tuesday nights). Please come gather to pray for the next chapter of Living Hope!

5. 2024 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are now available! Members can access it through Pushpay (through the app or online) or send an email to finance@livinghopecc.org to request a copy. Please visit livinghopecc.org/giving for more information about Giving at LHCC.

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SERMON NOTES

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Markers of Spiritual Decline:

Marker 1: Doubting God's Love Leads to Ingratitude (Malachi 1:2)

What counters doubt?

Marker 2: Disregarding Worship Leads to Apathy (Malachi 1:6)

What counters apathy?

Marker 3: Breaking Covenants Leads to Relational Unfaithfulness (Malachi 2:10)

What counters unfaithfulness?

Marker 4: Cynicism Leads to Hardening of the Heart (Malachi 3:14)

What counters cynicism?

Marker 5: The Promise of Restoration (Malachi 4:2)

What counters the entire cycle?



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Cell Group Discussion Questions

GET-TO-KNOW

 Ice Breaker - What's something you've lost recently (like your keys or phone), and how did you feel when you found it?

FROM-THE-SERMON

- 1. Doubting God's Love (Malachi 1:2-5)
- Read Malachi 1:2. Why do you think the people doubted God's love? What in their circumstances might have led to their doubt?
- How does God respond to their question, "How have you loved us?" What does this tell us about His character?
- 2. Disregarding Worship (Malachi 1:6-14)
- Read Malachi 1:6. What does it mean to give God "honor" and "respect"? How were the people failing to do this in their sacrifices?
- How can we offer God our best in worship today, rather than giving Him our leftovers?
- 3. Breaking Covenants (Malachi 2:10-16)
- Read Malachi 2:10-11. What does God say about faithfulness in relationships, especially marriage? How does this reflect His covenant with His people?
- What do you think it means to remain faithful to God in both spiritual and relational commitments?
- 4. Cynicism (Malachi 3:13-15)
- Read Malachi 3:13-15. Why did the people feel it was "futile to serve God"? How can cynicism creep into our own faith?
- How does the promise of God's justice and restoration (in Malachi 4) counter this cynicism?

BEYOND-THE-SERMON:

- 5. What marker of spiritual decline (doubt, apathy, unfaithfulness, or cynicism) do you struggle with the most right now? How can you take a step toward returning to God in this area?
- 6. What is one way you can honor God with your best this week—in your worship, your relationships, or your service?

