



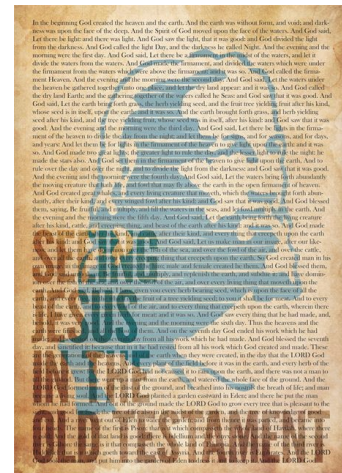
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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word.

When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (Luther's Works, 25:238).

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"A Weighty Word"

I've been thinking a lot lately about the last of the minor prophets, known to us as Malachi. Take a careful look at just the first few words of his book, and you'll see how this fifth-century BC prophet speaks a timely word for our lives today.

It begins like this: "The oracle of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi" (Mal. 1:1).

First thing's first: the word "oracle" comes from a Hebrew term that essentially means "load" or "burden" or "weight." What we have in the book of Malachi, in other words, is some heavy stuff! It's not just a word, but "the *oracle* of the word," or you might even say "the *weight* of the word."

But that's how it goes, doesn't it? Our Lord speaks, and it weighs upon us. When it exposes us, we cannot hide. When it shows our sin, we cannot remain silent or our bones will waste away (Ps. 32:3).

That, I think, is also why this "weight of the word of the Lord" is addressed "to *Israel*." At the time of Malachi, the northern kingdom often referred to as "Israel" is long gone, and the survivors of the southern kingdom were typically referred to as "Judah." But in Mal. 1:1, we have "Israel" like it's the good old days, like that whole Babylonian exile

thing never happened.

And that's because in the end, a true Israelite is one who takes up the weight that our Lord gives and follows him. Yes, this may involve burdens that can seem unbearable, but it stems from the weightiest of loves (see Mal. 1:2–5). It may involve moments that are hard to understand, but it's especially through these that our Lord draws us more closely as a treasured possession for himself (see Mal. 3:17).

Finally, notice how the weight of the word that is spoken to Israel comes “by *Malachi*.” Hardly anything is known about this prophet. Who are his parents? (Compare “Hosea the son of Beeri” [Hos. 1:1].) Where is he from? (Compare “Micah of Moresheth” [Mic. 1:1].) What is his occupation? (Compare “Amos, who was *among the shepherds* of Tekoa” [Amos 1:1].)

What we *do* know, however, is that the name Malachi means “my messenger.” This is even reinforced in the book itself when the Lord says in Mal. 3:1, “Behold, I send my messenger....” Literally he is saying, “Behold, I send *Malachi*....”

Do you see what's happening here? Malachi's parents, his hometown, occupation, and so on—these were never the point. The real identity of the prophet named “my messenger” has been clothed with the message of his book. It's the word he was given that must increase, while he himself must decrease (see Jn. 3:30). Once that word was placed upon him, it was no longer he that lived, but the word that lived within him (see Gal. 2:20).

And the same goes for us. Like Malachi, our identity is not free-floating but remains anchored in the word of truth. When our thoughts drift toward anxiousness, we have a foundational source of certainty. When our conscious accuses, we have exactly what we need to take the burden off our shoulders. Yes, the word of the Lord can be quite weighty, but with the One who lifts away the weight of the world's sin (Jn. 1:29), it's a burden that turns out to be quite light (Mt. 11:30).

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Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

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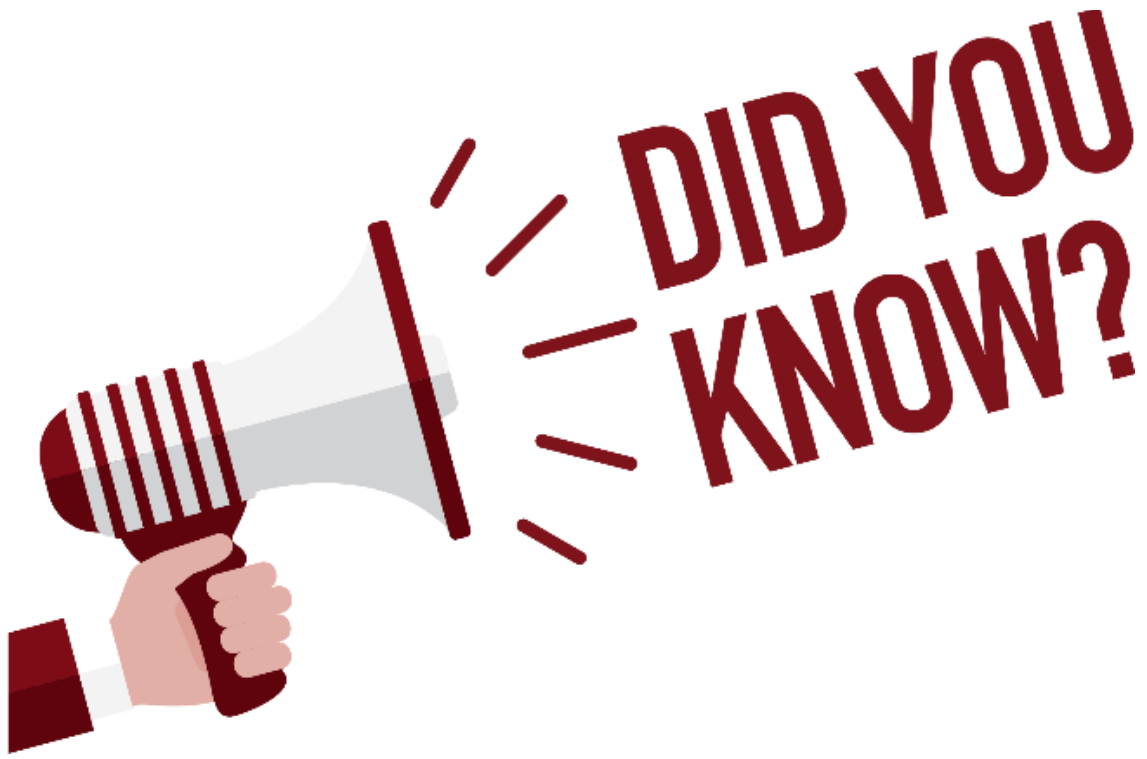


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