The Fight Against Spiritual Boredom (Malachi)

Reading – Malachi 1:6-14

**Timeline of the days & events leading up to the days of Malachi**

1. 586 B.C. - Jerusalem destroyed by the Babylonians
2. 537 B.C. - The first exiles begin to return to Jerusalem
3. 536 B.C. - Reconstruction of the Temple Begins
4. 520 B.C. - Haggai, Zechariah become prophets
5. 516 B.C. - Temple Completed
6. 479 B.C. - Esther becomes Queen of Persia
7. 465 B.C. - Artaxerxes becomes King of Persia
8. 458 B.C. - Ezra comes to Jerusalem
9. 445 B.C. - Nehemiah comes to Jerusalem
10. 430 B.C. - Malachi becomes a prophet
11. 400 B.C. - 400 Years of silence / between the Testaments

**Outline of the Book of Malachi**

I. A dispute about God's love (1:1-5)

II. A dispute about God's honor and fear (1:6-2:9)

III. A dispute about faithfulness (2:10-16)

IV. A dispute about God's justice (2:17-3:5)

V. A dispute about repentance (3:6-12)

VI. A dispute about speaking against God (3:13-4:3)

VII Two appendices (4:4-6)

A. An admonition to remember the Law of Moses (4:4)

B. An announcement of the sending of Elijah (4:5-6)