

## WORDS AGAINST THE LORD

Text: Malachi 3:13-14

INTRO: In our text, God accused Israel of speaking against Him. They had observed the inequities of life and had voiced the opinion that it did not pay to serve God. Of course, they were not the last ones to speak against God.

### I. SOME SPEAK AGAINST HIS EXISTENCE.

Psa. 14:1; Psa 19:1

### II. SOME SPEAK AGAINST HIS CREATIVE POWER.

Virtually all our educational institutions seek to explain the existence of the universe by purely natural causes. No Creator, no design.

Rom 1:20-23, For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, & their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.

Big Bang theory, etc. God spoke & bang!

### III. SOME SPEAK AGAINST THE BIBLE.

A. Some deny its divine origin. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:21

B. Some say it is not a sufficient guide.

Acts 20:27; 1 Pet. 4:11; John 12:48

C. Some say the Bible cannot be understood. "We can't all understand the Bible alike." Eph 5:17.

D. Others say the Bible can only be understood through their own personal guidance: the Pope, The J.W. hierarchy, various other modern-day "prophets."

IV. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD'S SON.

A. Jews deny His Messianic claims.

John 8:24; John 14:6; Acts 4:12

B. Moslems say He was a prophet but not the Son of God.

Luke 22:70, Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am."

C. Jehovah's Witnesses & others deny His deity.

John 1:1-3

Heb 1:6-9, But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits & His ministers a flame of fire." But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. You have loved righteousness & hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

V. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD BY USING HIS NAME PROFANELY.

Lev 22:32-33, You shall not profane My holy name, but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel. I am the LORD who sanctifies you, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD."

Ezek 39:7, So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

1 Tim 6:1, Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.

Hallowed, Matt 6:9; Luke 11:2.

CONCLUSION: God is to be honored in every aspect of our life.  
We must honor & respect His word and we must honor & respect  
His holy name.

Highway 29, Liberty Hill, TX, November 15, 1964

Cox Springs, TX, December 19, 1965

Jonestown, TX, April 20, 1969

Springhill, LA, August 4, 1974

Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, October 7, 2004