

MALACHI

[Mal 3:13-18 KJV] 13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken against thee? 14 Ye have said, It [is] vain to serve God: and what profit [is it] that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? 15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, [they that] tempt God are even delivered. 16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard [it], and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

I. The Harsh Words

a. Yes, this attitude is prevalent in many ways in the modern church

- i. Prosperity Gospel
- ii. Selfish expectations of the church.
- iii. Our Health.
- iv. Our Ministry.
- v. Purity

b. What attitude should we have in serving God?

- i. 1 Peter 4:10-11 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in **serv****ing one another** as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that **in all things God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1. Serving one another-love one another-good stewards

2. God may be glorified

II. The Hateful Judgment

III. The Hope of the promise

a. Fear of the Lord

b. Book of The Lord

- i. Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
- ii. Psalms 103:17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

c. Promise of the Lord

- i. What was the only thing in the bible that Jesus said was his? The Church Eph 1:13-14 having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy

Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

IV. Conclusion

- a. Take away's
- b. We don't serve God to receive – We serve because we owe our life to him.
- c. God is always good
- d. God is always just in his judgement
- e. God will always remember those who serve him with a reverential heart