A Heart of Worship: Worship as a Child of God Malachi 3:16-4:6

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Revelation 1:3 (NIV): ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 3:16-18 (NIV): ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. ¹⁷ "On the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

MAIN POINT: Fear the Lord.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Proverbs 9:10-12 (NIV): ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy one is understanding. ¹¹ For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. ¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 4:1-3 (NIV): "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will

trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 5:22 (NIV): "And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

MAIN POINT: Fear the Lord.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 4:4-6 (NIV): ⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵ See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 60:1 (NIV): "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 11:13-14 (NIV): ¹³ "For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come."

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Luke 23:34 (NIV): ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

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