

# God With Us

— A CHRISTMAS SERIES —

## Patiently Waiting

Malachi 3:16-4:6

<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup> “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup> Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Malachi 3:16-18

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Malachi 4:1-6

### He tells a story and points in two directions.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

Malachi 4:4

First is a call to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Exodus 20:2-3
- Matthew 22:36-40

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.

How do we love? \_\_\_\_\_

Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

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<sup>5</sup> "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

Malachi 4:5

Second God says \_\_\_\_\_...but \_\_\_\_\_.

So how do we wait with patience? \_\_\_\_\_

Malachi 4:2 -> Luke 1:68-79

Luke 1:16-17

Malachi 4:4-5 -> Matthew 17:3-8

<sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers...

Malachi 4:6

Here is the one of the great effects of \_\_\_\_\_.