

Malachi 3:1-18

“The Lord’s Purifying Judgement and Faithful Love”

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subject: the Lord’s purifying judgement and faithful love

objective: return to the Lord and be blessed

I. the Lord is coming back to purify & judge (vv. 1-5)

A. two messengers

1. John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:3-5)

2. Messiah: Jesus Christ (John 12:49-50)

B. two comings of Jesus

1. as the Lamb of God (1st coming) (John 1:29)

2. as the Righteous Judge (2nd coming) (Rev. 19:11-21)

a. unbelievers will be judged (Rev. 20:11-15)

b. believers’ works will be judged (2 Cor. 5:10)

II. the Lord is calling all to return to Him (vv. 6-12)

A. the Lord never changes, so neither does His love

B. the Lord is always ready & willing to receive us back

“...the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.” (John 6:37)

C. New Testament guidelines on giving:

1. regular (1 Cor. 16:1-4)

2. proportional (1 Cor. 16:1-4)

3. generous (2 Corinthians 9:6)

4. freely given (2 Corinthians 9:7)

5. cheerfully given (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Discussion Question: What are some of the blessings the Lord bestows on us for obeying Him?

III. the Lord will remember & reward the righteous (vv. 13-18)

A. the Lord remembers those who trust & obey Him (Rev. 21:27)

B. the Lord rewards those who trust & obey Him (Heb 11:6)