



MALACHI

**“The Coming of the
Sun of Righteousness”
Malachi 3:13-4:6**

**⁸Yahweh is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in
lovingkindness.**

Psalms 103:8

Big Idea

**A life lived in worship of Christ and service to
Christ is worth it. There is coming a day in
which all will know this to be true.**

I. The Wicked Serve God and See It as Futile (13-15)

**¹³“Your words have been strong against Me,”
says Yahweh. “But you say, ‘What have we
spoken against You?’**

Malachi 3:13

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¹⁴You have said, ‘It is worthless to serve God; and what gain is it that we have kept His charge and that we have walked in mourning before Yahweh of hosts? ¹⁵So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up, but they also test God and escape.’ ”

Malachi 3:14-15

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- The wicked trust in their own works and blame God. The righteous trust in God’s work and thank God.

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**¹⁷Until I came into the sanctuary of God;
Then I understood their end.¹⁸Surely You set
them in slippery places;
You cause them to fall to destruction.**

Psalms 73:17-18

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¹⁶Then those who feared Yahweh spoke to one another, and Yahweh gave heed and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear Yahweh and who think upon His name.

Malachi 3:16

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¹⁷“And they will be Mine,” says Yahweh of hosts, “on the day that I prepare My own treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.”

¹⁸So you will return and see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

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Revelation 22:4

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**⁵So now then, if you will indeed listen to My
voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be
My treasured possession among all the
peoples, for all the earth is Mine;**

Exodus 19:5

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- Matthew Henry- “the saints are Gods jewels”

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So Yahweh has compassion on those who fear
Him.**

Psalms 103:13

III. The Wicked Will See the Day and Be Consumed (4:1)

¹“ For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every worker of wickedness will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them aflame,” says Yahweh of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”

Malachi 4:1

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- Is there any hope at all?
There is hope in Christ.

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⁵Now I want to remind you, though you know all things, that Jesus, having once saved a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

Jude 1:5

IV. The Righteous Will See the Day and Be Comforted (4:2-4:6)

²“But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

Malachi 4:2

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**¹¹For Yahweh God is a sun and shield;
Yahweh gives grace and glory;
No good thing does He withhold from those
who walk blamelessly.**

Psalms 84:11

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⁴⁸And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 8:48

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³And you will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says Yahweh of hosts.

Malachi 4:3

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⁴“ Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and judgments which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.

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⁵“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahweh. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land, devoting it to destruction.”

Malachi 4:5-6

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¹⁶And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:16-17

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**⁷⁶“And you, child, will be called the prophet of
the Most High,
For you will go on before the Lord to make
ready His ways,⁷⁷To give to His people the
knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of their sins,
Luke 1:76-77**

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- Healing from God deals with both body and soul.**
- His mission will not fail.**

The gospel is the good news that the just and gracious God of the universe looked upon hopelessly sinful people and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that everyone who turns from their sin (repentance) and believes in Him (faith) will be reconciled to God forever.