

MALACHI – 3:1-6

The Messengers of the Lord

1. Malachi 3:1

- a. Mal 2:17 - *"Where is the God of judgment?"* – As a mockery - Psalm 94:1-7
- b. There are two messengers: one is a son of David, the other is a Levite -2:7
- c. *"my messenger"* – A Levite - Luke 1:5, 13, 76; identified by Jesus – Luke 7:25-27
- d. An error in Mark 1:2 which quotes Mal not Isaiah, and leaves off *"before thee"*
- e. Mark proves that Jesus is God in Mark 1:2 when compared to Mal 3:1
- f. John's message: repent, the Messiah comes – Isa 40:3-5, Matt 3:1-12
- g. *"whom ye seek"* – God's sarcasm; the prophets did speak of the Lord's coming
- h. One verse speaks of two comings of the Lord – (ex. Luke 4:16-21 and Isa 61:1-2)
- i. Peter says they did not understand the difference – 1 Pet 1:11
- j. *"suddenly come to his temple"* – which will be purified - Zech 8:3, 14:4; Eze 43:1-7

2. Malachi 3:2-4

- a. The LORD trieth the hearts - Prov 17:3, Isa 1:25, Isa 48:10-11
- b. The purification of Israel will leave it holy – Isa 1:18-25, 4:3-4
- c. All of Israel will be gathered and then refined – Eze 9:4-6; Eze 20:17-22, 34-38
- d. *"shall be pleasant"* – Because their sin has been dealt with -Eze 20:40-44
- e. The trial is what Peter and the remnant go through – 1 Pet 1:7, 4:12-13, 17
- f. He that endures tribulation will get a crown – Jam 1:12, Rev 2:10, Mat 24:9, 13
- g. In the midst of judgment, God remembers the old days of promise – Isa 63:11
- h. *"as in the days of old"* according to the law - Deu 32:7, Mic 7:14, 7:20, Amo 9:11
- i. *"sons of Levi"* – They will eat at the Lord's table - Eze 44:15-16

3. Malachi 3:5-6

- a. *"I change not"* – He doesn't change his nature, character, attributes, promises
- b. He is not a man that he should lie, he says and does – Titus 1:2, Num 23:19
- c. His attributes never change, else he would cease to be God – Rev 1:8, 17-18
- d. His promises will be fulfilled – Heb 13:8, Rom 11:29, Mal 3:6
- e. He will not go back on his promise, for good or for evil – Lam 2:17, 3:22-23
- f. He will keep his covenant with Israel and the Levites – Jam 1:17, Jer 33:14-22