

MALACHI - 3:13-4:6

Remember the Remnant and the Law

1. Malachi 3:13-15

- a. *"stout"* – bold, obstinate, stubborn, proud
- b. *"what profit is it"* – the true motivation for their service: personal gain
- c. This is the honoring lips and wicked heart of Isa 29:13 and Mark 7:5-6
- d. Loving service / obedience is not coerced or paid for, but done from the heart
- e. They accuse God of not doing what he promised for good or evil – Mal 2:17
- f. Do not envy the wicked, be faithful – Job 13:11-16; Psa 37:1-5, Psa 73, Prov 23:17

2. Malachi 3:16-18

- a. *"that feared the LORD"* = the remnant – Isa 11:16, 1 Kings 19:18, Rom 11:3-4
- b. *"thought upon his name"* – gospel of his name, again: Mal 1:6, 2:2, 2:5, John 20:31
- c. *"book of remembrance"* – God will not forget them – Luke 12:8, 31-32; 23:42; 2 Pet 3
- d. The righteous nation's thoughts described here: Isa 26:1-9, Jer 12:1-2, Psa 70
- e. *"they shall be mine"* – his nation, his sons, his sheep, his flock - John 1:11-12, 10:14
- f. *"make up my jewels"* – Isa 62:3-4, How? Heat, pressure, endurance... Luke 21:19
- g. *"I will spare them, as ..."* – Neh 13:22, this is in Jesus' parables of faithful servants.
- h. *"discern between..."* what? Righteous and wicked Israel. Matt 21:43, Luke 12:51

3. Malachi 4:1-3

- a. *"day cometh"* of judgment, this is Mal 3:2-3, his coming with fire: Mat 13:36-43
- b. *"burn as an oven..."* – which is literal, not allegorical - Psa 21:8-9, Rev 16:8
- c. *"neither root nor branch"* which describe people – Isa 11:1, Matt 3:7-12, John 15:1-6
- d. *"Sun of righteousness"* – to the remnant, God is shield and sun, they won't wither
- e. *"wings"* – God is the eagle that delivered them from Egypt – Exo 19:4, Eze 17

4. Malachi 4:4-6 – Remember the Law

- a. *"remember the law"* – Just as Jesus taught - Matt 5:17, 19:17, 22:40, 23:1-2; Jam 2:8
- b. There are three men here: Moses (law), Elijah (prophets), and the LORD
- c. Elijah comes before the Lord to bring Israel into remembrance of the law.
- d. The *"great and dreadful day"* has not come yet, but... Matt 3:7, Acts 2:16,20
- e. John the Baptist was in the spirit of Elias - Luke 1:16-18, Matt 3:4 cf. 2 Kings 1:8
- f. He is not a reincarnation of Elijah, he is a different man – John 1:21-25
- g. Jesus identifies John as Elijah **IF** they would receive it – Matt 11:8-15; 17:11-13
- h. Mal 3:1 is fulfilled in John the Baptist, but only partially since Jesus comes again
- i. They did not receive it, the kingdom did not come, Elijah will come again.
- j. The hearts of the fathers and children refers to the law – Deut 11:16-28