

Blessed Hope

Giving God the Best (Malachi) Series – Malachi 3-4
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Prophecies forth-telling revealing God's plan for consequences to unnoticed rebellion.

6 "oracles" (heavy/ burdensome messages) from God by His messenger, Malachi to Jews in rebellion because they:

1st Questioned God's love

2nd Despised God

3rd Dealt treacherously

4th Wearied God

5th Robbed God

Malachi provides what we need: **God's perspective.**

Sixth oracle (3:13-4:3): They had spoken against **God.**

They accused God of not being fair because their religious activity was a means to an end of **personal gain.**

Those who love and serve God need encouragement through fellowship! (Mal. 3:16, Heb. 10:24-25)

God hears those who **fear Him.**

- Gather together for this purpose (Matt. 18:19-20)
- Christ speaks to the Father on our behalf (Heb. 9:24)
- God hears us praying according to His will (1 Jn. 5:14)

God is an active **listener.**

Those who fear God are His **"treasured possession."**

Prophecies **foretelling** things to come in the future

“The day is coming...” “the great and awesome **day of the Lord**”! (4:1,5)

(“encouraging one another... all the more as you see **the Day** drawing near” Heb. 10:25)

So who is “Elijah”? (4:5-6)

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 - Scribes / Jews still looking
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He loves you! Will you seek Him?

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- Learning from the 6th oracle

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