

“VOICES – THE MINOR PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT”
MALACHI – PART III **08.18.19**

“I have always loved you,’ says the LORD.” Mal. 1:2a

“I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.” Deuteronomy 5:10

“The LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.” Psalm 100:5

“The law was given through Moses, but God’s unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17

Malachi was written...

- To assure the people of God that He still _____ them
- That in spite of their disobedience, He would keep His _____ with them

God demonstrates His Love & Faithfulness

1. By calling out _____

6“‘I am the Lord, and I do not change... 7Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you,’ says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” Malachi 3:6-7

2. By promising a _____

- a. Whose coming would be _____ by a messenger

1“‘Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the LORD you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,’ says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” Malachi 3:1

- b. Who would _____ the righteous from the wicked

2“‘But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. 3He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining

them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the LORD.” Malachi 3:2-3

- c. To _____ the people of God to covenant faithfulness

4“Then once more the LORD will accept the offerings brought to him by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as he did in the past” Malachi 3:4

3. By inviting _____

- a. With a _____ – Remember and Obey

4“Remember to obey the Law of Moses, my servant—all the decrees and regulations that I gave him on Mount Sinai for all Israel.” Malachi 4:4

“The Law laid a foundation for life and those who lived by it would experience life as God intended.” Bill Arnold

- b. And a _____ – God’s judgment was coming

“The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up...” Malachi 4:1

“For you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.” Malachi 4:2

From the Prophets to the Present

1“This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began 2just as the prophet Isaiah had written: ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way...Prepare the way for the LORD’s coming! Clear the road for him!’ 4This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.” Mark 1:1-4

THE MESSAGE HASN’T CHANGED

_____ = turn _____ your sin

_____ = turn _____ God

_____ = to _____ forgiven