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Justice and Judgement are Coming

Malachi 2:17 - 3:5

Malachi 2:17 (ESV)

¹⁷You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?”

Malachi 3:1-5 (ESV)

¹“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1-5 (ESV)

²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

Malachi 3:1-5 (ESV)

³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

Malachi 3:1-5 (ESV)

⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3:1-5 (ESV)

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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A Simple Outline

A: the people of God accuse Him of approving of those who do evil and being absent when it came to justice (Mal 2:17)

B: God tells His people that justice and
judgement are coming for everyone
(Mal 3:1-5)

Mark 1:2-8 (ESV)

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

Mark 1:2-8 (ESV)

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

Mark 1:2-8 (ESV)

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:2-8 (ESV)

⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Mark 1:2-8 (ESV)

⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:2-8 (ESV)

⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

Mark 1:2-8 (ESV)

⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Examining Malachi 3:1-5

1: Jesus came the first time primarily to save
but in doing so He brought a type of judgement

Mark 10:45 (ESV)

⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

John 9:39 (ESV)

³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

Mark 11:15-17 (ESV)

¹⁵And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

Mark 11:15-17 (ESV)

¹⁶And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.

Mark 11:15-17 (ESV)

¹⁷And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.”

Hebrews 9:11-14 (ESV)

¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)

Hebrews 9:11-14 (ESV)

¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:11-14 (ESV)

¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

Hebrews 9:11-14 (ESV)

¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

2: Jesus will come again to judge and to make good on His promise to save those who have believed.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (ESV)

²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Hebrews 9:27-28 (ESV)

²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

John 5:24 (ESV)

²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (ESV)

⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (ESV)

⁵This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (ESV)

⁶since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (ESV)

⁷and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (ESV)

⁸in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (ESV)

⁹They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (ESV)

¹⁰when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

**God is calling you to get ready for the
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