
MALACHI- LESSON # 15

Mal 3:18 So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

- **God will make a difference; a choice, a discernment.**
 - Now he tells the people to see the difference.
- People always say that you should not judge
 - This is not a judgment- it is an observation
 - You will be able to see the difference between those who serve God and those who do not.
 - **Matthew 7:15-20, 2 Corinthians 13:5**

READ MALACHI 4:1-2

- Malachi is not warning people here of something that “might” happen
 - Between verses 1-2 we find two groups of people here
 - People who will be happy to see the Lord
 - People who will not be
 - Either way: The Lord is coming!

Mal 4:1 "For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the LORD of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."

The arrogant and the evildoer

- The day of His coming will set them ablaze
- He will completely cut them off

When Jesus came, what did He cut off?

- They lost their position of power over the people (**John 11:48**)
 - Who are the priests today: **1 Peter 2:9**
 - Who is Israel today: **Galatians 6:15-16**
- Israel was invited into this covenant: **Jeremiah 31:31**
 - it was also offered to “a people who were not my people” **Romans 9:25-26**

Matthew 21:43- Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.

- **Matthew 7:16-20, John 15:1, 6**

so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

- **Job 14:7-9**
- What hope is there if neither root nor branch remains?
- This is what John the Baptist referenced in **Matthew 3:10-12**

Mal 4:2 *"But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.*

Quite a contrast here between the crowd in verse 1 and verse 2

- o **Verse 1:** crowd gets burned up and cut off
- o **Verse 2:** Crowd goes around skipping like calves from the stall

What makes the difference?

- **Verse 2: Those who fear My name**

Healing in its wings

- For those who fear the Lord: the sun of righteousness will rise w/ healing
- Septuagint makes "sun" a masculine noun; so "its wings" becomes "His wings"
- The KJV translation agrees- Sun is capitalized, and has "his wing"
 - o **Matthew 4:16, 2 Peter 1:19**

What do we need healing from? If Jesus came with the cure- what is the sickness?

- **Matthew 1:21, 1 Peter 2:24**

skip about like calves from the stall.

- Most commentators have obviously never been on a farm with livestock
 - o They say: This crowd is like a calf in the stall, safe and hand fed
- Truth is: A calf in a stall is a calf that is penned up, confined, not free
 - o Malachi says: they will skip like calves FROM the stall (set free)

What has people penned up? What is the stall? The prison? The Chain?

- **Acts 15:10, Galatians 3:23, John 8:34-36**

REWARDS/CONSEQUENCES

- **What does Verse 1 group get?**
 - o Set ablaze and completely cut off
- **What does Verse 2 group get?**
 - o Healing and freedom