

Messenger:

JUSTICE:

Beware of What You Ask For

Malachi 2:17-3:5

“God, I’m tired of evil!”

Malachi 2:17

17 You have wearied the LORD with your words. “How have we wearied him?” you ask. By saying, “All who do evil ARE GOOD in the eyes of the Lord, and HE IS PLEASED with them”

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Malachi 3:1

¹ “See, I WILL send my messenger, WHO WILL prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord YOU ARE SEEKING WILL COME to HIS temple; the messenger of the covenant, WHOM YOU DESIRE, WILL COME,” says the LORD Almighty.

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Justice Is Coming!

- Justice will come because God is just.
 - There is passive judgment. (Rom. 1:18, 24)
 - There is selective judgment. (Acts 5:5-7)
 - There will be final judgment. (2 Thess. 1:7-9)

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“There is nothing in the universe that makes more sense than God’s wrath. The biblical doctrine of God’s wrath is rooted in the doctrine of God who is the good, wise, and loving creator who hates, yes hates, anything that spoils, defaces distorts or damages His beautiful creation. And in particular, anything that does this to His image bearing creatures. If God does not hate racial prejudice he is neither good nor loving. If God is not wrathful at child abuse he is neither good nor loving. If God is not utterly determined to root out from his creation in an act of proper wrath and judgment, the arrogance that allows people to exploit, bomb, bully and enslave one another, then He is neither loving nor good nor wise. He is unworthy of anyone’s worship.”

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- The God of justice will bring all things to completion

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Malachi 3:2-4

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; HE WILL PURIFY the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

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Malachi 3:5

5 “So I WILL COME NEAR to you for judgment. I WILL BE QUICK to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me,” says the LORD Almighty.

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We Are in This Season of Grace!

- In this season, every person has a decision to make.
- In this season, judgment begins with the “household of faith.”

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